

JWF Fund 2020: Outlines of the project

I. Construction of a protected spring well in Kake village, Cameroon

- Organization: Bridgers Association Cameroon (#047)
- Cost: 1,205 USD (JWF Fund 1,000 USD, contribution from the Bridgers Association 205 USD)
- Number of direct beneficiaries: 1,000 people
- Background: Access to government water services such as potable running water are inexistent in the village of Kake. Women and children are responsible for fetching water from the main water collection point, which is more than 40 min (900m) away from the households. This problem is compounded by the fact that the main source of water may at some point be contaminated due to an unhealthy surrounding environment and the rapid deterioration of protective structures around the natural water spring, leaving it unprotected and completely open. This condition exposes the source to external intrusions, such as debris, animals, and bird defecation.



Natural spring where the community fetched water



Feasibility study by WASH program manager of Bridgers Association Cameroon

- Main contents of the project
Construction of a protected spring water facility and improvement of its surroundings, general community meeting, campaign for proper hand washing to prevent COVID-19, campaign on proper handling and use of the new facility, training on maintaining and repairing the infrastructure for sustainability, establishment of a water management committee and a funds collection committee and water quality testing
- Sustainability: The water management committee is responsible for maintenance and cleaning of the newly-constructed structure. The committee is also tasked with reporting any damage to the structure to the funds collection committee so that together they can carry out the necessary repairs.

Through improvement of the drinking water source, a better living environment for the community is expected.

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During the project



Campaign on proper hand washing to prevent COVID-19



Construction of the protected spring water facility

After the project



Completed protected spring water facility

Voice from the beneficiaries (Excerpts)



Alima Appolinaire, 77 years old,
Traditional Ruler of the
village of Kake

As village head, I am extremely happy with this initiative by Bridgers Association Cameroon and funded by Japan Water Forum. Water is life. We will be grateful to you forever. Thank you.



Mvilongo Sebastien, 48 years old,
a cocoa farmer

I am representing the youth of the village as a community leader. It is the very first time we have had support from an NGO because we have very bad roads during the rainy season. We will do our best to ensure that the infrastructure is secure and sustainable in order to value your investment and attract more of your projects to our village.