

India-Tanzania water partnership advanced

President of the United Republic of Tanzania H.E. Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, High Commissioner of India H.E. Mr. Sandeep Arya, Minister of Water and Irrigation Eng. Gerson Lwenge, Ministry of Trade, Industry & Investment Mr. Charles Mwijage, Regional Commissioner for Dar es Salaam Mr. Paul Makonda, Regional Commissioner for Coast Region and other dignitaries attended the inauguration ceremony on completion of the augmentation of water supply project for Dar es Salaam on 21 June 2017. The public ceremony was held at the Mlandizi water treatment plant. President Magufuli praised the successful completion of the water supply project covering from Upper Ruvu to the residents of Dar es Salaam and thanked the Government of India for its support for this water project.

Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi in his message to President Magufuli stated, "We are truly honoured to partner with Tanzania on a long term basis in this important sector of water supply for the benefit of the people of Tanzania. I recall that during my visit to Tanzania last year, President Magufuli had suggested enhancing our partnership in the water sector. As I had mentioned to President Magufuli, water is a resource from God, water supply project is humanitarian in nature, and India would be happy to extend all possible cooperation for this priority sector for Tanzania."

Minister of Water and Irrigation Eng. Gerson Lwenge said that the TSH 220 billion credit line from the Exim Bank of India was used for increasing the capacity of clean water supply from Upper Ruvu from 80 mn ltrs per day to 200 mn ltrs per day. He conveyed his appreciation to the Government of India for its contribution to the successful implementation of the augmentation of the water supply project for Dar es Salaam. He mentioned that Tanzania has recently signed another project in partnership with India for water supply to the towns of Tabora, Nzega and Igunga.

High Commissioner of India H.E. Mr. Sandeep Arya said that water sector was emerging as priority area for cooperation between India and Tanzania and the current water projects will see sustained engagement of India in water projects throughout Tanzania over the coming year. He added that India's total commitments in the water sector to Tanzania stand at about TSH 2.3 trillion.

The Upper Ruvu water supply augmentation project has been executed by two Indian companies namely V.A. Tech Wabag and Megha Engineering Infrastructures Limited over the last two & half years. The project management was undertaken by WAPCOS, a Government of India enterprise. The project covers the construction of pumping facility at the Ruvu river, transmission to Mlandizi treatment facility, water clarifying & treatment plant, pumping station at Mlandizi, water transmission over 40 kms to Dar es Salaam city, construction of water reservoir at Kibamba and rehabilitation of Kimara reservoir. The project is supplying water to over 7,00,000 people in several localities of Dar es Salaam including Kibamba, Kimara, Mlandizi, Tanita, Mbezi, Kibaha and Dar es Salaam.

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