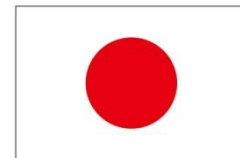


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**Japan to Support an irrigation project worth USD 25.5M**

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Kampala, H.E. Kazuaki Kameda, Japanese Ambassador to Uganda, and Hon. Matia Kasaija, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, signed the Exchange of Notes on **“The Project for the Development of Irrigation System in Atari Basin Area”**. Upon exchanging the Notes, the Grant Agreement between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Government of Uganda was also signed by Mr. Yutaka Fukase, Chief Representative of JICA Uganda, and Hon. Matia Kasaija, to provide grant aid of up to 2.79 billion Japanese yen (approx. USD 25.5 million or UGX 93 billion).

**The grant aid, “The Project for the Development of Irrigation System in Atari Basin Area”** is a direct response to the negative effects of climate change that have manifested themselves in the form of unreliable weather patterns. The project seeks to ensure a stable supply of water for irrigation to target communities through the development of irrigation systems, thereby contributing to the improvement of income in the farming industry by increasing the production and productivity of rice.

The project to be implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), as the executing agency, is expected to cover 680ha spreading across two districts, Bulambuli and Kween, and directly benefit approx. 6,500 people (532 households). To ensure good management of the irrigation facility, JICA will work with MAAIF to build the capacity of local communities in operation and maintenance of the scheme.

The Government of Japan and JICA will continue to provide comprehensive support toward sustainable economic growth and development of the agriculture sector in Uganda.

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## **Project Outline**

<i>Name of the Project</i>	<b>The Project for the Development of Irrigation System in Atari Basin Area</b>
<i>Responsible Ministry &amp; Executing Agency</i>	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
<i>Grant amount</i>	JPY 2,790,000,000 (Approximately USD 25.5 million or UGX 93 billion)
<i>Location of the Project</i>	Ngenge and Bunambutye S/Cs – Kween and Bulambuli districts
<i>Major facilities to be constructed</i>	-Intake Facility -Main Canal -Secondary Canal -Main farm ditch -Drainage -Flood Protection Dyke -Farm Road -Appurtenant structures -On-farm Development
<i>Planned Implementation Period</i>	58 months, including detailed design work and the bidding period
<i>Date of Signing the Exchange of Notes and Grant Agreement</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018

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