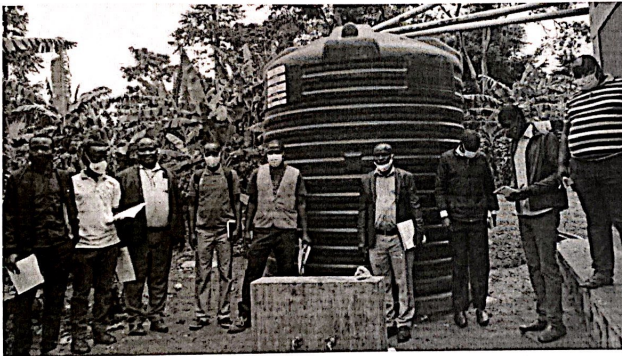


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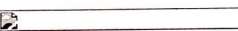
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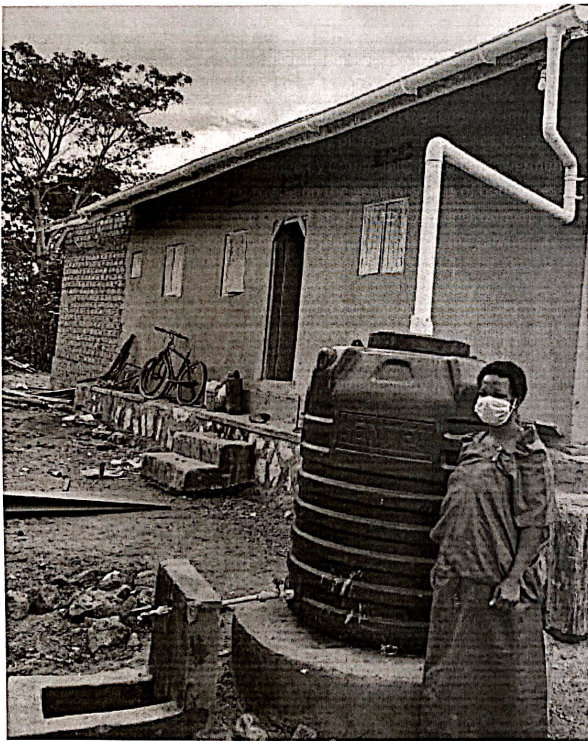
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The communities of Bussi Islands in Lake Victoria Wakiso district have appreciated the support extended to them by TOTO LTD (Japanese company manufacturing residential equipment, mainly plumbing accessories, toiletry basins, bathtubs and more) implemented by Community Road Empowerment (CORE) Uganda which aims at improving on the general status of both access to safe clean water and the preservation and protection of the environment through conservation of existing trees and planting more by the community and school children.

The developments came to light during the recent launch of corporate social responsibility [CSR] project of TOTO (April 2021- March 2022) implementation titled "Improvement of Access to safe clean water and Empowering Communities in Bussi Island in Sanitation, hygiene and Environment protection".



A proud owner of a newly installed water harvest tank at her residence

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The project covered sectors such as roof water harvesting in the installed plastic water tanks, establishment of three tree nurseries in three primary schools namely, Good day infant school, Bussi junior school and Bussi parents primary schools respectively and workshops in communities and schools in Gulwe parish in Bussi Sub County Wakiso district.

The project targets at benefiting more than 900 households in 4 villages alongside three community schools which have a collective population of over 3000 pupils who increasingly find it difficult to access safe and clean water for both drinking and domestic use.

This increasing population as also affected the vegetation cover in need to create space for settlement, cooking fuels and urbanization of the island.

The Bussi sub county Senior Assistant chief Administrative Officer (SACAO) Mr.Mabira Richard while launching the one year project at the sub county headquarters, told the key selected stakeholders in attendance that they strongly appreciate the good working relationship they continue enjoying with CORE Uganda which is an international NGO from Japan but able to think of a project to be implemented in a hard to reach island like Bussi with exclusive funding support from the TOTO Japan environment grant fund.



Excitement as CORE officials officially handed over a nursery tool kit to pupils of Bussi Junior school

Mr.Mabira lamented that the ever-increasing population of people flocking to the Island are faced with many challenges of accessing safe and clean water of which incident had led to increased spread of water borne diseases as a result the incomes of the locals are lost due to seeking medical services.

CORE Uganda project manager Ms.Yuka Imamura told the stakeholders that they would continue working with the local communities of Bussi and other regions of the country in trying to build capacities of local community members through sensitizing them to appreciate the dangers embedded in consuming contaminated water and transferring skill on accessing clean safe water and environment conservation.

She pointed out that their target under this project which runs from April 2021 and ending March 2022 is to ensure that safe and clean water sources are taken nearer to the beneficiary communities with the aim of reducing on the consumption of contaminated water as well as skilling them about how to transfer simple water harvesting technologies in return that the harvested water can be used sparing during the dry spell as opposed to relying on Lake water which is grossly contaminated.



The Director of God is Good primary school explaining to the community members about the TOTO project year one

She further noted that CORE Uganda is also to impart skills to the locals in areas of nursery tree development and management of the tree seedlings in nursery beds and encourage them to learn how to conserve the environment such that those with land can effectively transplant the mature trees seedlings to their gardens for future incomes thus environment conservation.

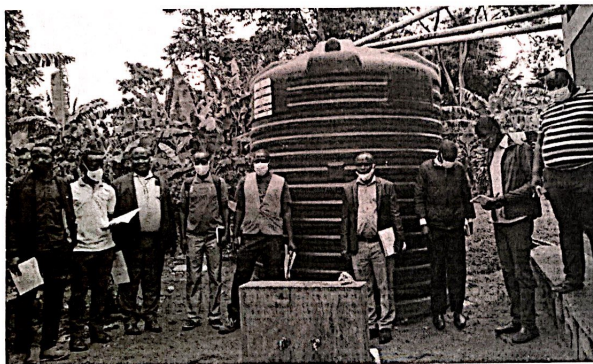
The second year(April 2020 – March 2021) project for Zzinga parish particularly benefitted locals from the villages of Buganga, Bukasi Kaaso and Kinoga. The project was entitled: **"Provision of Safe Water, Improvement of Sanitation and Environment Protection in Zzinga Parish"**.

The locals were provided with twenty-three plastic water tanks of 1,000 liters 'capacity for water harvesting in communities and one plastic water tank of 10,000 liters' capacity at Bishop Kauma primary school where the main tree nursery was established to produce 50,000 trees and fruit seedlings for environment conservation while a sub tree nursery was established in the community of Kinoga village.

The project served 936 households with total population of 4680 people with clean and safe water while pupils from Bishop Kauma primary school were

rewarded with trees for book in terms of scholastic materials and sanitary trowels to 50 school girls to encourage them stay in school. The tree nursery development and management aimed at conserving Zzinga environment and Bussi Island At Large.

The first year (April 2019 – March 2020) project for Bussi and Balabala parishes particularly benefitted 446 households and in total 2230 community members from the villages of Bugera and Kaapa respectively.



Memorable group photo comprising the project monitoring officials and community leaders and beneficiaries

The locals were provided with eight plastic water tanks of 10,000Litres capacity for water harvesting in communities and two schools of Bussi modern primary school in Bugera, and Kalebe junior in Balabala while God is Good primary managed Bugera community tree nursery for environment conservation. Two community tree nurseries were established one in Bugera at God is Good primary school and another in Kaap village at chairperson's place Mr. Sunday and two tree nurseries in two schools of Bugera modern primary school and Kalebe junior school which in total developed 50,000 tree and fruit seedlings which were distributed to community for planting in their gardens.

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