

Uganda

Water and Sanitation Programme

Partner: The Kigezi Diocese

Amount required: £100,000 annually

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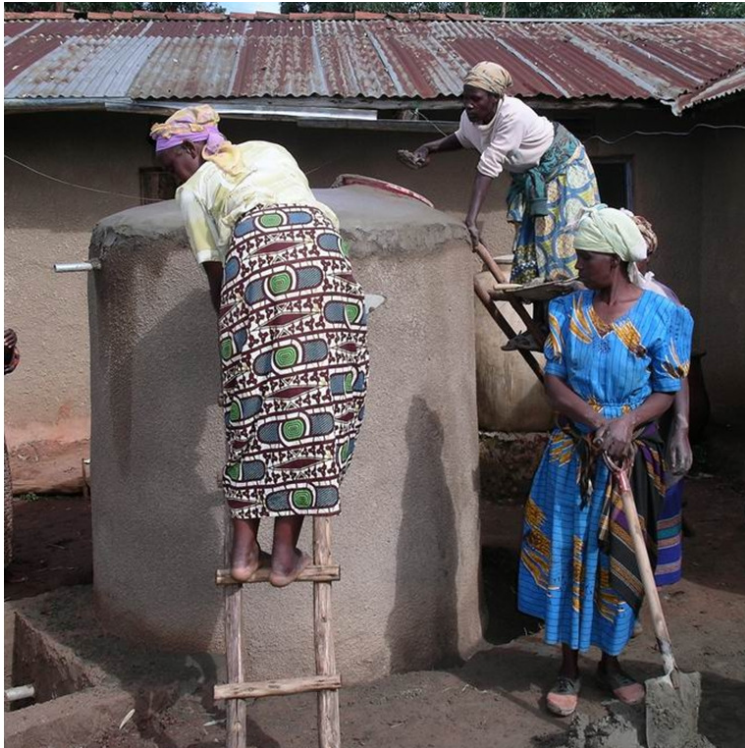


photo: Sealing the top of a water tank/Tearfund

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

Key activities

- **Health and hygiene education**
trained staff teach about the importance of good hygiene and safe water.
- **Access to clean water**
rainwater tanks are built, water pipes are laid, taps are installed and springs are protected.
- **Training of community members**
Water Committees are trained to ensure that the facilities are maintained and repaired. Women's groups are trained to build rainwater tanks.
- **HIV education**
Campaigns are conducted to encourage people to go for testing. Those living with HIV are given rainwater jars to improve health by collecting safe water.

Objectives of project:
Providing safe water and sanitation facilities in communities. 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.

Prayer points

- For new, corporate donors to support the project.
- For men to get involved in the project, and overcome their past reluctance.
- For wisdom in responding to the changing patterns of rainfall.

Project impact

- 25,000 people gain improved access to safe water and sanitation facilities.
- 250 Water Committee members are trained. £3 trains one person.
- 700 rainwater jars and small water tanks are built. £25 builds a 400-litre tank, providing one household with safe water.
- Ten large water tanks are built. £1,000 builds a 20,000 litre tank, providing a school or church with safe water.
- 600 people go for voluntary counselling and HIV testing.
- 30 people living with HIV are provided with safe water.

Future plans

Rainfall in Kigezi is becoming increasingly erratic. KDWSP is making alterations to their project to respond to this.

It is also strengthening links with the Government of Uganda (who recently awarded the programme a prize for excellence) and other organisations to encourage the good practice in this project to be replicated in others.