

Recipients of the JWF Fund 2021

3. Installation of water kiosk in Kaptolla village, Kenya

- Organization: Ufanisi Support Group (USG) (#099)
- Country/Area: A market in Kaptolla village, Bungoma county, Kenya
- Budget: USD 1,805 (JWF Fund: USD 1,500 and contribution from beneficiaries: USD 305)
- Direct beneficiaries: 250 women
- Background:

Kaptolla village consists of 250 poverty-ridden, water-deprived households. There is a low awareness of the importance of hand-washing. The village has a market, which serves as its economic hub. Small-scale subsistence farmers sell their produce there to purchase household necessities. The market is about to be closed due to a lack of safe water and outbreaks of waterborne disease caused by contaminated water. The women of the village, who are traditionally expected to supply water to their households, rely primarily on heavily polluted water with high turbidity levels from the village's contaminated seasonal river and a damaged open spring well, situated around 2.5 km at the most from the village. They also purchase safe water at a high price and spend over 35% of their hard-earned incomes on water and medications for waterborne diseases. This has exacerbated the abject poverty of the population.



A woman fetching water at a polluted source The market where a water kiosk is planned to be installed

- Main activities of the project: Inception meeting with stakeholders; construction of one water kiosk; installation of a 1 km pipe system; water quality testing; establishment of a water users' committee; and six sensitization training workshops on hand-washing and usage, repair, and maintenance of the facilities
- Sustainability activities: The local government provides safe water and two skilled trainers. The water is sold for a small fee and the proceeds controlled by the water users' committee.

Outlines of the project of the JWF Fund 2021

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During the project



Installation of a water kiosk



Pipe laying

After the project



Supplying water at the kiosk



Women expressing their thanks in front of the water kiosk

Voices from the beneficiaries (Excerpt)



Mr. Erastus Mulongo
(47 years old, manager of the community hospital)

It was difficult to secure enough water for the hospital due to a contaminated supply. Thanks to the water kiosk, which was funded by the Japan Water Forum, we have constant access to safe and clean water. This has contributed greatly to improving hygiene and our working environment.



Ms. Blessings Sakula
(24 years old, user of a water kiosk)

Due to the government's strict COVID-19 regulations, my shop was forced to close. However, I have reopened the shop because we can obtain clean water from the kiosk.