

# Fair tariff eases access to clean piped water in Kiboga town council

Communities always want water brought closer to them and the water should also be very affordable, if the utility is meant to have a great and lasting impact on their livelihoods.

This is what the Ministry of Water and Environment put into consideration when it was constructing Kiboga Town Water Supply and Sanitation System.

The Ministry through Water and Sanitation Development Facility – Central (WSDF-C), constructed the water and sanitation scheme in 1999 in Kiboga Town Council.

It was later handed over to Central Authority of Water and sanitation for operation and maintenance.

Tumuhaise Rachel, Operations Manager, CUWS, revealed that at the time of receiving the scheme, there were only 170 customers.

CUWS has grown the number of clients to 500 (2017), 770 (2018) and over 800 in (2019).

There are over 3 public toilets/facilities (2 constructed in 2016) and one toilet facility was there before.

The system serves areas of Kirinda, Musalaba, Kyanga and Kirurumba (these areas prior to the scheme, used contaminated water sources).

There is enough water at the moment. Clients are attended to well at the CUWS office where there is an attendant.

Kiboga Town Council Mayor, Hajji Sulaiman Salongo, notes that people previously bought a jerrycan of water at Ugshs500 but now it is at Ugshs100.

Area Cluster Manager, Geoffrey Kibaampawo, says the scheme uses national grid and a generator when grid is off.

The source is well fenced and secured by a guard all the time.

Ndima Samuel the Town Clerk says the new system is functioning

well although it does not cover the entire district.

He notes that the district recently offered land to MWE for the construction of Water for Production facility which he believes will greatly help farmers.

The Resident District Commissioner, Nickson Kabuye, reports to have witnessed construction of the water system that cost Ugshs6.3BN and commended M/s Block Technical Services for executing the project successfully.

Kabuye recognizes a waterboard which is functional. He also recognizes the role of the town council in sensitizing communities on usage of a public toilet.

“This has improved sanitation levels in the town council and stopped the spread of diseases related with poor sanitation,” Kabuye notes.

He adds that the only major challenge the Town Council faces is vandalism of equipment by some unknown elements.

“This raises the cost of repairs and replacement,”

**Chairman water board Sekiranda Abbas**, reports that there are 5 members of the waterboard where 2 are women, and 3 are men.

“Water has helped residents of Saza to start businesses like restaurants, washing bays and also use it at home for bathing and cooking.

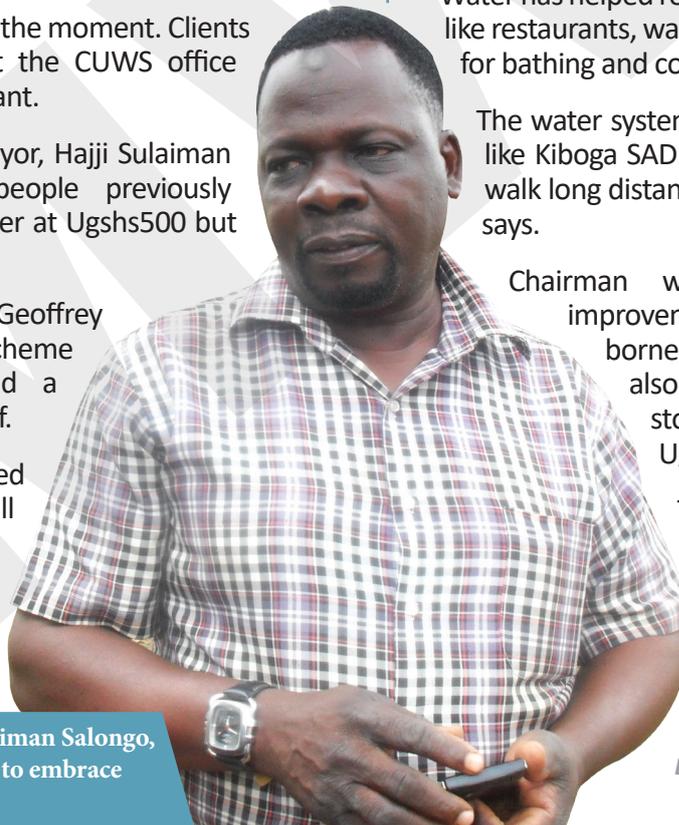
The water system also benefits public institutions like Kiboga SADIC school whose pupils no longer walk long distances in search of water,” Sekiranda says.

Chairman water board highlights great improvement of sanitation where water borne diseases are no more. There is also a toilet facility at Saza and bus stop where people are charged Ugshs200 per visitation.

The greatest challenge faced by the town council, according to the chairman waterboard, is high demand for water.

“Every day we receive people applying for connections,”

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