

## **ALLIANCE WATER SOLUTIONS IN KISIMAI ISLAND**

Alliance Water Solutions has improved public sanitation on the Islands of Kisima I through emptying of the only drainable latrine and sensitizing the fisher men on proper fecal disposal. The latrine can be reused since its fresh without feces and smell. The work took us two days to finish by the invitation of the local leadership and caretakers of the facility.

Alliance Water Solutions is non-profit social enterprises found in Uganda with offices in Wakisi and Jinja district respectively. The organization exists to

**1. *Promote improved sanitation through:***

- *Fecal sludge management in peri-urban settlements and schools*
- *Construction of drainable toilets in markets, landing sites and islands*
- *Domestic waste management*

**2. *Increase access to clean and safe water through***

- *Rehabilitation and extension of communal piped water systems*

**3. *Promote behavior change campaigns through:***

- *School Wash, Church partnerships, Community meetings*

Kisima I Island is a peri-urban settlement found in Masese parish, Walukuba /Masese division, in Jinja municipality. The Island has 223 households with approx population of 1,223 people. It has 1 health centre II facility serving the two islands of Kisima 1&2 Islands, a police post, a mosque and 3 churches.

The island is inhabited by many tribes among them include: Basoga, Baganda, Langi, Acholi, Lulu, Iteso, Bagwere and Sudan's. However, the highest ethnic tribe is Basoga. The latrine facility was constructed by Jinja district local government and it's managed by 11 member committee. Each household contributes 1,000/= per month, this money is met to cater for cleaning the facility though it's hard to collect.

*“There has been great improvement in latrine use since we got this facility though it fills up quickly. We used to go to the bush and had rampant feces almost everywhere on the island. It had a bad smell that could chase people away”* Says Kaweesa Saadi 45 yrs old, with a family of 8 children and VHT who has been on the Island for 28 years. The island has one (1) day mixed government aided primary school with a total enrollment of 189 pupils. Secondary education is accessed across the lake in Masese division.

*IF we could be helped with another toilet facility, it will completely wipe out open defecation on this Island since we are many yet we use those four stances only.* Says Mr. Okidi Watmon the chairperson Local council 1 of the Island.

Alliance Water Solutions is committed to improve the lives of people through sustainable WASH services. Any helping hand is highly requested and will be much appreciated

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