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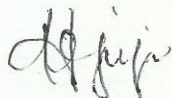
PREPAID WATER METERING

Kisumu Water and Sewerage Company is introducing pre-paid meters in the Low Income Areas of Kisumu City. This project is being implemented in collaboration with Vitens Evides International under the PEWAK (Performance Enhancement for Water Utilities in Kenya) project at a cost of around Ksh 8 million.

The project is set to benefit over 10,000 residents in the Low Income Areas of Manyatta, Nyalenda, Obunga and Nyawita. Water kiosks that currently serve the residents will be installed with the pre-paid meters replacing the postpaid meters. With prepaid water meters the user prepays for a given amount of water from a vending station using specially designed tokens.

The value this project will have to the residents are; It will enable consumers to purchase for water at any time of the day or night, residents will also be able to buy water at the regulated price as stipulated in the tariff and lastly, consumers will be able to control budget for their water use as they consume.

KIWASCO is piloting this project with selected water kiosks. The project is expected to be rolled out to all the water kiosks by the end of the year and eventually to individual households where this may be found to be appropriate.


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