



SUMMARY REPORT

End of 2nd Phase Report – December 2025
RWIDF & Ryan's Well Foundation

Project Title:

Access to Safe Water and Improved Sanitation & Hygiene Practices for Chronically Vulnerable Communities in Rukungiri, Mitooma, and Ntungamo Districts (2025–2026).

Overview

The project aims to expand access to clean water, improved sanitation, and hygiene practices, while empowering women through community-based initiatives. The overall target is **9,650 beneficiaries** across three districts.

During this reporting period, **4,447 people** directly benefited from completed water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions.

Beneficiary Table – July to December 2025

Water Source Type	Location(s)	Beneficiaries During This Period	Details
Low-yield Water Sources (2)	Kateramo & Butembe	305 people	Households now accessing safe spring water instead of rivers/ponds.
Rainwater Harvesting Tanks (8)	6 Primary Schools, 1 Secondary School, 1 Vocational Institute	3,494 students (2,252 girls; 1,242 boys)	Reliable clean water for drinking, handwashing, cooking, cleaning, and menstrual hygiene.
VIP Latrines – 4 Stance (2)	Katokye Upper P/S & Rwoya P/S	648 learners	Improved sanitation, privacy, safety, and reduced disease exposure.
Community Sensitization & Caretaker Awareness Sessions	All 12 project sites	4,447 total beneficiaries (includes households & students above)	Improved hygiene practices and establishment of Water User Committees.

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Key Achievements

1. Water Source Construction

- Two spring tanks completed and operational in Kateramo and Butembe.
- Communities now have daily access to safe and clean water.

2. Rainwater Harvesting Systems

- Eight 30,000-litre tanks constructed across schools.
- Direct transformation for over **3,494 learners**, improving:
 - Handwashing practices
 - School attendance
 - Menstrual hygiene
 - Cleanliness of school compounds

3. Sanitation Improvements

- Two VIP latrines constructed, replacing unsafe and overflowing facilities.
- Significant improvements in privacy, safety, and disease prevention.

4. Community Engagement

- Community mobilization completed at all sites.
- Water User Committees formed and scheduled for training.
- Increased awareness of hygiene, sanitation, and water source management.

Immediate Changes Observed

- Safe water available within communities and schools.
- Improved hygiene practices: handwashing at key times, safe water storage, cleaner environments.
- Reduced absenteeism and increased class participation.

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- Healthier environments both at household and school levels.
- Greater community ownership and pride in the facilities.

Successes

- Strong community support and participation, especially from PTAs and women.
- High-quality construction achieved due to close monitoring and timely material supply.
- Very positive feedback from headteachers, parents, students, and community leaders.
- Clear early impact visible in health, hygiene, and school attendance.

Challenges

- Heavy rains caused flooding in latrine pits, slowing progress.
- Political campaigns disrupted mobilization and activity schedules.
- Cultural resistance to new hygiene practices in some villages.
- Increased prices of key materials during implementation

Lessons Learned

- PTAs are crucial for the success and sustainability of school-based interventions.
- Women are strong drivers of mobilization and community support.
- Deeper engagement with men is needed to ensure shared responsibility.
- Behaviour change requires continuous sensitization, follow-up, and training.
- Community-led maintenance structures are essential for long-term success.

Outlook for Next Phase

- Training of Water User Committees across all sites.
- Additional hygiene and sanitation education sessions.
- Continued supervision and community follow-up for sustainability.
- Final phase implementation activities early in 2026.



Rainwater Harvesting
Tank: Happy Faces at
St. Luke Bukuba P/S-
Rukungiri District





Katokye P/School.

Each student standing has a hidden potential that will be unlocked by access to safe clean water.

The students at Rujumbura Institute-Rukungiri District, Happy
to have safe clean water.





The smiling students at Katagata-Rukungiri District, Happy to have safe clean water.



Rainwater Harvesting Tank: Happy Faces at Nyakishwojwa Sec. School-Rukungiri District.



