



Completion Report

COD-ADB-CWC-P01, Bukavu, DR Congo
Reporting Period: January – August 2019

Clean Water for DR Congo – Democratic Republic of Congo

Budget: \$29,000 for a one-year project – Fully funded. Thank you!

The Project:

This project built on an Entrust-supported project in 2017 which funded six new water sources on Idjwi island in Lake Kivu in eastern DRC. Focusing on water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) training, together with clean water sources, the project provided clean water for nine communities in south Idjwi directly assisting 22,378 people according to the statistics provided by community leaders; a great result that makes a huge difference in one of life's most basic necessities!

Progress Against Objectives:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between our partner's office, the health zone and the newly formed village water communities at the beginning of the project with 18 water committee members receiving training on how to take responsibility for management and maintenance
- Nine areas were identified in areas of need in consultation with various stakeholders. Six were completed during this reporting period after scoping the terrain, logistical preparation and base-line surveys
- WASH training was held in each village to teach and reinforce correct water use. This is an essential component of the project as there is much ignorance around this
- Follow-up of the nine villages on three occasions (minimum) to ensure all is going as planned and to reinforce and encourage the proper use of the new water source
- The roads on Idjwi are poor and mountainous and transportation of materials is a challenge. The local communities literally climbed the mountains with materials and equipment – that's community involvement!
- Celebration events were held in the villages to mark the special occasion – it not only signifies the end of the building works but a great way for community to work together for mutual benefit
- After the Entrust visit in June, small modifications to improve some of the water sources was undertaken, providing a buffer against contamination of the water sources from mud and dirt during the rainy season



Jenny Crameri, Entrust Project Manager, visited the project in June. She said, *"There was a cholera outbreak on the island when we visited. This is literally killing people and it's due to unclean water. Next to malaria, this is the biggest killer on the island, so it's imperative that we are helping to bring clean water to these poor communities. Our partners are doing a great job, working with local health authorities to make this happen. This is really strategic – there is less illness, more time to work and to attend school and less time spent collecting water as the water sources are more accessible."*

Jenny Crameri discussing logistics with partners on Idjwi