

# MUYENGA ROTARIANS PLEDGE TO **QUENCH** MITYANA'S WATER CRISIS

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Residents of Mityana municipality, who have long struggled with water scarcity, now have renewed hope following an intervention by the Rotary Club of Muyenga, which has pledged to construct 14 wells across different sub-counties in the district.

"We went to the ground and carried out a survey to identify the most affected areas and assess how best we could intervene and we resolved to provide wells for these areas," said Eric Okello, the programmes manager at the Rotary Club of Muyenga.

Okello was speaking recently during the launch of the

project held at the offices of the Partnership for Community Transformation (PACT) in Kitinkokola, Ttamu division, Mityana municipality. The Rotarians will implement the project in partnership with PACT.

He explained that the project will involve the construction of 14 wells, three of which will be boreholes, in Ttamu division, Bulera and Kalangalo sub-counties.

Herbert Lubega, the vice-president of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, said the project will cost sh396m, funded by Rotary International. He urged the beneficiaries to take ownership of the water sources, protect them and ensure proper

## **BETWEEN THE LINES**

**○ Beyond bringing clean water services closer, business opportunities and child safety in the area will be reinforced.**

utilisation such that lives are improved in terms of health, social and economic well-being.

## **UPHOLDING A LEGACY OF GOOD**

This is not the first by the Rotary Club of Muyenga for Mityana. Previously, the Rotarians have supported residents of Kabule parish in Ttamu division by improving health and education services, including renovating schools



**L-R: Okello, Lubega, Asha Nalukenge, Mugume and Catherine Sagala, at the Wash and Water Wells' launch in Mityana municipality, on Friday**

and equipping buildings at Kabule Health Centre.

Alex Mugume, the president of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, said the club is planning to further upgrade Kabule Health Centre II to hospital status.

Francis Bisangwa, the assistant resident district commissioner for Mityana, commended the Rotarians for the initiative and encouraged them to continue supporting the area's growth.

He called upon more non-governmental organisations to

extend their services to Mityana to complement government programmes and improve livelihoods.

"When we get such organisations, they not only bring services but also create jobs, business opportunities and many other benefits for the district, and so we call upon others to come in," Bisangwa said.

Some local leaders who attended the launch said access to clean and safe water will

not only improve the health of residents, but also save them the time and money previously spent trekking long distances in search of water.

"A child walking long distances to fetch water can face many dangers on the road, fail to return home in time to revise and become exhausted after spending so much time there. Many of those challenges will now be solved," said Deo Kirume, the district councillor representing Ttamu division.