

**Ryan's Well Foundation Western Uganda WASH Projects update.**  
**Access to Safe Water and Improved Sanitation and Hygiene Practices for Chronically Vulnerable Communities**

**Reporting Period:** (September-November, Phase 2)

**Beneficiaries Reached so far:** 3,420 people

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## **Key Achievements**

### **Water Infrastructure Development**

- Constructed 17 new water sources across the three districts, including low-yield water springs and tanks.
- These installations have drastically reduced incidences of waterborne diseases such as cholera, dysentery, and typhoid.

### **Community Engagement and Ownership**

- Mobilized local communities across 17 sites for active participation in planning and maintenance.
- Established water management committees to oversee operations and sustainability.

### **Public Health Improvements**

- Access to clean water significantly reduced waterborne disease cases, leading to healthier communities and lower healthcare costs.

### **Economic Empowerment**

- Time previously spent fetching water has been redirected towards productive activities, including farming and small businesses.
- Beneficiaries, particularly women, have reported improved income and food security.

### **Enhanced Education Outcomes**

- Schools like Kyeibaire Girls School reported increased attendance and better academic focus due to reduced waterborne illnesses and easier access to clean water.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

- Communities reduced reliance on rivers and ponds, protecting these natural resources from overuse and contamination.

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## Success Stories

- **Bwera A Spring:** Micheal Nayebare, Vice Chairperson of the water source committee, highlights improved health and hygiene due to clean water access.
- **Kyeibaire Girls School:** Students like Wanyenza Immaculate expresses gratitude for the nearby water source, which has allowed more time for studying and personal hygiene.
- **Kanoni Water Spring:** Youth leader Brian Twinamasiko praises the water project for enabling productive activities and requested more youth-focused initiatives.

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## Conclusion

The project has made significant strides in improving access to clean water and sanitation for vulnerable communities. The active involvement of beneficiaries has ensured ownership and sustainability, while the reported benefits highlight the transformative impact on health, livelihoods, and education.

RWIDF remains committed to addressing the challenges faced during this phase and leveraging the lessons learned to ensure the project's continued success.

