



Uganda Country Report 2015

Highlights

Restoration of over 300ha additional degraded wetlands (totalling over 500ha) and the provision of alternative livelihoods to communities in the River Rwizi catchment area

Active uptake and exchange of the work of the Rwizi Catchment Management Organisation, which IWaSP helped to establish. Other catchment management organisations undertake regular learning visits and incorporates best practices from the Rwizi Catchment Management Organisation

Establishment of a new partnership with Kinyara Sugar Ltd and the MWE to sustainably tackle and mitigate water-related risks for communities and industry on 30,000 ha of sugarcane plantations



The River Rwizi in Mbarara.

Context, Approach and Objectives

Over the last decade, Uganda has made great strides in providing water to its population (with 64% rural access and 72% urban access in 2014). Yet, the high rate of population growth (3% per annum), economic development (6% in 2014) and increasing urbanisation is prompting severe water risks for the population and the environment. In the future, the main water challenges facing Uganda will be the pollution of water sources, the degradation of ecosystems such as forests and wetlands, lack of enforcement of water regulations and climate change. These challenges require a joint effort of water users from the public and private sectors and civil society organisations. In Uganda, the [International Water Stewardship Programme \(IWaSP\)](#) aims to improve water resource management, including the provision of drinking water and sanitation, and to promote sustainable water usage in the country.

IWaSP Partnerships in Uganda

| Partnership name | Sector/ thematic area | Duration |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Water Stewardship in the Kiiza Watershed | Water Resources Management | 2016 to 2017 |
| Improved Community Livelihoods and Sustainable Water Management in the River Rwizi Catchment | River Catchment Management | 2013 to 2016 |
| Public Private Dialogue on Improving Industrial Wastewater Management In Kampala | Wastewater Management | 2013 to 2017 |
| Improvement of Access to Water and Sanitation in Buliisa | WaSH & Water Resources Management | 2015 to 2016 |

Four partnerships are currently active in Uganda.

Sustainable Water Management in the River Rwizi (2013-2016) supports the Rwizi Catchment Management Organisation (CMO) in promoting sustainable water usage and cooperation among water users, authorities and local communities. It works to improve community livelihoods and the quantity and quality of water of the River Rwizi as the main source of water for residents and industries of Mbarara, the largest town in western Uganda. This partnership between the [Coca-Cola System](#), the [Ministry of Water and Environment \(MWE\)](#), civil society and IWaSP was formed in 2013. In addition, a collaboration with [National Water And Sewerage Corporation \(NWSC\)](#) has been initiated in the realm of this partnership. The goal of this collaboration is to improve the raw-water quality and quantity for urban areas in Mbarara and Kampala.

The **Kampala Wastewater Dialogue (2013-2017)** is a cooperation which aims to decrease water pollution in the main drinking water reservoir for Kampala and addresses the challenge of industrial wastewater management. Three broadly attended dialogue meetings have been organised since its inception in 2013. As a result of the Kampala Wastewater Dialogue, several environmental process audits have taken place in 2015. The dialogue includes various public and private partners and has been supported by IWaSP since October 2013.

The **Access to Water and Sanitation in Buliisa (2015-2016)** partnership seeks to improve water security by implementing water supply, sanitation and water resources management activities in Total's exploration area in Western Uganda. Projects covered by this partnership include stakeholder mapping and assessments, community training and the restoration of wetlands and forests. [Total E&P Uganda](#), the [Ministry of Water and Environment \(MWE\)](#) and IWaSP created the partnership in 2015.

The **Water Stewardship in the Kiiza Watershed (2016-2017)** partnership seeks to sustainably tackle and mitigate water-related risks for communities and industry around Masindi in Eastern Uganda. Partners in this partnership include Kinyara Sugar Limited, the MWE and IWaSP.

Achievements to date

During 2014 and 2015, the partnerships in Uganda have benefitted more than 25,000 direct beneficiaries and more than 600,000 indirect beneficiaries. To date, the public sector has contributed over EUR105,000 to the partnerships and the private sector over EUR124,000 with additional funds to be leveraged from both the public and the private sector in 2016.

Challenges and Outlook

In the coming year, IWaSP in Uganda wants to expand its successful partnerships. This will include an extension and up-scaling of the partnership in the River Rwizi catchment area and the continuation of meetings and additional environmental process audits within the Kampala Wastewater Dialogue. Planned activities include further supporting sustainable use and management of land and water resources in the Rwizi catchment area. The implemented projects help to improve water quantity and qual-

ity for all, while supporting sustainable livelihoods and further sensitising people about the importance of environmentally sustainable practices. The implementation of activities will also begin in the Buliisa area. IWaSP will further continue to scope new and innovative cooperations across Uganda.

Country Set-up

In Uganda, IWaSP is anchored in the bilateral [Reform of the Urban Water and Sanitation Sector \(RUWASS\) Programme](#), a joint programme of the German and Ugandan governments, implemented by the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\)](#) GmbH.

RUWASS aims to strengthen institutional, regulatory and managerial capacities for more equitable access to urban water and sanitation.

IWaSP partners in Uganda include the MWE, the [Kampala Capital City Authority \(KCCA\)](#) and the NWSC.

IWaSP is an international water security programme which combines global best practices in water stewardship with local know-how. Currently active in seven countries, the six-year programme (2013-2018) facilitates partnerships between the public sector, the private sector and civil society to address shared water risks, while improving stakeholders' use and management of water and building their capacity to develop their own solutions. GIZ manages IWaSP on behalf of the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#) and the [UK Department for International Development \(DfID\)](#).



A National Water and Sewerage Corporation employee checking pipes.

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