



UGANDA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER AND SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN INSINGIRO DISTRICT

On Tuesday, 20th September 2021, Finance Minister Matia Kasaija on behalf of the Government of Uganda signed an agreement with the French Ambassador, H.E Jules-Armand ANIAMBOSSOU for the funding of the construction of water and sanitation infrastructure and associated activities in Isingiro district in Western Uganda.

The French government through Agence Française de Développement (AFD) allocated funding worth 69,000,000 EUR (Sixty nine million Euros) to the government of Uganda. These Funds are intended to construct water supply systems in 15 sub-counties, 8 town councils.

“This is expected to go a long way in improving the health, living standards and productivity of the population in the project areas.” said Hon. Matia Kasaija.

The Finance Minister also acknowledged the grants funding worth 7,560,000 EUR (seven million five hundred sixty thousand Euros) of financial assistance delegated by the European Union to AFD which is aimed at water and sanitation works in Nakivale and Oruchinga refugee settlement areas in Isingiro as well as a total of 2,000,000 EUR (Two million Euro) technical assistance grant from AFD to support project implementation.



The French Ambassador in his remarks said AFD has committed more than 1 billion Euros over the last 20 years with 200m Euros committed in 2018 alone in order to support Uganda's sustainable and equitable development on water, sanitation, energy, environment and climate change, as well as strengthening the private sector.

“As one of the priority areas agreed upon between France and Uganda, AFD has supported the development of water and sanitation infrastructure in both rural and urban areas through the Ministry of Water and Environment and also through the National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC),” said the French Ambassador.

In his closing remarks, Hon Matia Kasaija, guaranteed the French Ambassador and the AFD delegation, that the government will fulfil its obligations under the agreement and ensure that the funds are properly and exclusively utilized by the Agencies on the activities earmarked.