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Phase 1 – Western Uganda WASH Projects (May–July 2025)

Partner Organization: Rukungiri Women Integrated Development Foundation (RWIDF)

Reporting Period: May 1st – July 17th, 2025

Project Title: *Access to Safe Water and Improved Sanitation and Hygiene Practices for Chronically Vulnerable Communities in Rukungiri, Mitooma and Ntungamo Districts, Uganda (2025–2026)*

Executive Summary

This Phase 1 Impact Report summarizes the successful implementation of clean water initiatives in Western Uganda as part of a collaborative effort between Ryan's Well Foundation and RWIDF. The project targeted chronically vulnerable communities in Rukungiri, Mitooma, and Ntungamo districts. The core objective was to improve access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education while empowering women economically through VSLA and soap-making trainings.

Key Achievements

- 13 protected spring water sources constructed
- 2,264 direct beneficiaries reached in Phase 1
- Formation of 13 Water User Committees with active female leadership
- Significant reduction in waterborne diseases in beneficiary areas
- Community ownership, awareness, and hygiene practices enhanced

Project Objectives

1. **Access to Safe Water**
Construction of spring tanks and rainwater harvesting systems in vulnerable communities.
2. **Improved Sanitation and Hygiene**
Latrines, handwashing facilities, and hygiene education were promoted alongside water interventions.
3. **Behavioral Change Promotion**
Safe water storage, environmental cleanliness, and handwashing at critical times were encouraged.
4. **Women Empowerment**
Establishment of 5 Village Saving and Lending Associations and soap-making training for 150 women.

Summary of Beneficiaries (Phase 1)

#	Water Source	District	Sub-County	Households Served	Date Completed
1	Kaziko	Ntungamo	Ihunga	50	June 1, 2025
2	Nyakabare II	Ntungamo	Ihunga	16	June 2, 2025
3	Nyarujooje II	Ntungamo	Ihunga	20	June 5, 2025
4	Omukiina	Ntungamo	Ihunga	14	June 8, 2025
5	Keihumure	Ntungamo	Ihunga	25	June 10, 2025
6	Rwibare B	Mitooma	Kanyabwanga	10	June 13, 2025
7	Bwera B	Mitooma	Kanyabwanga	27	June 17, 2025
8	Mukoko	Mitooma	Bitereko	30	June 19, 2025
9	Nyakasharara	Mitooma	Bitereko	25	June 22, 2025
10	Rubabi	Rukungiri	Nyakagyeme	15	June 27, 2025
11	Bugomora 2	Mitooma	Bitereko	19	July 2, 2025
12	Rugorogoro	Rukungiri	Ruhinda	14	July 6, 2025
13	Nyamitooma	Rukungiri	Ruhinda	18	July 10, 2025
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Immediate Outcomes

- Access to Clean Water**
 All 13 spring tanks are operational, drastically improving water quality and reducing disease outbreaks.
- Health Improvement**
 Reports from local health offices confirmed a sharp reduction in cases of typhoid and diarrhea, especially in Bitereko, Mitooma.
- Women's Empowerment**
 Water sources near homes have reduced the time burden on women and girls, allowing them to focus on school and livelihoods.
- Community Mobilization**
 Formation of water user committees has fostered community responsibility and participation.
- Hygiene and Sanitation**
 Improved handwashing and food preparation habits are being reported across beneficiary households.

Impact Stories

 **“This spring is my life.” – Nalohoza Miria, Chairperson, Nyakabare Spring**

“We fetched dirty water from a pond for over 15 years. My son nearly drowned once. Diarrhea and sickness never left us. Now, with this clean water source, I can save money and keep my children healthy.”

 **“We feel saved.” – Atukwase Evalyne, Chairperson, Kaziko Spring**

“In 2008, we tried to build our own well, but it failed. For years we drank pond water and were always sick. RWIDF and Ryan’s Well have changed our lives. This new spring is strong and reliable.”

 **“Now I can pay school fees.” – Keihari Dinavence, Single Mother**

“Dirty water brought us constant illness. Now with this new spring, we are healthy, and I can save for my children’s education. Thank you for this life-saving support.”

 **“Clean water means safety.” – Twongirwe Allen, Grandmother**

“Fetching water from an animal pond exposed us to snakes and disease. I’m now at peace knowing my grandchildren are safe and drinking clean water.”

 **“A leader with a purpose.” – Turyamwijuka Julius, LC1 Chairperson**

“I donated the land for the spring. This is the most impactful thing to happen to our village this year. Thank you for ending years of suffering with one gift—clean water.”

 **“This is the best gift of the year.” – Natukunda Gloria, Advocate for Women**

“I demanded action from our leaders. Now our community has safe water, thanks to RWIDF and Ryan’s Well Foundation. My children will not suffer like I did.”

Outlook and Next Steps

- Construction of the remaining 2 water sources affected by land disputes.
- Deliver formal WASH training to all 13 Water User Committees.
- Launch Phase 2 sanitation interventions, including drainable latrines.
- Begin soap-making training and VSLA group formation.











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