

Clean water, healthy life!

UGA-MET-WAT-P02



Bulamagi, Uganda



Water

Total Budget

Project Timeline

\$76,200

JAN 19

DEC 20



Overview

This two-year project constructed a deep bore well and provided water filters, WASH education (water, sanitation and hygiene), storage facilities and tapware to the impoverished community of 2,600 in Bulamagi. Obtaining clean water was 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. Our partner reports the result was better than expected, despite COVID-19. Community buy-in and infrastructure have transformed this community. A solar pump was added to the project to reduce long-term costs. Clean water tests show very high results. This project brings clean water to this area for decades!

Objectives



A deep bore well, 2 tanks and filters

Impact

A deep bore well was constructed and two water tanks with tap outlets have brought water collection down from 3 hours per day to 30 mins. The strategic placement of tanks has been very effective. 144 water filters have been distributed.



Huge community impact!

A huge outcome has been the community coming together - donating the land, helping with labour and offering solutions. Several community leaders assisted with WASH training and an effective water committee was formed.



A life transformed!

Mirabu Kayanga is very happy and says her family's life has changed considerably. "My children took hours to collect water and it was a worrisome time. They also used to vomit and have diarrhoea all the time, but this has changed with the water project. I have started a piggery and poultry project as well as a garden as I know there is enough water. My income has increased, we are much healthier and my children are at school more. I want to help other women to start projects. My children were always scared to collect water but now they are excited!



Life change

- knowledge and behaviours are assisting a much healthier lifestyle
- since WASH training, health has improved by 90% survey results show, and there is more opportunity to work. Many have started new businesses
- increased school attendance and improved grades - a priority for villagers
- villagers working together cooperatively to build their community - so effective and there is more harmony between villagers - less fighting and squabbling over water

