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The Permanent Secretary,
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**ISSUANCE AND DISSEMINATION OF GUIDELINES ON
CONSTRUCTION, SUPERVISION AND CERTIFICATION OF
CONSTRUCTION WORKS TO AVOID SHODDY WORKS IN FY
2022/23**

In September 2021, this Ministry undertook the fourth quarterly joint Monitoring exercise to assess the level of implementation construction projects in Education, Health, Water and Agriculture (Micro-scale Irrigation).

Some of the key cross-cutting observations made during the field visits were that: across Local Governments, there are varying procedures applied for managing construction sites; supervising works; and certification of completed works for payment. In addition, construction starts without undertaking geotechnical investigations on the soil, verifying land ownership documents and in some cases tests are not done on materials used for construction.

The above simply implies that the professional construction and engineering procedures and standards are not being fully practiced. This results into delivery of shoddy construction works which are eventually certified as complete, payments fully processed and the projects go ahead to be commissioned. After a short while, the newly commissioned facilities start developing defects.

Given your mandate and expertise on all matters relating to construction and engineering in the Country, I request you to:

1. Issue **strict** construction and engineering management guidelines and quality standards to all Local Government Accounting Officers. These guidelines should be explicit on the procedures and standards that need to be complied with to guarantee quality and long-lasting construction and engineering projects that guarantee value for money on Government Investments;

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2. Disseminate the guidelines in a meeting organized by this Ministry for all Local Government Accounting Officers and Heads of Departments on **Friday 7th January 2022 at Hotel Africana** starting at **8:30 am**; and
3. Include quarterly monitoring of compliance to the above guidelines as part of the work plan for Grant Management in FY 2022/23, where you have been allocated **Ushs. 833 million**, under the Uganda Inter-Governmental Fiscal Transfers (UGIFT) Program.

By copy of this letter, the Executive Director, PPDA is requested to support the Ministry of Works and Transport to ensure that guidelines issued are in line with the PPDA Act and Regulations.



Ramathan Ggoobi

PERMANENT SECRETARY/SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

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The Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
The Hon. Minister of Health
The Hon. Minister of Works and Transport
The Hon. Minister of Local Government
The Hon. Ministers of State for Works and Transport
The Hon. Minister of State for Economic Monitoring
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The Inspectorate of Government
The Executive Director, PPDA
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All Local Government Accounting Officers
All District Chairpersons and City and Municipal Mayors
All Resident District / City Commissioners
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