



Ministry of Water and Environment Joint Technical Review 2020

Undertakings no. 5

Upgrade 13 Water Schemes in Refugee hosting districts and integrate management of the existing water supply and sanitation Systems in the utility management structures sustainably by end of FY 2019/2020.

Detail of Undertaking no. 5

- **Overseeing Committee:**

- Eng. Richard Matua – Ag. Commissioner UWSSD, MWE
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 - Joyce Magala – WASH Advisor, ADA
 - John Paul Magezi - Protection/Environment & Energy Officer, OPM
- Chair: Eng. Richard Matua
 - Secretariat: Refugee sub-group Secretariat, MWE

Working modality

- In-depth discussions
- Review of related, on-going interventions and planned activities
- Allocation of towns to the different projects

Planned Actions and progress

- Water and Environment Refuge Response Plan completed and launched in March 2020; Refugee Sub-group & Secretariat functional.
- Technical engineering designs developed for 10No schemes and 01No Faecal sludge treatment plant.
- Completed Construction of 10No WSS in: Ranch 1 (Kiryandongo); Alere, Nyumanzi, Ofua III, Omugo VI, Olujobo/Tika, Ayilo II (Adjumani); Bidi-Bidi Zone V (Yumbe); Pawor (Madi Okolo); & Yelulu (Terego).
- Construction of 06No WSS at 50% completion in: Odobo, Wanyange, Ocea, Eden, Buluku-atuni (Madi Okolo); Cinya (Terego)

Planned Actions and progress

- For O&M, Umbrella approach is under pilot in 3 schemes of Alere, Ofua 2 and Nyumanzi. Ranch 1 and Rwamwanja are under NWSC.
- The Kagera WSS project funded by EU through AFD (Euro.10.7m) implemented by NWSC is at Detailed design stage, it will supply Orucinga and Nakivale refugee settlements
- The faecal sludge treatment plant construction in Rhino-camp, Terego district is under procurement, funded by KFW and implemented by Oxfam through OPM (This include the 8No Schemes)

Related activities / processes

- Planned upgrade of 20 schemes and handover to NUWS by GIZ/MWE under Water Supply and Sanitation for Refugee Settlements and Host Communities in Northern Uganda (WatSSUP)
- Uganda's IWMDP – WSS, & Capacity building, WB. in Yumbe, Moyo, Adjumani, Lamwo, Arua, Kiryandongo.
- Development of WSS schemes, faecal sludge treatment plant and well functioning O&M structures in refugee settlements in Arua, Kiryandongo, Adjumani & Yumbe by EU trust fund.
- Northern Uganda Resilience Initiative (NURI) - Development of 8 Micro-Catchment Management Plans, Setting up MCP coordination structures by DANIDA.
- Conclusion of town gazetting criteria and guidelines by MWE
- Development of O&M model for operator schemes – ADA and GIZ
- UNHCR-OPM-MWE agreement on schemes handover process and timelines

Key Challenges

- Delays in construction progress due to Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Funding gaps for the operations of the secretariat's coordination role in monitoring progress of implementation of the undertakings
- Understaffing of the secretariat

Next Steps

- Complete construction / upgrading of the 6 schemes under construction.
- Develop project proposals in line with the RRP and commence solicitation for Funds.
- Stakeholder engagement on management approach for schemes in refuge areas.