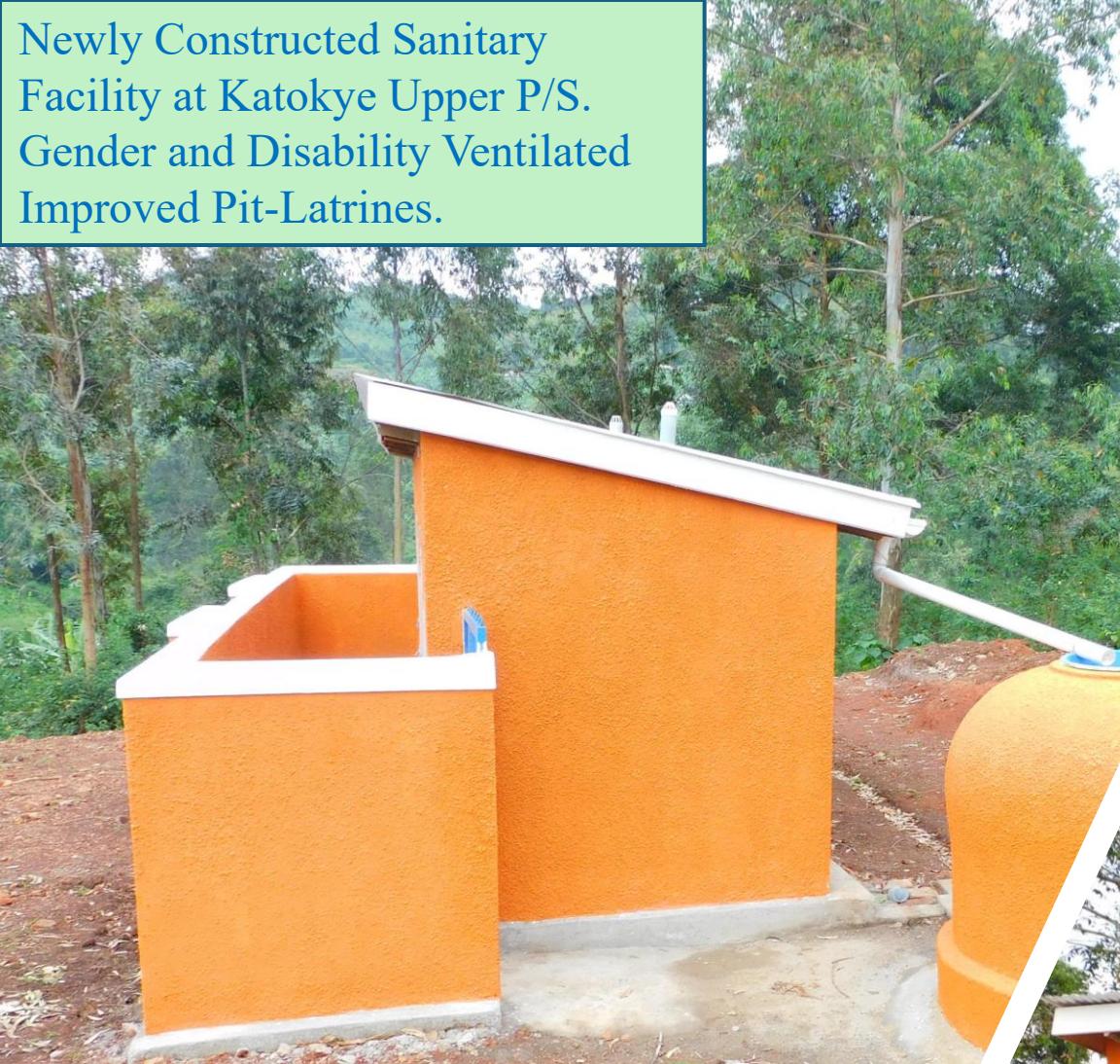


The students at Kanyondo
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Newly Constructed Sanitary Facility at Katokye Upper P/S.
Gender and Disability Ventilated
Improved Pit-Latrines.



Happy Users
among over 400
Residents of
Kateramo
Village. Now all
have safe clean
water.



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