The Project for the Improvement of School Sanitation and Hygiene in 7 Primary Schools in Isingiro District

1. Project Detail

| Organization | Agency for Co-operation and Research in Development (ACORD) |
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| Amount of funding | US\$ 80,318 |
| Signatory | Ms. Ellen K. Bajenja, Country Director |
| Name of the project | The Project for the Improvement of School Sanitation and Hygiene in 7 Primary Schools in Isingiro District |
| Location of the project | Isingiro District |
| Items funded through this project | 7 Rain Water Harvesting Tanks, 7 Latrine blocks |
| Date of Grant Signing | 7 March 2017 |

Isingiro District is located in Southwestern Uganda at the Uganda - Tanzania boarder. The dry belt called the "cattle corridor" starts from Isingiro District stretching to Northeastern Uganda. The cattle corridor receives less rainfall compared to the rest of the country. Residents suffer from water shortage due to the lack of access to underground water since it is located in a mountainous terrain. According to a District report, only 30% of its residents have access to safe water, and access to safe water by primary school pupils remains only 28%. Pupils of the 7 targeted primary schools of this project have to walk almost 10kms to fetch water for school use, which affects their academic performance. Moreover, the lack of toilet facilities is also a severe issue. One stance of a pit latrine is shared by 125 pupils on average contrary to the government standard ratio of 1:40. This project will construct 7 rain water harvesting tanks and 7 pit latrine blocks in order to improve sanitation and hygiene for 2,111 pupils in 7 primary schools.

2. Grant Contract Ceremony

The Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Japan to Uganda, Mr. Yutaka Nakamura, signed the grant contract with Ms. Ellen K. Bajenja, Country Director, on 7 March 2017 at the Embassy of Japan. Press Release



