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MINISTRY OF LANDS HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PRESS RELEASE

The *Monitor Newspaper*, in an article of its issue of *Thursday, December 19 2013* on page 6, put out a story reporting on this Ministry's Accounting Officer's appearance before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) titled "LANDS MINISTRY FAILS TO ACCOUNT FOR SHS 75 B".

The *New Vision* of Friday, December 20 2013, also put out a story in an article titled "MPs QUERY SHS 86 B PROJECT". Both these stories were defective as they were reporting on what does not exist. The Ministry does not have any Project under its Directorate of Physical Planning and Urban Development worth US\$ 75 billion or US\$ 86 billion (USD 30 million or USD 34 million) depending on the figure one takes from the titles of the two stories.

There is need to correct the error that this Project is being implemented at District level, and that it is known as "Cities Alliance". This is incorrect.

The project is known as the program for *Transforming of Settlements for the Urban Poor in Uganda* (TSUPU) and it is implemented at the Municipal level.

PAC sought to know the details of the funds for implementing the Programme for *Transforming of Settlements for the Urban Poor in Uganda* (TSUPU). The Ministry received a grant of US\$ 5.7 billion (USD 2,297,000) for the implementation of the TSUPU project over a period of three years. So far, US\$ 3,875 billion (USD 1,550,000) has been received by the Ministry. There is still a balance of US\$ 1,867,500,000 (USD 747,000) expected to finance activities in the third year.

As reported during the PAC meeting there was a delay in the implementation of the project due to a delay in disbursement of funds as well as procurement of the related Consultant(s). The project is now on track and the sub-projects that were financed have now either been completed or are nearing completion.

The projects that have been and or are under implementation in the five Municipalities of Arua, Mbale, Jinja, Mbarara and Kabale are listed below

Arua Municipality	Mbale Municipality	Jinja Municipality	Mbarara Municipality	Kabale Municipality
1. Fencing of the community School – Pangisa Ward	1. Construction of class room block at Busamaga Primary School.	1. Water borne toilet at Masese.	1. Buchunku road –Lubiri Installation of Box culvert.	1. Bridge construction at Nyabikoni.
2. Clean Community Water supply – Awindiri Ward	2. Opening, Graveling and Drainage on Busawule Road (250m).	2. Water borne toilet at Rippon.	2. Maintenance of lower cell Anti-Malaria, Nyamityobora Ward.	2. Spring protection and pipe extension – Kigongi.
3. Clean Community Water supply – Mvara Ward	3. Desilting of Majanga Anti-Malarial Drain-(2kms).	3. Sanitary Drainage Channel at Rubaga	3. Opening of Bishop Kakubi Close II.	3. Spring protection and rehabilitation – Mwanjari.
4. Installation of Culvert bridge and improved Access road, Kenya Ward	4. Desilting of Mission Bufumbo Anti-Malarial Drain.	4. Street Lights at Masese.	4. Opening of Biafra and Baguma lanes.	4. Spring protection and rehabilitation - Rushaki and Karubanda.
5. Community led Waste management, Bazaar Ward	5. Opening Graveling and Drainage works at Manjiya Road (600m).	5. Street Lights at Mpumudde.	5. Maintenance of Kakiika Anti-Malaria Channel.	5. Spring rehabilitation- Lower and Upper Bugongi
6. Installation of Culvert bridge and improved Access road, Tanganyika Ward	6. Grading and Graveling Police Station Close.	6. Extension of Electric power to Kawama Housing Project.	6. Protection of spring in Kiswahili cell.	
	7. Protection of Water Springs in Shende Sawa and Zesui cells		7. Nyamityobora Ward –Lubiri Power connection.	
	8. Construction of class room block at Busamaga Primary School.			

In addition to the above mentioned sub projects, TSUPU project is also funding the following activities:

1. The current policy development process of the National Urban Policy for Uganda and the Urban Sector Strategic Plan;
2. Capacity building for Universities (MAK) for practical training of students in urban related disciplines;
3. Establishment and support of development forums both at national and municipal levels to facilitate the participation of all stakeholders in the development process of the urban sector; and
4. Preparation of City Development Strategic Plans in the five participating Municipalities.

I appeal to the media that where they are not sure of the facts on a matter they need to report on, they should always feel free to consult and verify with the Ministry rather than, not only misinforming the general public, but alarming all stakeholders. There is certainly no co-relation whatsoever between the reported **US\$ 75 or 86 billion** and the factual **US\$ 5.7 billion**.

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