

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)
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- (3) Beneficiaries: 1,141 people (men: 93, women: 146, children: 902)
- (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.

【Before】



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.

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[During]



Carrying the water tank



Banner demonstration



Preparing water



Pupils gathering

[After]



Ceremonial hand washing



Pupil washing hands



Mr. Jeannot Bannitse,
38 years old

I want to thank the partners who have provided the rainwater harvesting system. Such support would encourage us to work harder to ensure access to education for every child even in refugee camps. The project has not only addressed our longstanding water scarcity challenges but has also brought transformative changes in health, well-being, and academic performance. Looking ahead, this project will serve as a testament to our school's commitment in providing a conducive learning environment, nurturing every student.



Mr. Elias Kangume, 77 years old

The project has fostered a sense of unity and solidarity among residents, as we have come together to support and participate in its implementation. Witnessing the positive impact of the project on the health, well-being, and educational opportunities of our children has strengthened our resolve to continue advocating for similar initiatives for all residents of Nakivale.



Ms. Julian Hotuya, 10 years old

Since I don't have to spend hours fetching water from a faraway, unsafe dam, I can now focus on my studies, pursue my interests, dream of a brighter future and make my mother happy. With access to clean water, I feel confident and capable of achieving my goals.