

Ryan's Well Foundation WASH Project Impact Report – Phase Two Completion, Western Uganda-2024/25.

Project Title: Enhancing Access to Safe Water and Sanitation in Vulnerable Communities of Western Uganda.

Project Activities Completed.

During Phase Two, RWIDF carried out the following key activities to ensure improved WASH services in the region:

Community Mobilization: Engaged 13 beneficiary sites, raising awareness and fostering community ownership of the project.

Water Infrastructure Development:

- Constructed **9 protected springs** equipped with low-yield water tanks to provide safe, reliable water sources.
- Installed **3 rainwater harvesting tanks** (30,000L capacity) in schools for water storage during the wet season.

Sanitation Facility Construction:

- Built **1 four-stance ventilated improved pit latrine** with a handwashing water jar at Kengoma Community School to enhance hygiene and sanitation.

Target Beneficiaries: Over 6,000 people

Beneficiaries Reached in Phase Two: 3,110 people, including school-going children and local community members.

Immediate Changes Observed

Reduced Pressure on Existing Water Sources:

The newly constructed water springs and rainwater harvesting systems reduced reliance on rivers and communal water sources, improving water availability during both wet and dry seasons.

Enhanced School Attendance:

Schools with new rainwater harvesting systems and VIP latrines reported a decline in student absences due to waterborne illnesses, especially among girls.

Improved Public Health and Sanitation:

Cases of cholera, dysentery, and typhoid fever have significantly decreased due to improved access to clean water and better sanitation facilities. The construction of the VIP latrine at Kengoma Community School has reduced open defecation and associated health risks.

Economic Empowerment and Livelihood Improvement:

Clean water availability has enhanced small business operations (e.g., tea stalls, restaurants) and boosted local agriculture by facilitating backyard farming. Women, who previously spent long hours fetching water, can now engage in income-generating activities, contributing to improved household incomes and food security.

Time Savings and Improved Quality of Life:

The reduction in time spent fetching water, especially for women and children, has freed up time for productive activities, education, and family care, leading to better overall well-being.

Environmental Protection and Sustainability

The project promoted environmental conservation through reduced dependence on rivers and ponds for water. Communities have become more conscious of protecting water sources from contamination by minimizing open defecation and improper waste disposal near water points.

Successes

- **Community Ownership and Participation:**
Local community members, leaders, and development officers were actively involved throughout the project, from planning to execution. This collaboration ensured the smooth completion of all 13 proposed projects.
- **Completion of All Planned Projects:**
Despite the challenges of working in remote areas, all planned construction activities were completed successfully due to favorable weather, community cooperation, and effective coordination.

Conclusion

Phase Two of the Ryan's Well Foundation WASH project in Western Uganda has made significant progress in improving access to safe water and sanitation. Immediate benefits such as improved health, enhanced school attendance, and economic empowerment have been realized, positively impacting over 3,000 beneficiaries. As the project progresses into its final phase, sustained community engagement and capacity building will remain critical to ensuring long-term impact.

Way Forward

- Strengthening community-led maintenance programs to sustain WASH infrastructure.
- Expanding WASH education to more schools and communities to ensure lasting behavioral change.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the project's long-term impact to guide future interventions.

ATTACHMENTS: PROJECT PICTURES AND IMPACT STORIES.

RYAN'S WELL FOUNDATION WASH PROJECTS IMPACT.

Access to Safe Water and
Improved Sanitation and
Hygiene Practices For
Chronically Vulnerable
Communities.

Focus on Western
Uganda.



IMPACT STORIES FROM OUR BENEFICIARIES



Mauda Tanansi, 50 a mother of 8 children and currently serves as the Vice Chair of Rwemishebeya water source. She stated that, *"Fetching water used to take nearly half my day as we walked long distances to reach a muddy pond. Since RWIDF built a protected spring near our home, I have more time for farming, and I believe my yields will soon increase"*.



Atuhaire Doreen, 31 who serves as the Secretary had this to say, *"We used to share stagnant water with animals during the dry season, which exposed us to numerous diseases. The water spring flows every day with clean and fresh water. We finally have reliable and safe water source that has transformed our lives."*



Komwaka Sofia 48, a mother of and beneficiary of the new water source stated that, *"Carrying heavy jerrycans for kilometers left me with back pain and little time for household tasks. Thanks to RWIDF's water project, I can fetch clean water quickly, giving me time to run a small business."*

Imagine.....*"Fetching Water used to take nearly half my day, as we walked long distance to reach a muddy pond"*

More Testimonies from our Beneficiaries.....

