

## **FOREWORD**

Bugesera District over the years has made modest gains in water and sanitation delivery. However, due to inadequate funding, the District still faces a huge challenge in achieving the perceived health benefits from quality water supply, sanitation and hygiene services. The poor and the disadvantaged communities are the most affected, with children and women being worse off. The current statistics for WASH coverage in the District are gloomy and disturbing. Only 30.5%, 23.4% and 8.5% of the people in the District have access to basic sanitation, hygiene and water services respectively. Yet the policy intends to prioritize water supply and sanitation services and ensure effective delivery of adequate, reliable and sustainable water supply and sanitation services for social and economic development.

The Ministry of Infrastructure realizes the need to develop planning tools which will help planners in Districts to make informed decisions when preparing short, medium and long-term plans, in a bid to meet the set goals. That why the Ministry requested its agent WASAC and its partners (WaterAid) to participate and give full technical support to the Districts in carrying out study, which resulted in the production of this water, sanitation and hygiene investment plan for Bugesera District in Eastern Province. Let me take this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude to WASAC, Water Aid for accepting intimate call of the Ministry of Infrastructure to support our Districts in producing this important planning tool. The Investment Plan is based on the Life Cycle Costing approach; it estimates investment requirements, and funding availability from government, development partners and other sources, and financing gaps. It attempts to generate comprehensive estimates of funding requirements by including all capital expenditures (CAPEX), operating, repair and maintenance cost (OPEX), Capital maintenance expenditure and the cost of replacing assets or asset renewal (CAPMANEX) and the costs related to the provision of direct support of the service authority (District officials and other government staff.) which makes it a very useful planning tool for immediate, mid and long term intervention.

I therefore urge our District staff at Sector and District levels and our key WASH stakeholders, to work hand in hand with the District Development partners to make good use of this investment plan by mobilizing the required funding, integrate the prioritized activities in action plans and budgets for immediate implementation, hence accelerate the achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2030 as well as National Strategy for Transformation (NST 2018/19-2023/24) targets, included in the GoR policies adopted for the National Strategy for Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), WASH in Schools and WASH in Health Facilities (2016).

Sincerely,

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