

An Overview of Caritas MADDO
Activities With Special Reference to
Water & Sanitation Services

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What are we at Caritas MADDO?

- We are the the Social Services & Development Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Masaka -Uganda

- MADDO is an acronym from,
- MAsaka
- Diocesan
- Development
- Organization

While the prefix Caritas is used to capture our core values of compassion, love and sharing

What guides our operations?

- **VISION:** To see that all residents of the diocese attain holistic development
- **MISSION:** to stimulate and direct sustainable development amongst all the people in Masaka Diocese regardless of their religious affiliations

What Is the Range of Activities That Caritas MADDO Implements ?

- To achieve our mission we implement a number of activities all geared at uplifting the general livelihood of the people through stimulating economic growth, improved public health and environment protection.

Key Programme Areas Include,

- Sustainable organic farming
- HIV / AIDS prevention, care & support services
- OVC's support
- Community awareness on basic human rights & good governance
- Improve community access to safe water & sanitation services

Some Facts About Caritas MADDO Water & Sanitation Programmes

- DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES;
- To improve the skills of beneficiary to manage protected water point sources within their localities.
- To contribute to enabling communities acquire nearby protected water point sources for at least 60% of the households.
- To uplift awareness of communities in the Diocese adopt the right hygiene and sanitation behavior.
- To establish community based O&M institutions.

Range of Departmental activities

- Point source protection for rural community water supply [facilities include hand dug shallow wells, deep boreholes all fitted with hand-pumps spring protection]
- Household rainwater harvesting for rural farming communities [this is the project to be visited tomorrow 23rd May 2007]
- Since 1989 a number projects & programs have been implemented throughout the diocese. [a total of 679 point sources have been constructed]

Principles Guiding Departmental Operations

- All our follow the demand responsive approaches [DRA] where communities demand
- Integration of water services with other economic activities
- Creation of institutions for O&M sustainability and future replication
- Local beneficiaries **MUST** contribute to the capital cost.

Kyanjovu Model Village Development Programme

- Some facts about the village program
- Support is provided for rainwater harvesting and organic farming to 35 peasant farmer families.
- Farmers grow food crops like matooke, Vegetables ,horticultural crops and keep livestock [in stalls]
- Stall fed livestock raised the household water demand

THE NEW PROGRAM:

- As a need to bring water closer to meet increased water demand , rainwater harvesting was identified as the viable solution
- Ferro cement tanks of capacity up to 7000 litres are constructed
- The cost of each tank is 550,000 [US\$ 317] . Beneficiary contribute up to 25% of the capital costs.
- Farmers collectively raise contribution for a recipient family until the time when all are covered [group dynamics]

Itinerary to Masaka field visit

- Masaka is located in the mid south of Uganda about 175km from Entebbe.
- From Entebbe through Kampala city we shall move south on an all tarmac road.
- Mid way through the journey we shall cross the Equator as Masaka is a few degrees in the Southern Hemisphere
- If all goes on well the return journey will take 4 hours.
- I look forward to leading the distinguished conference delegates to Masaka and it will be a great privilege and honor to host you

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION