

Mkuranga gets more deep wells

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OVER 15,000 people in two villages of Mkuranga and Mwalusembe in Mkuranga District will get clean and safe water following inauguration of two deep wells financed by Ms Karen Flewelling of the US.

The District Commissioner, Mr Henry Oramya Clemens, inaugurated two deep wells in two villages of Mkuranga and Mwalusembe out of three wells which have cost 30m/-. Another well has been drilled at Mwalusembe village.

Funds for the construction of the wells were donated through the African Reflections Foundation (ARF) which had found the donor through the founder member and international coordinator of ARF, Ms Maryvone (Maria) Pool, who brought the donor to the foundation.

The district commissioner thanked the donor and invited other well-wishers to contribute towards construction of wells to avert problems of water shortage facing the district.

Mr Clemens said that only 49 per cent of the people in the district were getting safe and

clean water while the rest were drinking unsafe water from shallow wells or ring wells.

"The district has a population of 200,000 people, only 100,000 of them get safe and clean water. But with efforts, all people will get clean and safe water by 2012," the DC said.

Mr Clemens accompanied by ARF board member, Mr Isaac Mruma, urged the users to protect and take care of water sources in the district which are rare. The well at St Francis Axavier in Mkuranga village is 90 metres deep and the one at Mwalusembe is 87 metres deep.

The latter well will cater for about 6,440 people or 1,153 families while the former will serve the Mother and Child Health (MCH) clinic. Thousands other people will benefit from the well to be constructed at Mwalusembe village.

The donor, Ms Karen Flewelling, promised to visit the people sometimes next year when she said she would donate more funds to facilitate efforts to improve water supply in the area.

"I entrust you with this new water facility and I thank ARF for drilling the wells," she said.



DIRECTOR of St Francis dispensary in Mkuranga District, Bro Adelaide Buretta (left) helps a donor from US, Karen Flewelling, wash her hands after the launching of a deep well at the health facility yesterday. Second left is Mkuranga District Commissioner, Henry Clemens and chairperson of African Reflections Foundation, Dr Mwele Malecela. (Photo by Fadhili Akida).