**NATIONAL WATER GOES PREPAID**

**Background.**

National Water & Sewerage has commenced the implementation of prepaid metering system to all Government Institutions. This is after signing the MoU with Ministry of Finance and Economic Development that highlights measures to control arrears accumulation among which use of prepaid meters is prioritsed. The Government is most indebted category with a debt portfolio Ush.40bn and it is only the prepaid metering system that can effectively check arrears accumulation.

**Prepaid Metering System**

The prepaid metering system is the simple technology where a customer uses a card, Internal Unit and a meter. Both the meter and the card reader will be installed at the premise, each card is tailored to the meter and will be auto loaded at the vending points and then inserted into the Card rader Internal Unit to recharge the meter. When the credit is yet to run out, the meter will produce an alert noise, if the card is not recharged the valve of the meter closes and water flow is stopped.

The recharging points will be placed in different NWSC offices and will be accessible at all times.

**Benefits**

* Elimination of Estimated Meter Readings
* Customer can see current and past consumption
* Encourages Water Consumption Control
* Identification of leaks
* Shows Current credit and the corresponding water left
* Smart Card – Simplicity
* Emergency Water – Flexibility
* No moving part Electronic Water Meter – does not record AIR

NWSC has investment ------------ to make this project a success.