



I. Priorities for Action

I.1 Guarantee Access to Water for All and the Right to Water

I.1.2 GLOBAL RURAL ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

Rural Water Solution Fact Sheet

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Tank revolving scheme: accelerating self supply in Mukono, Uganda

To increase their access to water at households, women opted for domestic rain water harvesting and initiated a revolving scheme that allows first beneficiaries to pay the full cost of the acquisition of a 8,000 litre tank in agreed instalments, to support secondary beneficiaries.

In bi-weekly group meetings, beneficiaries are selected, repayments made and monitored. Women were trained to construct the tanks, trained in group dynamics, leadership, financial and records management.



[top] Najjemba Veron of Kulubi women's group one of the 193 beneficiaries of the domestic rain water harvesting tank; [bottom] Bukwaya Women's Group Meeting, Treasurers update repayment records.

Advantages and Opportunities

- ◆ The scheme has improved the esteem of the women in the community especially the widows.
- ◆ Created incomes; Women masons earn wage from the construction of the tanks Ug.shs. 175,000 (€56 US\$ 75) per tank, and from sale of water.
- ◆ Recognition of the role of women in the community.
- ◆ Improved Hygiene and sanitation situation in households.
- ◆ Increased time for productivity for women and girls.

Where is it working now?

Uganda: Mukono District, Ntenjeru, Nakisunga, Mzata and Mpunge sub counties. The initiative started in one group of 48 women in 2004 and has been scaled up and is implemented in 16 groups. Gradually increasing with the capacity to support 6 new members per year to acquire a tank in 2006 to date the scheme can support 24 new beneficiaries per year.

Costs, Barriers and Risks

- ◆ Increase in the price of construction materials.
- ◆ Low incomes for women causing delays in payments.
- ◆ There is need to encourage women groups to meet.
- ◆ Group organisational challenges.
- ◆ Transparency is a key in managing the scheme.

Who is currently involved?

- ◆ 365 Women members of Katosi Women Development Trust (KWDT)
- ◆ Women leaders of the 16 women groups.
- ◆ Other community members
- ◆ Local leaders
- ◆ KWDT staff members

More information

- ◆ Katosi Women Development Trust- www.katosi.org
- ◆ Nakato, M. and Bavuma R.N. (2011) *The Tank Revolving Scheme: Accelerating Self Supply in Katosi, Uganda*, 6th International RWSN Forum, Kampala ([http://rwsnforum.wordpress.com/programme/Session 9](http://rwsnforum.wordpress.com/programme/Session%209))

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