

WASAC COMMITTED TO ADDRESS WATER SHORTAGES

Kigali, 30 October, 2019. The Senior Management of Water and Sanitation Corporation (**WASAC**) has revealed new solutions to address repeated water shortages especially in long dry seasons.

During a press conference organised in partnership with Rwanda Media Council (RMC) and Association Rwandaises des Journalistes (**ARJ**), the water utility company said it is currently constructing gigantic water reservoirs that will very soon solve the water shortages in city suburbs including; Remera: 10,000m³, Kabeza: 5,000m³, Kanombe: 2,000m³.

WASAC management ensured that construction of these tanks will be completed early May 2020.

The Chief Executive Officer of WASAC, Eng. Muzola Aime has said that the Fifth Integrated Household Living Survey (EICV5) - 2016/2017 indicates that 87.4% of Rwandans have access to clean water having increased from 26.3% in 1994 and before.

“Those who have clean water access in their own homes have increased from 2.6 % to 9.4 %”, he said.

Eng. Muzola added that the Government of Rwanda has set a target of achieving 100 per cent access to clean water and sanitation services by 2024.

“The households that have access to sanitation services have increased from 74.5 % in 2010 to 86.2 % currently”, he noted.

In a bid to cater for areas without enough access to clean water, WASAC constructed Kanyonyombya water treatment plant in Bugesera district supplying 5,000 m³ to Gashora and Rweru while Ngenda plant was also installed to supply 4,840 m³.

A project was launched to construct Kanzenze water treatment plant to supply 40,000 m³ per day of which 30,000 m³ have to be supplied to Kigali city whereas 10,000 m³ are to be supplied to Bugesera district.

CEO Aimé Muzola argues that some parts of the city and country side do not have access to piped water because of topographical challenges. Those living in high rise places are more affected.

“Government has since secured a loan from the African Development Bank (**AfDB**) and is currently building water extension lines, storage tanks and replacing old water supply networks in Kigali city and sub-urban areas”, Muzola said.

He mentioned that the utility is undertaking construction of main water treatment plants and forwarding infrastructure pipelines of 67,344m to ensure adequate water supply especially in Kigali, sub-urban areas and secondary cities.

Chief Executive Officer of WASAC (Middle) revealed the Government's solutions to achieve 100 per cent access to clean water and sanitation services by 2024

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