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Severe Water Shortages

CROPS are FAILING

ANIMALS are DYING

NO CLEAN DRINKING WATER

For every £150 raised we can supply a family with a water tank and gutting allowing them to harvest free life saving clean water.

For every £2000 raised we can supply and install a rain water harvesting system with a 30,000lt ferro cement water tank to a school.

Uganda is currently experiencing **severe water shortages** due to prolonged and particularly hot dry seasons. This is causing huge problems for the people and animals. Many rivers, streams, reservoirs and water tanks are completely dry. The lack of clean



Rain water harvesting system and water tank

water is causing the incidence of typhoid and cholera to increase. Schools who would normally have access to water now have nothing and are purely reliant on children bringing water from home, however, many homes have no water either. ***This situation is becoming critical and with your help we now need to make a huge effort to install as many rain water harvesting systems into schools and homes as possible.***

Rain Water Harvesting Projects

When installing rain water harvesting systems we currently use plastic water tanks, however, we are now being advised that these are not big enough to last through the dry season. We have therefore looked into improving this situation to ensure funds are well spent on lasting products that will benefit everyone for as long as possible.

Akampa Moses, Project Representative, recently visited a large secondary school in the process of building their own 30,000lt ferro cement rain water storage tank. This system involves making a concrete base, forming the round structure for the tank with steel reinforced cement and chicken mesh, and then rendering the

mesh with a sand and cement mixture. All of the products used in this construction are readily available in the local area, therefore, also boosting the local economy.

Ferro cement tank under construction



Students collecting water from a nearby spring





Typical sub-standard washrooms



New washroom under construction



Bwanga Secondary School

This school was desperate for help as it had absolutely no washing facilities for the boarding girls at all! Girls were expected to wash behind the hedge next to the pit latrine shared with the female staff. The school had no water supply, forcing students to walk 1/2km to the nearest community tap.

During our visit we constructed each school a large well ventilated brick washroom block with 10 individual washing cubicles, laundry area and rain water harvesting system with large storage tanks. As always we employed local labour and used every stage of the construction process as an opportunity to teach new skills and share good building practice. We also sourced materials locally in order to boost the local economy. Akampa Moses gave handover ceremonies at each school on completion of the project, which also included information on the significant health benefits of using the washrooms for students.

St. Peter's Secondary School

This mixed day and boarding school has a population of 392 students. The girls washroom consisted of timber posts and rusty iron sheets with no roof and loose rubble for the flooring. There is no source of clean water at the school so students walk 1 1/2 km, crossing the main road, to fetch water for bathing, drinking and cooking.

The importance of promoting the sharing of skills and knowledge

During project visits we try to take every opportunity to share and teach as many new skills as possible to those working on and living locally to the projects.

Skills shared/taught during this years visit:

- new manufacturing techniques for furniture making
- how to build a wood burning stove
- ongoing training in all aspects of construction, tailoring, cooking, and design and construction of basic playground equipment, such as swings, seesaws and balancing beams
- the construction methods for making composting toilets as a hygienic alternative to traditional long drops

These initiatives have no cost implications to Project Uganda but follow our belief that teaching Ugandans new skills enabling them to find employment and improve health allows them to become self-sufficient, which is key to a brighter future.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Come and see our beautiful rural crafts on sale at:

Celebrating Winterslow Day

Winterbourne Christmas Craft Fair—18th Nov

Winterslow Christmas Craft Fair—18th Nov

Christmas Tree on display-St Thomas' Church, Salisbury-Dec

Barn Dance with 'Scrape the Barrel'—19th May '18

