



## Clean Water, Healthy Life

**Budget:** \$32,125 for Year 1. Fully funded.

### The Project:

This two-year project is with an existing partner with demonstrated results and impact. This project is constructing a deep bore well and providing filters, WASH education (water, sanitation and hygiene), storage facilities and tapware to the impoverished community of 2,600 in Bulamagi, 125 kms east of Kampala. The nearest water source is 1km away which is time-consuming and inefficient for a community who want to break the poverty cycle. Often children bear the brunt of many hours of carrying water. The one local water source is a shallow well which dries up over the dry season and results in the community having to buy water from elsewhere or use unsafe water sources in the district.



### Update:

- Fifty-five filters have been distributed to the community, with recipients contributing 20% of the cost. The money collected will help purchase additional filters and water-based solutions. Construction of the well and storage tanks will commence soon. A community-led initiative will see the originally planned petrol-driven pump replaced with solar technology, a more cost-effective and sustainable solution.
- Reports indicate the incidence of sickness, such as cholera and typhoid, has significantly reduced through the use of the water filters. The results have been so evident that the rest of the community are now waiting to get filters! Many families have built stands for their filters, giving them pride of place in their homes, and are making sure they maintain them well. In addition, the WASH training program has yielded excellent results with many commenting that they were unaware of basic sanitation and safe food preparation techniques. They are now applying their new skills to their daily lives.
- School attendance has increased due in large part to the reduction of sickness. This is expected to increase further once the well has been fully commissioned and families no longer have the time-consuming task of gathering water.
- One local leader who used to spend large sums on water now does not need to buy any. She was so impressed with not only the cost savings but also the health benefits that she threw a party to encourage others to use filters and so avoid diseases. So far she has assisted 37 new families to raise funds and they are now waiting for filters to be distributed. What a joy to hear – thank-you!

