



Dear Supporting Churches

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much for your continued support to the project. Your contributions enable us to execute tremendous work and your prayers are of a blessing to us and the communities with which we work and serve.

In the last financial year ending March, the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Programme has served rural poor with water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities, gravity flow schemes, protection of springs, skills based trainings for artisans and women groups, and training in integrated development. The provision of safe water for consumption has allowed us to construct three gravity flow schemes (GFS) and two extensions of the already existing schemes as indicated below:-

- Ihunga GFS with 44 tap stands benefiting 4620 rural people
- Bugarama GFS with 25 tap stands benefiting 2625 rural people
- Nyakashebeya with 35 tap stands benefiting 3675 rural people
- Muguri GSF (Extension) 5 tap stands benefiting 525 rural people
- Kinyamari (Extension) 12 tap stands benefiting 1260 rural people
- 1 Water trough benefiting 230 cows around Nyakashebeya GFS source

With your support and prayers we have protected 12 springs benefiting 3,730 people. Their water source is protected which gives an assurance of safe water right from the source to points of consumption.

We have utilised rain water harvesting technologies and have constructed 100 big water jars (1500 litres) benefiting 615 rural people, 522 small water jars (420 litres) benefiting 2809 people, 262 water tanks benefiting 1641 people, 12 institutional tanks benefiting 3710 people, 9 demonstration tanks benefiting 2186 and 50 flexible tanks benefiting 294 people all living on hill tops.

We have also constructed 100 bio-sand filters benefiting 1207 rural people in communities with contaminated water sources.

Note from the Connected Church team: We've just done a quick calculation and this adds up to a grand total of 28,897 people benefitting from the provision of live-giving water. Incredible!

Clean water, clean clothes

Winnie Bamuhigire aged 28 years has benefited from a bio-sand filter. She is a married resident of Nyamiringa community in Bubaare Sub County. She is married to a taxi driver and they have two children aged 6 years and 5 months. Winnie is a housewife and lives in an extended family that is now able to access clean and safe water. Winnie told us that she has no white clothes because before this, the only water available for washing is very dirty and is collected from a nearby pond.



Photo: Winnie's son, Taremwa fetches water from the sand filter



Photos above: Winnie compares the past and present water

Sanitation and hygiene activities

Sanitation and hygiene facilities have been also introduced to communities with 756 hand washing facilities benefiting 5536 people and 643 san plats benefiting 3758 people. (San plats are cement slabs with a hole in the middle that are placed over pit latrines to provide safer, more hygienic toilet facilities).

77 individuals (36 males and 41 females) have been trained in the construction of WASH facilities and 9 community development teams (CDTs) have been trained to foster development initiatives in their communities.

200 community elected teams have been trained to promote and maintain WASH facilities and practices in their communities. 566 WATSAN (water and sanitation) committee members (216 females and 350 males) have been elected and trained to manage their WATSAN projects. 185 tap stand committee members (83 females and 102 males) have been trained in the communities of Kinyamari and Ihunga and have been trained in their roles and responsibilities in operation and maintenance. 99 WATSAN committee members (24 females and 75 males) have also be trained in book and record keeping.

3 Exposure visits have been organised for different WATSANS and CDTs to learn from other communities. 64 leaders have benefited. 21 community meetings have been conducted to ensure that communities are trained in general health education, integrated development and environment management.

9 scheme attendants, 10 spring water caretakers and 1 trouble shooter for bio sand filters have been trained for the future management of these projects.

Spiritual Transformation

Tumukunde Agnes, 25 is married to Byamugisha Peter. They have two children, Niwamanya Anacret and Akantorana Gildo. Anacret is supported by Compassion International. Through the treatment organised by Compassion, Agnes went through VCT (voluntary counselling and testing for HIV), from which she came out to be HIV positive. Her two children have also been tested but they are negative. However, her husband has not tested. He refused to be convinced by his wife. Agnes is now on seprine prophylaxis and has been encouraged by the programme to carry out a test which will determine whether she begins taking ARVs.



Agnes with Anacret and Gildo

Agnes is one of the people who has had a ferrocement tank constructed at her household. Previously, they used to fetch their water from a swamp in a 3km round trip. The water source was unprotected and contaminated. When asked about how she feels now that she has a tank at her household, she said,

“This is a blessing from God. I am so excited and my love for God has increased and I am encouraged to love my church. I have a hope that I will live longer because I now have safe water near my house – I will have enough to drink and we (my children and I) will no longer have the burden of fetching water from a long distance”

Social Transformation

It has been 12 years since Kaburabuza Wilson, who is about 86 years old, lost his wife. He lives alone and has four daughters and one son. One daughter died and the others are married. His son is also married and lives about 4km away from his home. Kaburabuza collects water himself (a 2km round trip) and can only carry a 3-litre container. He confesses that he rarely bathes (often once a week) or cooks for himself.

His house was grass thatched but recently he sold a small piece of land and bought roofing sheets. The community helped him gather the poles and provided all the labour for roofing. KDWSP were involved in ensuring that his house is renovated to make it a better place to live in and constructed a ferrocement tank to address his water problems. He is now very happy and hopes to improve sanitation and hygiene in his home.



Photos: Kaburabuza at his house before renovation and after renovation with the tank constructed by KDWSP

Prayer requests

- God's protection upon the people of Kacereere who were affected by floods in March 2011; a gravity flow scheme source, collection chamber and main line were destroyed. In addition three villages and six homes were washed away by the same landslides and the floods. We pray for the availability of funds for the rehabilitation of the gravity flow scheme that was destroyed.
- New and strong vehicles for safe programme field trips in the rough terrain and poor road networks; we are currently working under tension.
- Continued partnerships and collaborations between Diocese of Kigezi Water Sanitation Programme, Tearfund and the communities in which we work and those we are yet to engage.
- Strengthened collaborations and partnerships between our local churches and UK local churches.
- Unity, oneness and universality of the church of Christ.
- The sick members of our communities and the poor communities who still need our intervention and other forms of encouragement.
- KDWSP team as they work hard to execute all the activities planned for this financial year amidst raising inflation which has affected the price for everything. As a result, the cost of living has become very high and also for political and social stability.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support that help us realise all the achievements.

In his service

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About the project

The Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Programme (KDWSP) is part of the Anglican Church of Uganda and works in communities in Uganda's mountainous south-west to provide safe water and sanitation facilities.

The project has improved general health, and children, mostly girls, who had previously had to fetch water can now attend school. KDWSP also trains community members to maintain facilities to ensure they last.

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