

## Mkanda Trading Centre gets piped water

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Mkanda Trading Centre in Mchinji has registered a sharp increase in social, economic and business activities following the installation of piped water facilities at the centre, thanks to Japanese International Cooperation Agency (Jica).

Government of Japan, through Jica, assisted Malawi in constructing water treatment facilities at the trading centre under the project called selected market centres and rural water supply in Mchinji and Kasungu Districts.

Japanese Ambassador to Malawi Shuichiro Nishioka officially handed over water facilities to communities around Mkanda Market Centre and Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development George Chabonda, received the water facilities



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**Member of the kiosk committee Aness Mwale sampling the kiosk**

on behalf of government and beneficiaries two weeks ago.

A long-time agro-produce

trader Lucius Major said in an interview that there has been a sharp increase in

social, economic and business activities since water started flowing at the trading centre.

He said the water facility has led to improvement of sanitation and hygiene among traders and communities surrounding the market.

One water kiosk was installed in Kalikokha Village and a member of the kiosk committee Aness Mwale expressed optimism that the piped water facility will greatly improve the quality of lives among rural people in the areas.

Member of Parliament (MP) for Mchinji North Rachel Mazombwe-Zulu (People's Party-PP) said at the official handover of the facility that accessibility of safe and clean drinking water to rural and deprived communities is key for the realisation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number six. ■