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Friday, January 6, 2023

The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Republic of Uganda, Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, Woman MP Kakumiro District
Hon. Minister of State for Works and Transport, Hon. Fred Byamukama (MP Bugangaizi West)
Hon. Agaba Aisha (MP Bugangaizi East)
Hon. Tumwesigye Josephat (MP Bugangaizi South)
The Resident District Commissioner, Kakumiro
The District Chairperson, Kakumiro
Invited Guests Ladies and Gentlemen

KASENYI HC₁₁₁ PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT PRESENTED AT THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY ON 6TH JANUARY, 2023

Procurement Ref. No. MOH/UGIFT/WRKS/21-22/00013/LOT 1

Project cost and schedule

1. The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda, you recall on 8th April 2022, you handed over the site for the construction of facilities for the newly established Kasenyi HC₁₁₁ to MS. GESES Uganda Ltd. at a cost of UGX 1,767,758,174 exclusive of VAT. The project duration was 8 months with an intended commissioning date of **Friday 23rd December 2022**. The project defects liability period is 12 months after project commissioning.

Project scope and payment details

2. The scope of the project included construction of:
 - i. One maternity/general ward;
 - ii. One out patients' department;

- iii. Three blocks of staff houses;
 - iv. Two 4-stance VIP latrines;
 - v. Two 2-stance VIP latrines;
 - vi. One placenta pit;
 - vii. One medical waste pit; and
 - viii. External works [land scaping, walkways and parking, fence and gates, storm water drainage]
3. I am glad to inform you that the project has practically been completed and ready for commissioning and use. It is located on 0.7775 hectares, plot 61, block 336 at Kakindo, Freehold title secured on 30th November 2022.
4. Out of the project cost of UGX 1,767,758,174, we paid the contractor UGX 1,327,146,686 [UGX 530,327,453 advance & UGX 796,819,233 1st Certificate] in FY 2021/2022 leaving an unpaid obligation of UGX 440,611,489 which was swept back to the Treasury at the close of the Financial Year. We are still waiting for Parliament to approve the revoting of the funds that were swept back



Figure 1 AERIAL VIEW OF KASENYI HC111, KAKINDO SUBCOUNTY



Figure 2: SOME OF THE STRUCTURES FOR KASENYI HC111

Recognitions and Appreciations

5. I now take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to you and your political colleagues, for creating strategic networks that enable Kakumiro District tap reasonable financial and other resources from the Government of Uganda. I equally extend my appreciation to the Director and management of Geses Uganda Ltd for practically executing the contractual obligations within scope and schedule.
6. Appreciation is also extended to the Project Management Team headed by Dr. Kyegimbo Israel, Senior Medical Officer and Contract Manager, assisted by Mr. Mukabya Robert, senior civil engineer, Mr. Bagumirabingi Wilber, civil engineer, Mr. Karim Niwamanya, Community Development Officer, Ms. Nnamiyingo Mackline, Environment Officer and Ms. Mercy Ampeire, Clerk of Works.
7. To all other stakeholders, including community members near this facility, thanks for showing interest in what has been going on site which is evidenced by the record of your numerous visits.

Challenges and Requests

8. There is no indicative planning figure in the 1st budget call circular for FY 2023/2024 for equipping the facility you have just commissioned. Equally, most of the upgraded health facilities including the newly established health facilities now have better infrastructure and medical equipment compared to the old facilities such as Kakindo and Kakumiro HC1V. There is need for Government to identify resources to improve the infrastructure and equipment stock in all the old health facilities as well as provide medical equipment for deserving newly established and upgraded facilities.
9. As cited under paragraph 4 above, delay by Parliament to approve the revoting of funds swept back to Treasury at the close of every Financial Year, especially for projects whose duration spans over a Financial Year, constrain the private sector. The accumulated interest on delayed commercial loan repayment has 'choke to death' many of the construction companies and has been a major contributor to

abandoned sites/shoddy works. We recommend that Government finds a solution to this challenge.

10. The Ministry of public Service vide **MSD 135/306/02 Vol. 59 of 4th March 2022: Approved Structures for Health Management Services, Healthy Facilities (General Hospitals), Health Centres 1V, 111 and 11** released staff structures that take into consideration the current patient loads due to increased population. In effect, the overall staffing levels have now declined to 26% as indicated in the table below

Table 1: STAFFING LEVELS IN KAKUMIRO DISTRICT HEALTH FACILITIES

LEVEL	APPROVED	FILLED	GAP	%AGE FILLED
DHO	12	5	7	42%
HC IV	234	68	166	29%
HC III	480	116	364	24%
HC II	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	726	189	537	26%

11. At this rate, Kakumiro District will need UGX 15,970,520,832 to fill the new structures 100%. In order to manage public expectations but also considering the national resource constraints, Government should at least consider raising resources to fill 65% of the staffing structures in the medium term.
12. In the same vein, the budget lines for medicines and other commodities should be raised to enable the health facilities meet the demands of the increased population. Equally, these new facilities should be coded in order to access medicines and PHC grants.

Commitment

13. In order to derive the intended results from Kasenyi HC111, we commit ourselves to closely monitor the performance of the staff posted to this facility. We will equally establish and mentor the Health Unit Management Committee for perform the governance functions for this newly established health facility.

Mawejje Andrew

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