



Press Release

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The Current Status of Water Supply Master Plan for the City Of Kigali

On Thursday, February 13, 2020 (from 8:00am), at Karisimbi Hotel in the City of Kigali, the JICA Project For Water Supply Master Plan will present an interim report on *Plan For City Of Kigali Water Master Plan*. The report elaborated in collaboration with WASAC marks the first phase of this project, which goes from March 2019 to February 2020. This particular phase of the project consists of developing the Master Scenario until year 2050. It shows financial and organizational issues, water resources development plan, results of social economic survey, and the progress of strategic environment assessment. The later phase will be from March 2020 to April 2021, 15 months): In Master Plan and Feasibility Study on selected priority Projects will be prepared.

In order to meet the rapid increase of water demand in City of Kigali, it is indispensable for WASAC to have one comprehensive master plan for the improvement of the existing water supply facilities and new facilities under more efficient and effective manner. Therefore, WASAC in collaboration with JICA is developing the Water Supply Master Plan for City of Kigali and the seven adjacent sectors (Gahengeri, Muyumbu, Ntarama, Nyakaliro, Runda, Shyorongi and, Rugarika).

Rwanda has made significant efforts to increase water coverage over the past years and committed 100% coverage by 2024 (National Strategic for Transformation, NST1). Although the 5-year period (2020 to 2024) seems to be enough for the achievement, the task and targets with challenges of climate changes and growing population present the future water demand to be met by the water supply sector in Rwanda. There is a need to increasing universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for the people aiming at achieving SDGs (2030).

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