(Jane, Mabare and Chris)!!!!

Rumira, Bugangari, Rukungiri



Tusingwire Jane 39, a mother of 3 is the Publicity Secretary for Rumira Water Source. She stated that *“We had no choice but to use water contaminated with animal waste, leading to constant health issue and diseases. Since RWIDF built the spring, clean water has brought peace of mind and reduced medical costs”*.

Mabare, Rukoni, Kibatsi, Ntungamo



Tumwesigye Provia 61, a mother of 6 serves as the Vice Chairperson of the water source committee. She stated that, *“For years, we fetched water from a pond, which felt dehumanizing. The spring constructed by RWIDF not only restored our dignity but also reduced cases of waterborne diseases, giving us a better quality of life”*.



Ariho Chris 7, a pupil and a beneficiary stated that, *“The water is clean and different from the one we used to fetch. I’m excited because I can drink it without being worried of any issues. I can now access clean water that essential for me to keep clean before heading to school”*.

SANITATION FACILITIES BEFORE



SANITATION FACILITIES NOW



A STORY OF TRANSFORMATION

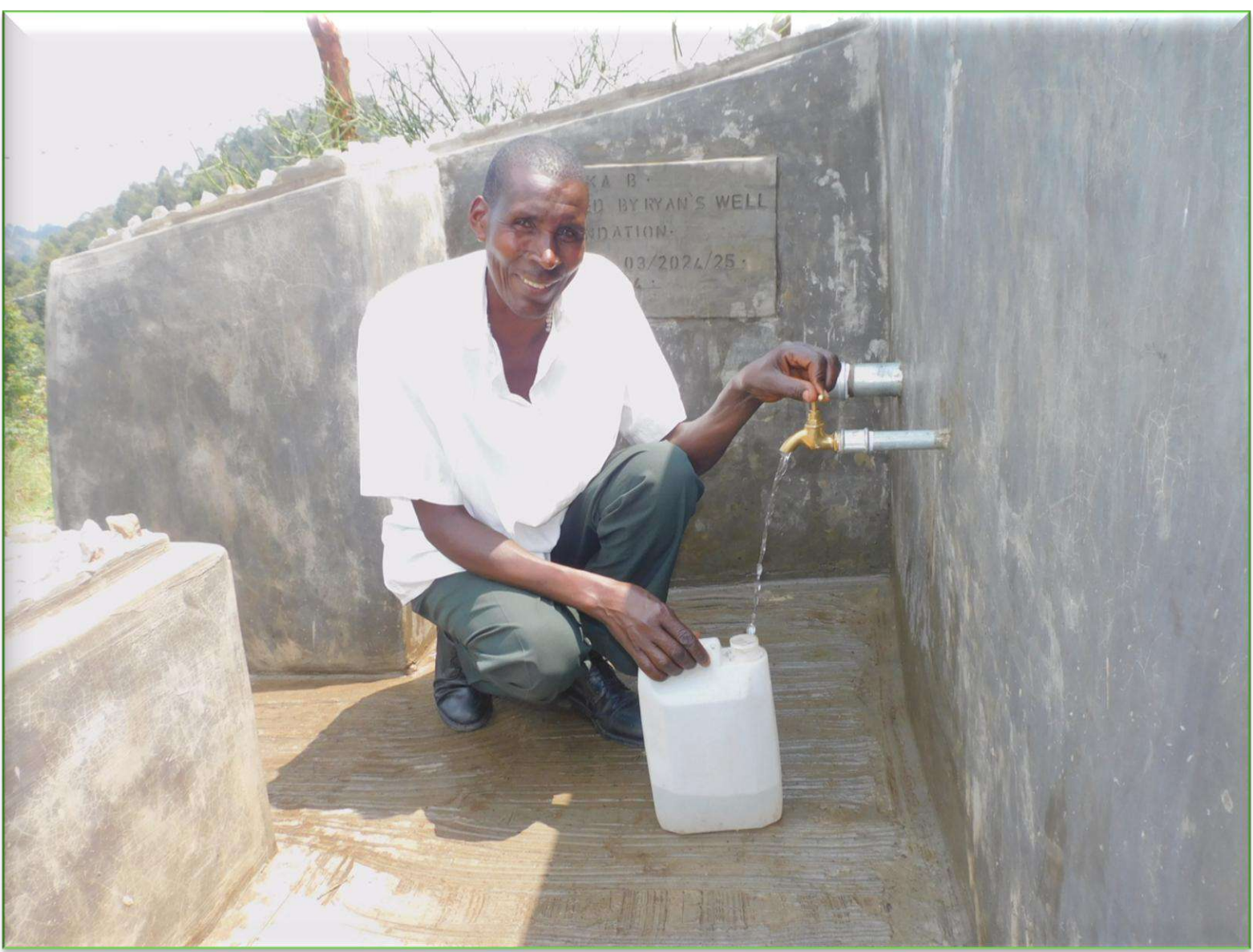
A NEW LATRINE FACILITY AT KENGOMA P/SCHOOL IN RUKUNGIRI DONATED BY RYAN'S WELL FOUNDATION. Completed in Nov.2024.

