

2018/2019



SCHOOL



CHALLENGE

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About the 2018/2019 School Challenge

The *School Challenge* offers an exciting and unique opportunity for young people of any age to get involved and create positive change in the world. We build a water and sanitation project *while* you do your fundraising! You will receive regular updates with pictures and stories of the project direct from the field so you know *exactly* where your money is going.

LOCATION: AMACH SUB-COUNTY, LIRA DISTRICT, NORTHERN UGANDA

PROJECT COST: \$36,980.00

Providing access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene services are key factors in improving student health, knowledge and educational outcomes. This is because access to safe water facilities on the school premises encourages full school attendance; the provision of latrines or other facilities that promote hygiene and sanitation (hand washing stations) reduces the rate of

water-borne diseases; and menstrual hygiene education for both boys and girls creates safe learning environments. As a result, *students are empowered to reach their full potential and become agents of change in their communities*. When water is not piped to the home or school, the burden of fetching it falls disproportionately on women and children, especially girls, which leads to education deficits and increases their risk of poverty, poor health, and jeopardizes their well-being. However, improving access to water supply increases participation in education and addresses inequalities, which consequently supports sustainable development in multiple sectors. By providing males and females the same opportunity to participate in decision-making and the provision of WASH services, these projects ensure more equitable access to education, and in turn, economic opportunity.

Students at 9 schools in Amach sub-county, Uganda, miss hours of class every day to walk several kilometers to get water for their families. This makes it extremely difficult for them to stay on track with their education and may result in them having to drop out of school entirely. This is because time spent gathering water is time they are unable to spend learning to read, write, or engaging in community activities. This year, we will be rehabilitating one deep well, constructing one deep well, constructing two 5-stance drainable latrines, and training 9 schools and neighbouring community members how to make RUMPS (Reusable Menstrual Pads for Students). This project will provide approximately **2,250 people** with access to potable water.

What can you do to help?

The School Challenge is an exciting opportunity to bring real change to the world and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many people! Join schools from around the world in fundraising for this year's School Challenge. Read about [fundraising ideas](#) to be inspired to bring clean water to Uganda.



Ryan's Well has partnered with Cyberhero League, an educational gaming adventure, to create their 20th Anniversary Back-to-School Adventure. The adventure, designed especially for Ryan's Well, gives kids a way to fundraise while learning about water and sanitation-related issues and tackling global challenges. To learn more about Cyberhero League or to start your quest, please visit <https://cyberheroleague.com/ryanswell/>

Who implements the project in Uganda?

Executive Director of Divine Waters Uganda (DWU), Ocen Moses Deleo, and his staff look forward to implementing this year's school challenge for 2018-19. Ryan's Well Foundation has worked in partnership with Divine Waters since 2003, providing safe water, adequate sanitation and improved health for hundreds of communities in Northern Uganda. Community members are involved in all decision making aspects of the projects, which leads to project ownership and long term self-sustainability of the communities. Divine Waters Uganda has trained countless members of WSSCs (Water Management Committees) and students in WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene). Through its proven technical expertise in water development, commitment to

community-led programming and innovative WASH promotion strategies, the Divine Waters Uganda team has continually excelled in WASH programming and implementation.

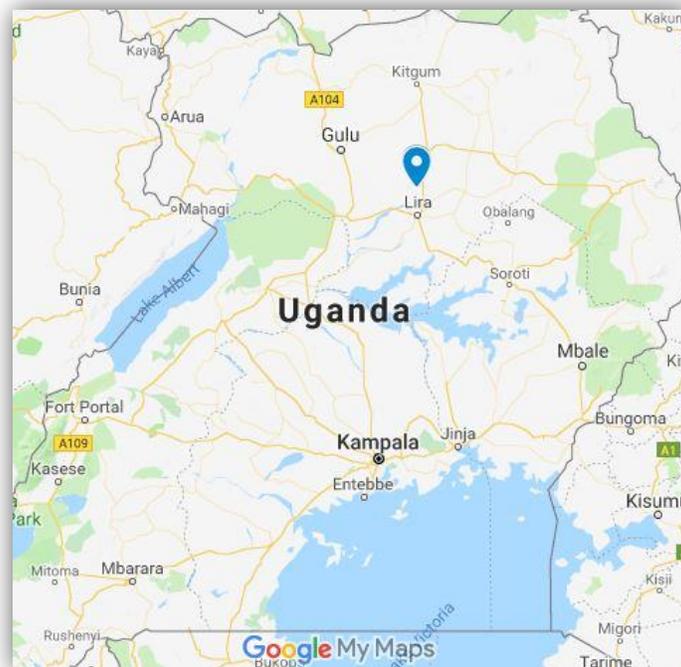
What will the funds raised support?

- Construction of 1 deep well at Ayito Primary School
- Rehabilitation of 1 deep well at Ateri Primary School
- Construction of 2 x 5-stance drainable latrines (with extra stance for girl's change room)
- Construction of 2 x 2500L rain water harvesting jars for hand washing at each latrine
- Mobilize Schools/Communities and support WSSC organization x9
- Extensive WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Training for all 9 schools (students and staff)
- Menstrual Health Training and RUMPS (Reusable Menstrual Pads for Students) Training for 9 schools, as well as for mothers within the communities surrounding the schools
- Train and support teachers to lead a school WASH club and to make RUMPS
- Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation

Schools from around the world will be fundraising and following the progress of this project, starting at the beginning of the New Year in January 2019 and continuing until June 2019. To be a part of this year's school challenge in Northern Uganda, visit our website at www.ryanswell.ca/signup

Contact info@ryanswell.ca for more information or to request a Skype Appearance with Ryan!

Project Location: Amach Subcounty, Lira District, Northern Uganda, East Africa



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What makes the School Challenge so different?

Construction for these unique projects begin *while* participating students are fundraising! This means they'll received regular updates, including pictures and stories, so they can see first-hand the impact of their involvement.

How long will it take to complete this project?

As participating schools raise funds throughout the school year, the School Challenge projects will launch in January and the anticipated completion date is sometime in the spring (May to June).

Who can participate in the School Challenge?

We encourage anyone to join the School Challenge! Whether you're at a traditional school, being home schooled, in a youth group or a club.

What happens when we reach our fundraising goal?

If the funds raised upon project completion surpass our goal and the pledges submitted by participating schools, we will direct additional funds raised towards another important project. There are always projects needing your support so all fundraising campaigns will make a difference! Should this fortunate situation occur, we will then also provide information on the additional project(s) to participating schools.

Can we book an appearance to meet Ryan?

Yes! Please fill out the online form to book Ryan for an in-person presentation or Skype appearance.

How to Sign Up for the 2018/2019 School Challenge

The teacher or group leader must fill out the following form:

<https://www.ryanswell.ca/in-the-classroom/school-challenge-sign-up/>

