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PUMPED BOREHOLES IN KYERE SUB-COUNTY, SERERE DISTRICT.**

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ABSTRACT

This project was aimed at solving dangers and health risks which come along with the immense problem of accumulation of silt and small rock debris in borehole casings due to a number of causes which can be natural or due to human/engineering errors during construction and usage of the hand pumped boreholes.


Silt presents a number of challenges to ground water abstraction, and its study and mitigation has not been keenly looked at due to lack of information about its existence.

Bearing in mind that ground water resources contribute a great percentage to the amount of water available to people in rural areas for domestic use and small-scale irrigation, a deeper look at problems associated with ground water abstraction and a wider analysis of information available about ground water is of great importance.

Relevant design of this silt removal tool has then been looked at in this project and necessary formulae and appropriate dimensioning measurements have been looked at in this project to come up with a comprehensive design of the silt removal tool.

DECLARATION

I Emmanuel Okwalinga, hereby declare to the best of my knowledge, that this final year project report was an outcome of my original work and that it has not been presented to any institution of learning for an academic award.

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APPROVAL

This final research report was submitted to the Faculty of Engineering for examination with approval of my supervisor.

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DEDICATION

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LIST OF ACRONYMS.

CAD	-	Computer Aided Drawing
HP	-	Horse Power
Rpm	-	Revolutions per minute
m/s	-	meters per second
m ³ /s	-	meters cube per second.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the study

Water is essential for human settlements. Since prehistoric times, water availability has played a key role in determining the origin and fate of entire civilizations. In today's industrial societies, drinking and irrigation water supply is often taken for granted. This is because water infrastructure is solidly engineered and there are enough resources to build and maintain them. As a result, failures are rare and the population does not need worry about taps running dry.

However, access to water remains an issue in many regions across the world. In developing countries, where a productive well not only means hydration but also food security, hygiene, health and a better chance for education, a significant share of the population does not yet have access to improved water sources. Millions of people live more than one kilometer away from the nearest faucet, and have to walk several hours each day to provide water for such ordinary needs as drinking or cooking. More often than not, fetching water is a task for women and children, a task that is carried out at the expense of education.

Furthermore, people are often forced to rely on the unreliable sources of water to meet their domestic needs and grow low-value crops.

Within this context, ground water resources can play an important role in challenging poverty by providing a stable supply of water. Aquifers allow users to deliver for themselves, their crops, and livestock water during long dry spells. This is partly because of the large quantities of water that are naturally stored in aquifer systems underground and are partly because ground water can be accessed with relative ease. This also has the potential to contribute to several of the Sustainable Development Goals (UN, 2012), including goal number 6 ("Ensure access to water and sanitation for all").

Ground water provides drinking water to at least 50% of the global population and accounts for 43% of all of the water used for irrigation and livestock rearing (FAO, 2010-food and agriculture organisation) and it is estimated that worldwide, 2.5 Billion people depend solely on ground water to satisfy their basic daily water needs (UNESCO, 2013-United nations world water assessment programme).

Ground water abstraction in rural areas especially in Africa is achieved mainly through drilling of boreholes. In Uganda for example, with a population of about 38 million people (APR, 2015-

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