



August 1 Water Day Campaign



Everyone in their best dress for the joyful handover ceremony of the hand pump well.

What We Learned from the JWF Fund 2025

A Case Study of Participation and Education, Promotion of Hygiene, Sanitation and Water Supply (PEC-Zonal) in Irane Community(Mozambique)

What is the JWF Fund?

The JWF Fund, established by the Japan Water Forum in 2005, is a grant program that supports grassroots organizations working to solve water problems in developing countries. Each year, proposals are invited in early summer, and selected projects receive grants of US\$1,500 each. For the JWF Fund 2025, 246 applications from 41 countries were received, and five projects in four countries were selected for funding.

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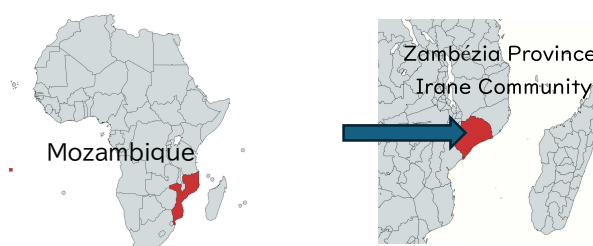


Water Problems in the Project Area

The community of Irane, located in Namacurra District, Zambézia Province in northeastern Mozambique, is home to 337 households with a total population of 1,512. The community was facing serious Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) challenges. Households and the local primary school lacked access to safe water and adequate sanitation facilities. Their only water source was an open surface water source, which was highly vulnerable to contamination.



Before the project, the water source shown in the photo was not considered safe.



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Proposal from the Local Organization

Associação Wakelana is a non-profit organization established in 2021 and based in Namacurra District. Witnessing the hardships faced by the local community, the organization developed the Participation and Education, Promotion of Hygiene, Sanitation and Water Supply (PEC-Zonal) initiative, and submitted it for the JWF Fund 2025. After a competitive selection process, in which 246 applications were narrowed down to five projects, Associação Wakelana's proposal was selected to receive support from the JWF Fund 2025.



Project Activities

As the project's first step, a well was dug and a hand pump installed at the center of the community. Following this, sanitation facilities were established, including 27 latrines, 49 dish racks, and 27 refuse pits. The project also conducted community hygiene awareness meetings, household visits, a school WASH program, and technical skills training for local technicians.



People gathered as the hand pump was being assembled!



A completed well with a concrete platform that protects the groundwater source and helps maintain clean, safe water.



School hygiene awareness training has been delivered!



Community members were delighted to participate in hygiene awareness training!

Voices from the Community (48-year-old woman)

We are extremely happy and deeply grateful for the installation of this new well. For many years, we women had struggled to find safe drinking water. Having a well in our community is a great blessing for our families, our children, and the teachers at the local school, as it will greatly reduce the burden of collecting water. We sincerely thank Associação Wakelana and all the supporters in Japan for their generous help.

Voices from the Community (79-year-old woman)

I live alone, and I had struggled for a long time because I could not walk far to collect water. Some people kindly helped me, but I sometimes heard that they found this tiring, which deeply saddened me. Today, the new well in our village is as close as my own garden. I, along with the other residents of Irane, am truly very happy. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the construction of this well. Now we can say goodbye to unprotected water sources and illnesses caused by unsafe water. I pray that everyone involved will continue to be blessed by God.



A newly installed household latrine. Water is now provided for handwashing!



With access to well water, dish racks and refuse pits were installed, improving hygiene conditions in the community!

What We Learned

With a US\$1,500 grant, we installed one hand pump well and addressed the community's water problems. Through this project, we learned that access to clean water is the foundation for improving hygiene and sanitation conditions.

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