

## Tapping into Health and Hygiene



Idjwi Island, Dem Rep of Congo



Water

Budget \$84,833

Project Timeline

FUNDED

DEC 21

DEC 23

### Overview

This fourth project with our partner will fund new water sources on North Idjwi in Lake Kivu, eastern DRC. Focusing on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) training together with construction of a water catchment system. This project will provide clean water for the estimated 18,709 residents of the Kishenyi locality, benefitting a school for orphans, other social structures such as health centres and local churches/community centres, and the very disadvantaged pygmy communities. Latrines and a handwashing station will also be built for the school. The project complements a government program designed to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by unclean water and poor, or no, knowledge of WASH in villages and schools.

### Impact for June - Dec 22

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**31 participants received WASH training**



in September in order to teach their communities about hygiene and sanitation. The project was "handed over" to the community who held a celebration ceremony!

**11 stand pipes and a reservoir were built**

in the first six months of the project. They have since been surveyed again and reinforced where needed. All taps are functioning well and providing clean water across the community, making a huge difference!

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**Entrust Project Manager Jenny**



and CEO Richard visited the project in July with our partners and met with local officials, community leaders and members, and visited the water sources. Locals had added timber fences to protect the water sources. Community ownership is vital in the success of a project.

### The Water Management Committee

received training and a basic maintenance kit. This is integral to the success of the project. There will be some monitoring post-project to support the community.



- Water pressure at the school is too high so a plastic tank will be added to control water flow
- Over 18,000 are estimated to be living in this area, so this is a huge benefit. Having clean water is a game-changer!
- The project timeline has been extended to allow good planning for the latrines and hand washing station at the school



### Clean water - hooray!

Marius is a teacher at the school where two standpipes have been constructed on the school grounds. He said, "At last we have clean water at our school! We have been waiting for this for so long. Our children are studying in better conditions than before for sure. Water-borne diseases and scabies are a big issue. Children will have fewer sick days and will learn more. It will be great when the toilets and hand washing station are in place. What an improvement to this poor community. I see the smile on the children's faces every day. There is plenty of water! Our big thanks!"



**Thank you for making a difference**