

Bweyogerere Namboole Rotary Club

Unveils

Buffujja Water and Sanitation Project

During a visit to the Communities in the project area

Over the weekend, two Rotarians made a trip to Buffujja Village, the benefiting community of the Buffujja Water and Sanitation Project. The purpose of the visit was to lay the ground for the implementation of the Project. Key on the discussion list with the local community leaders was; preparations for the sensitization training; health impacts and importance of safe drinking water, promotion of good hygiene and sanitation, best hygiene methods among the women/ girls and water resource management re energising their hopes in the process. The organising partners, the Buffujja men's development group vowed to fully get involved in the project.

Next Saturday, the first community organised sensitization meeting will take place at Buffujja Primary School. At this meeting Rotarians and other members from the Local council leadership will address the community members in a pre project implementation awareness session in preparation for the Project launch.

Rotarians will run through the project details before the Community / stakeholders for them to fully understand before nominating the Project Committee members. After the election of the committee members, they will be briefed on their roles and also encourage them to participate and mobilise for the project Implementation awareness. The Rotary team will set off from our fellowship venue on Saturday at 7.00am to Mbale/Buffujja for a project site tour and thereafter conduct the scheduled meeting.





The existing shallow wells are submerged with the current flooding. From the background one of the main local shallow well has been run over by the flooding and locals have no choice but to still use water from these submerged wells. Same scenario with other shallow wells. This flooding does not spare the toilets as well putting the entire community in health hazards.



Dear Rotarians, it is disheartening when you are in this part of the country at this community! When you visit the local shallow wells where they draw water you just cant believe that it's the water they use for drinking! Buffujja Water and Sanitation Project will provide the very important basic need for the locals in this area.



Submerged, floods as seen mid across the above picture



This is another shallow well where the locals get water for use and drinking !

Very pathetic conditions! How these residents survive, its at Gods grace. With Buffujja Water and Sanitation Project which is to provide safe drinking water. It will be a Huge relief and hope for better living!



Flooding as a common occurrence in many parts of this village. Many fields, gardens have been submerged. The community is really in dire need of an immediate intervention to get the safe drinking water. This also trickles down to poor health, Poor Education standards & need for economic capacity building!



Currently water flooding is getting back again in Butaleja District resulting from the heavy rains leading to a lot of water flow from Mt Elgon slopes to the low lying areas; Buffujja Villages submerging most of the gardens, shallow wells and toilets. This sends the local community to raised areas with no safe drinking water. Double Click the attached Hyperlink and open it with Microsoft 2010 format to read the Government initiatives!

[Butaleja receives a new flood warning system](#)

Going forward, next Saturday 13th September 2014, a team of Rotarians and Rotractors will travel to Buffujja; the project site for a pre project sensitization awareness to the local community and the other stakeholders, the local leadership, the men's development group and the women's groups.

The Rotarians will first conduct a project tour and thereafter meet with the communities. The Rotarians will explain the project details to the communities for them to fully understand the project details, methodology and what is expected of them. Emphasis will be made during the meeting to the community to fully own the project thereafter.

We shall then monitor the election of working committees and offer advise on the roles they have to perform. We shall also agree on the training schedules for the elected committee members, the women groups and the special sessions for the Community leaders, Project stewardship/management committee.

A formal work schedule will be discussed, the recommendations will transform into a work plan. This will lead to the development of the actual implementation Ghant Chart .

Regards

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