

JWF Fund 2020: Outlines of the project

5. Installation of a water kiosk in Kibera slum, Kenya

- Organization: Women Promotion Centre (WPC) (#256)
- Cost: 1,710 USD (JWF Fund 1,000 USD and contribution from the WPC 710 USD)
- Number of direct beneficiaries: 1,000 people
- Background: Because Kibera is a slum, water there is costly, contaminated, scarce, and unreliably supplied. Women and children had to queue up for long hours and had to make long trips to and from water vendors in order to obtain water. The community experiences a high levels of gender-based violence, including sexual violence, targeted at vulnerable women and children. On their way to and from collecting water, women and girls were attacked by men, arriving home late and would end up being abused by their male partners or guardians. Most households in Kibera spend almost 20% of their income on water. Residents are charged a lot for water, yet there is no guarantee that it is safe and clean. The high disease burden has exacerbated poverty in Kibera since most households must spend the majority of their income on medication.



Contaminated and polluted water source



Children queuing up at a water point

- Main contents of the project: holding preparatory meetings with stakeholders, installation of a water supply station (Water kiosk) with 2 water tanks, training to 20 WASH promoters in best water sanitation and hygiene practices, establishment of a Water for All Committee
- Sustainability: WASH promoters are trained to educate and create awareness among the whole community on how to use the water facility while the 'WATER FOR ALL' committee is in charge of all maintenance and repairs of the facility. The facility acquires its water from the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NWSCO).

Through improvement of the water supply system, a better environment for the community especially women and children is expected.

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During the project



Meeting with stakeholders



Training of 20 WASH promoters

Voice from the beneficiaries (Excerpts)



Ms. Oliver Mwanzi, 48 years old, a member of the user committee

I am a fruit vendor who needs a lot of water to wash fruit for my customers. Before construction of the water facility, I would walk for a long distance just to get clean water for my business. I now enjoy getting water from this point and this has helped boost my business profits since I no longer have to leave my customers unattended to when looking for water.

After the project



Completed water tanks



Community people fetching water from the water kiosk



Ms. Vanessa Kalai, 36 years old, a user of the facility

I am glad that the facility is now closer to my house. I had been depending on the polluted Kibera River for water and most members of my family would get sick quite often. I am happy that I am now able to access clean water.