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#### **ABSTRACT**

Institutional settings, particularly universities like Busitema University where there are a number of manholes put in place, face significant challenges with sewage infrastructure management, especially concerning the risk of flooding. The potential consequences, including pollution and infrastructure disruption, underscore the critical need for robust monitoring and management solutions. Traditional methods like manual inspection which is currently used in monitoring the manholes often prove inadequate in addressing these challenges efficiently and cost-effectively, necessitating innovative approaches.

This document proposes a comprehensive solution, a sewage monitoring and notification system leveraging Arduino technology interfaced with Sewage Level sensors and GSM technology for notification and a web application for monitoring the levels of sewage on a daily basis. Tailored for implementation within the manholes of institutional settings like universities and urban areas where a number of manholes have to be monitored simultaneously, this system offers proactive management capabilities for the university's sewage infrastructure. By integrating geographic data and cutting-edge sensor technology, it enables timely interventions to mitigate flooding risks and ensure optimal sewage management across the university campus. This proactive approach not only enhances operational efficiency but also minimizes potential environmental and public health hazards associated with sewage system failures.

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# LIST OF ACRONYMS

GND pins Ground pin

IDE Integrated development environment

GSM Global System for Mobile Communications

SMS Short Message Service

IoT Internet of Things

Web App Website Application

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## **CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION**

## 1.1 BACKGROUND.

In urban areas of Uganda, including institutional settings like universities, ensuring access to safe water, proper sewage drainage systems and sanitation services is crucial for community well-being. However, limited and inefficient sewage monitoring systems poses challenges in meeting the needs which in turn causes non-predetermined sewage manhole overflows leading to poor sanitation and induces bad smell around places of residence. Despite financial constraints, stakeholders are committed to prioritizing the development of water and sanitation infrastructure. Through targeted interventions, they aim to enhance access to essential services, promoting socio-economic development across urban areas and institutional settings in Uganda.

A sewage monitoring and notification system is essential for effectively managing sewage systems, which are responsible for collecting and transporting waste from various sources to treatment plants or facilities. Despite their importance, these systems face numerous challenges, particularly in their management and maintenance.

Factors such as severe weather conditions, accumulation of obstructive materials, and groundwater infiltration contribute to the strain on sewage systems. Additionally, the growth of communities exacerbates these challenges, leading to increased pressure on existing infrastructure. The result can be Septic tank overflows and backflow into residential areas, posing significant health hazards and environmental risks [1].

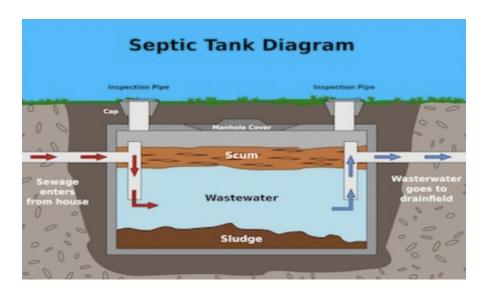


Figure 1 shows the structure of the septic tank underground

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