

5. Strengthening Access to Safe Water and Improved Hygiene for School Children and Vulnerable Households in Mugega Community, Uganda

- **Local partner:** Bkind Foundation (BKF) (#123)
Established in 2020, BKF uses kindness as a tool. It empowers the vulnerable to build resilient, healthy, and self-reliant communities. Its major activities are livelihood support, environmental conservation, WASH promotion, community education, and support for vulnerable children and youths.
- **Project cost:** \$2,621 (JWF Fund:\$1,500, organization: \$400, beneficiary: \$721)
- **Number of beneficiaries:** 650 (120 men, 380 women, 150 children)
- **Background:** Mugega Community faces significant challenges in accessing safe and reliable water. Lacking facilities and access to safe water, schoolchildren and other community members must often walk long distances to collect water from unsafe sources, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases. In addition, poor hygiene and sanitation practices and limited capacity have brought recurring water access and health challenges.



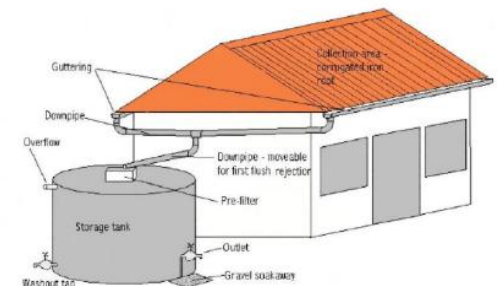
This dirty well is a community water collection point



The non-functional borehole needs major repairing



Proposed protected water spring



Rainwater harvesting system for the nursery school

- **Project details:**
 - Construction of one community borehole and one spring water source to restore functionality. Installation of one 2,000-litre rainwater harvesting tank at Mugega Community Nursery School. Four community and school hygiene and sanitation awareness sessions, establishment and training of a Water Users' Committee (WUC).
 - The WUC will be responsible for monitoring, routine maintenance, and minor repairs. Community members will contribute the necessary fees for repairs and continued functionality. The school administration will be responsible for managing and maintaining the rainwater harvesting system and promoting hygiene practices among the schoolchildren. The Kyegegwa District Water Office and local authorities will provide technical support and monitoring.