What a transformation!!!!

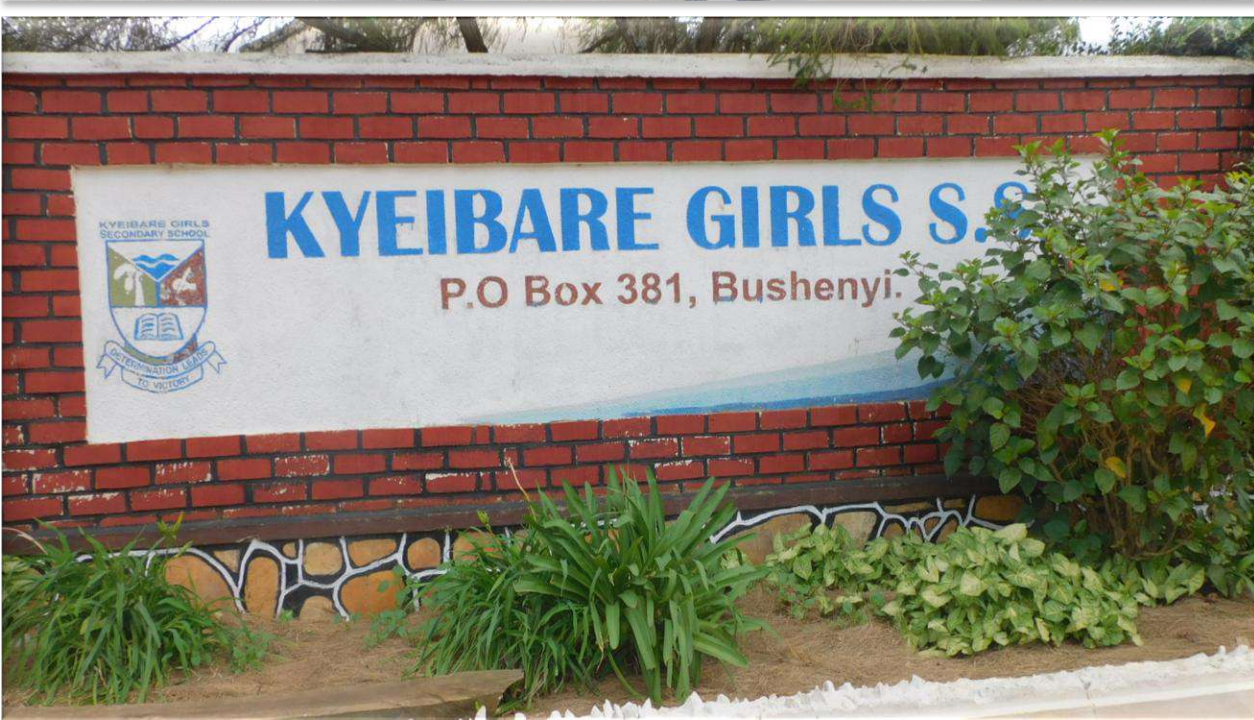
Over 300 School going children at Kengoma Primary School are now happy users of this new Gender and Disability Sensitive sanitary Facility.

The Facility is fitted with a hand Washing Station to enhance cleanliness and hygiene for the users.

PROJECT PICTURES



Pictures of Happy users protected springs constructed in 2024 August-December.





The Girls proudly say, Thank you 😊



Happy
Users of
New
Water
Sources.

**KATOOKYE PRIMARY SCHOOL
RUKUNGIRI DISTRICT**

**DONATED BY
RYAN'S WELL FOUNDATION**

**IMPLEMENTED BY
RWIDF**

ON 24/10/2024



**ST. JOROME PRIMARY SCHOOL
MITOOMA DISTRICT**

**DONATED BY
RYAN'S WELL FOUNDATION**

**IMPLEMENTED BY
RWIDF**

ON 11/10/2024

**Rainwater
Harvesting
Tank Donated
for the
school.**

