

# 15,000 people to benefit from water project in Muheza

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The project to be undertaken by the Tanga Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (Tanga UWASA) would be connected to the main Tanga city water network.

The project manager, Eng Fares Aram said that the project would benefit a total of 15,500 people, out of which 8,900 would be from Muheza town residents and the rest (6,600) would be villagers where the water pipeline would pass through.

Construction of the project, according Eng Aram starts tomorrow and is expected to be completed in eight months time in May 19, next year.

During the event Korberg construction company contractor was introduced to the public.

He said that Tanga UWASA's supervision originates from a directive from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation directing the water utility company to oversee improvement of water services in several townships in Tanga Region.

Speaking at the occasion the managing director of the water utility company, Eng Joshua Mgeyekwa assured Tanga residents that the project which will pump 1,000 cubic meters of water to Muheza every day would not disrupt water supply services to Tanga City.

"Do not worry. There would not be any shortages of water in Tanga as a result of water being pumped to Muheza. We have opened other sources of water to supplement the current source and we plan to open more boreholes," he said.

He thanked Muheza District council leaders for their relentless efforts to pressure the government to set aside the funds for the project.

According to Muheza District executive director (DED), Lucy Mlelwa the government had set aside 424,907,069/- for the project. Mlelwa asked the contractor to keep his promise and adhere to construction standards.

Launching project the legislator for Muheza, Adadi Rajabu termed the launching of the project as a great relief for Muheza residents who had suffered for several years because of water woes.

"This occasion for us today is just like a miracle," said Adadi who thanked President John Magufuli for fulfilling his promise made during his recent tour of Muheza District.

He asked Muheza District residents to be patient because the project was only designed as a stop gap project to reduce chronic water supply problems in Muheza town.

"We have set aside 32 billion/- water project that will draw water from Zigi river in the East Usambara Mountains where the Tanga city draws its water from.

Adadi said that Muheza had also drilled 25 boreholes to increase the number of residents being served by clean and safe water. He said that the council expects to sign an agreement with an organisation he did not mention for drilling 100 boreholes mainly in areas where there was acute water shortage.