

Recipients of the JWF Fund 2021

I. Rehabilitation of wells in Kanjuki village, Uganda

- Organization: Rural Initiative for Development and Empowerment (RIDEUGANDA)(#044)
- Country/Area: Kanjuki Village, Kayunga District, Uganda
- Budget: USD2,231 (JWF Fund: USD 1,500, contribution from RIDEUGANDA: USD 500 and beneficiaries: USD 231)
- Direct beneficiaries: 1,500 people (men: 150, women: 300, children: 1,050)

Background:

Residents of the economically deprived rural district of Kayunga have been navigating the COVID-19 pandemic with the added challenge of living without access to safe water and hygiene. Water is chronically scarce and is growing more so due to broken or non-functioning wells and a growing population. Despite evidence of corrosion in the hand-pumps for many years, it remains a problem. Communities are left without clean water and have to travel far for this basic necessity. Families are forced to use unsafe sources or walk long distances for water, a major cause of absenteeism among learners. Children are abducted and sacrificed when searching for water in swampy, forested and overgrown areas. Women must walk long distances or use unsafe water sources because their local source doesn't function for days, months, or even years.



A broken well



A water source that people fetch water at

- Main activities of the project:
Holding three community meetings for sensitization and to raise awareness of the project and COVID-19; repairing three hand-pumps and maintaining their surroundings; conducting water quality testing; and providing three days of on-the-job training for six repair personnel
- Sustainability activities:
Conducting two days of training for six hygiene promoters and three days of training and capacity building for three water user committees; and gaining technical support from the local government

JWF FUND 2021: Outline of the project

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During the project



Rehabilitation of the well with hand-pump



Completion of the well with a hand-pump

Voices from the beneficiaries



Mr. Ssonko Masanyalaze
(77 years old, user)

It was very hard for seniors like me to fetch water from a faraway source. I appreciate the Japanese donation.

After the project



Smiling children around the completed well and hand-pump



Awareness-raising activity by staff



Ms. Namuyiga Beatrice
(46 years old, local leader)

I am deeply grateful for the project, which has solved the serious water problems in this region.