

1. Improving Access to Safe Water through Construction of a Rainwater Harvesting System at SSPI Primary School (Uganda)

- (1) Local Partner: Centre for Women and Youth Empowerment (CEWAYE), a local NGO legally registered in 2017, operating in southwestern Uganda.
- (2) Project budget: \$2,033
(JWF Fund: \$1,300, donations: \$233, implementing organization: \$400, beneficiaries: \$100)
- (3) Beneficiaries: 1,000 people (boys: 300, girls: 500, local community members: 200)
- (4) Background:

Access to safe water in Nakivale refugee settlement in the New Congo community is an ongoing challenge. People in the refugee camps, the host community, and schools use the same water dam. The community-founded Shaaban Social Progressive Initiative (SSPI), the only primary school in the area, serving over 800 children, is located 4km from the dam. Pupils spend an unsafe 2 to 3 hours per day fetching water from the dam. This has led to pupils, especially girls, dropping out of school, a lack of access to safe drinking water, poor sanitation at the school and an increase in water-related illnesses among pupils and community members.



Shaaban Social progressive Initiative primary school in Nakivale Refugee settlement



Pupils walk over 4 kms daily for water



Pupils collecting water from the community dam

- (5) Details of the project:
 - Construction of a rainwater harvesting system at SSPI primary school.
 - Installation of 2 foot-operated hand washing facilities.
 - Equipping pupils, teachers and community members with knowledge of sustainable use of water and training a local community team on maintenance of the water harvesting system.
 - Result-based participatory monitoring and evaluation approaches.