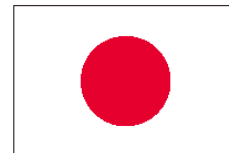


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Japan Supports to improve safe water access in Rakai District

The Embassy of Japan in Uganda handed over the newly constructed 7 boreholes at 2 sub-county in Rakai District on August 1, 2025. The project, formally titled “The Project for the Construction of Boreholes in 2 Sub Counties in Rakai District”, began on February 24, 2025, with a grant of USD 87,212 from the Embassy of Japan, equating to over 306 million Ug. Shs.

In Byakabanda and Lwanda sub-counties of Rakai District, Uganda, access to safe water remains critically low at only 15% and 17%, compared to the national average of 65%. In four out of seven targeted villages, there are no safe water sources, forcing residents to walk an average of 11 km (5.5 hours) each way to fetch water. In the remaining three villages, existing water points are severely overloaded, with one tap serving approximately 1,617 people, resulting in frequent breakdowns. Consequently, many residents rely on unsafe sources such as lakes and ponds, leading to serious health risks—39 waterborne disease-related deaths were reported in 2023 alone. Additionally, the current water sources are located in isolated areas, posing serious safety risks at night, including attacks by wild animals, child drowning incidents, and threats to women’s safety.

In response to these pressing needs, local CBO “Mission 316 Foundation” requested support to the Embassy of Japan in Uganda and the Embassy approved the assistance. Through the project, seven boreholes were constructed in Kitakata Village, Lukondo Village, Kyandaza Village, Kasabukengere Village in Byalabanda Sub-county and Lumbugu Village, Bitabago Village and Kijumba Village in Lwanda Sub-county

These new boreholes are expected to significantly improve access to safe and reliable water and enhance the health and wellbeing of local residents.

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-led development projects which uplift the life of people at the grassroots level. So far, a total of 293 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.

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