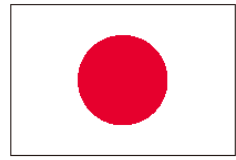


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### **Japan Improves School Sanitation and Hygiene in Isingiro District**

The Embassy of Japan will commission newly constructed Rain Water Harvesting tanks and VIP Latrines in 7 primary schools in Isingiro District on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.

“The Project for the Improvement of School sanitation and Hygiene in 7 primary schools in Isingiro District” was signed between the Embassy of Japan and the Agency for Co-operation and Research in Development (ACORD) on 7th March 2017 with a total grant of US\$ 80,318 equivalent to over 250 million Ug. Shs.

The Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, H.E. FUKUZAWA Hidemoto will officiate in the commissioning of the project to the beneficiaries.

The 7 primary schools namely; 1) Kishojo PS, 2) Biharwe PS, 3) Kyakabindi PS, 4) Kyajungu PS, and Rukonje PS in Ngarama sub county; Kakuto PS in Kakamba Sub County and, Guma Memorial PS in Isingiro town council are all from Isingiro District which is located in Southwestern Uganda, at the Uganda - Tanzania boarder. However, the project managed to construct received a 5 stance pit latrine in Ngarama primary school out of the USD to Ug.sh exchange gain.

The dry belt, which is 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 the 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 had to walk almost 10kms to fetch water for school use, which affected their academic performance. Moreover, the lack of toilet facilities was also a severe issue. One stance of a pit latrine was shared by 125 pupils on average contrary to the government standard ratio of 1:40. This project constructed 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.

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community development projects to uplift the life of people at the grassroots. So far, a total of 265 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992. ---END---