As part of its contribution to the government’s effort to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, Geita Gold Mining Limited has donated 10 tanks with the capacity of 1000 liters each for public hand washing in various parts of Geita Town. GGML will also provide chlorine which will replace liquid soap at the facilities.

The project is also supported by Geita Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (GEUWASA) who will provide water on a regular basis to ensure the service is available to the public all the time.

The tanks, which form the initial dispatch of the donation are located at the following places: bus stand (2), Mwatulole center (1), Shilabela center (1), Nyankumbu center (1), Nyankumbu market (1), Geita Hospital (1) Gold Market (2) and Moyo wa Huruma Orphanage center (1).

The second consignment will include 2 tanks for people with disabilities and 2 for small children. Speaking during the installation of the tanks the Geita Town Public Health Officer, Mr. Masesa Japheth thanked GGML for the support which, according to him will limit excuses of people not washing their hands regularly because one does not need to be home to wash their hands.

“I encourage everyone to not take this opportunity for granted. Obviously, these facilities have come at a cost. We must demonstrate that we appreciate the efforts our partners in development are putting in ensuring that we all remain safe during, and even after this pandemic. Let us all make good use of this service,” said Mr. Masesa.
He also committed that Geita Town Council would designate one officer to manage the project and ensure that at all times the tanks are replenished with water and also chlorinated.

Sr. Adelberra Mukure, the Director of Moyo wa Huruma Orphanage center was also very happy to receive one of the facilities. She recounted how the orphanage center with 168 children was struggling to ensure that all residents have access to hand washing facilities that suit their demography.

“We have installed a few 20-liter hand washing buckets as you can see, but they are not enough. You know how busy children are, naturally. They need to wash their hands more regularly than adults sometimes. The 20liter containers are just too small to cater for them, that is why you would find long queues of children waiting to wash their hands, which also means someone must be on stand bye to replenish water every time. A tank with 1000 liters is a relief to us. We are grateful to GGML and their partners for thinking of us as well. This is a time of crisis. A time of need. GGML’s support cements the adage that a friend in need is the friend indeed. We pray for the Company’s property, "She said.

As a responsible corporate citizen GGML has committed to consistently support the government and surrounding communities in the fight against COVID-19 which has devastated lives and economies globally. So far, no single case has been reported in Geita region but the neighboring Kagera and Mwanza have recorded one case each.

The Company is in the process of procuring various medical equipment that will be donated to the Regional Commissioner’s office for use in various parts of the region and facilities designated for testing and isolation.

Mr. Wayne Louw, the GGML Acting Managing Director confirmed that the Company has been given a mandate and a specific threshold of funding to support the government in fighting the pandemic. This comes as a way of AGA/GGML living one of its business values which commits that the communities and societies around the operation must be better off for the Company having been there.
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