

About Wells of Life

Wells of Life is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Christian organization whose mission is to provide rural Ugandans access to safe, clean water through the installation or restoration of sustainable borehole water wells and WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) educational programs.

Our wells are collectively serving more than 1 Million people!

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HEALTHY VILLAGE PROGRAM (WASH)

2021 Impact Report

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Healthy Village Program Overview

Lack of access to clean water, combined with poor sanitation and hygiene practices remain the greatest challenge for rural villages and schools in Uganda. Wells of Life has undertaken the life-altering task of addressing those challenges by means of the Healthy Village Program (HVP). The installation of new or restored wells, along with comprehensive training 9-month training on improving sanitation and hygiene mark the tasks accomplished in our HVP.

In 2021 the Healthy Village Program was implemented in 2,275 households and 14,785 individuals in 20 villages and 10 schools. The goals of this strategic one-year project were to (1) Improve Overall Quality of Life, (2) Reduce Illness, and (3) Save Lives. All goals were achieved.



SCHOOL PROJECTS	OUTCOMES	NOTES
Decrease in School Absenteeism	60% Reduction in school absenteeism	NOTE: One of the primary goals of the HVP is to provide an opportunity for girls to enjoy increased attendance in school due to time to collect water and to prevent both boys and girls from missing school due to illness caused by drinking contaminated water.
Menstrual Pad Distribution	100% of girls received reusable menstrual kits	NOTE: The She-for-She menstrual pad kits include 3 reusable pads, a pair of underwear, and a bar of soap. Many of the kits were distributed by a team of Miss Uganda winners who are highly respected by the girls.
New Latrines for Girls in 5 Schools	750 girls now have private latrine access	NOTE: 750 girls now enjoy newfound privacy with high-quality latrines to be used strictly by girls. The ratio of "girls to latrines" is now 22 girls per latrine station as opposed to 161 girls per latrine station before the new installation. Because of the gracious giving at the Legacy Circle Gala, 5 schools received new latrines at a cost of \$7,500 each.
Handwashing Stations in Schools	7 Schools received 1000 Liter handwashing stations	NOTE: The Handwashing Stations are built to capture runoff rainwater. 3 schools integrated the infrastructure to build gutters that capture rainwater.

VILLAGE PROJECTS	OUTCOMES	NOTES
Water Collection & Distance Time	89% Of users now walk less than 1km	NOTES: Before the installation of new wells, villagers were walking 3-5 kilometers to find water from dirty water sources. Now, a total of 89% of users walk less than 1 kilometer, with 60% walking less than 30 minutes to access clean water!
Latrine Coverage	95% Improvement in Latrine Coverage	NOTE: The installation of latrines at each household reduces the temptation to defecate in bushes or behind trees. Open defecation is a very serious problem because it leads to bacterial contamination carried by flies. In addition, open defecation can contaminate water sources.
Latrine Lids	55% of household latrines are equipped with lids	NOTE: 55% of household latrines are equipped with lids covering the waste collection spot (a 36% improvement). As mentioned above, flies are a major culprit for contamination.
Handwashing Stations at Latrines	55% Of latrines have handwashing stations	NOTE: Handwashing stations significantly reduce the transportation of bacteria from dirty hands after latrine usage.
Bathing Stations for Women & Girls	33% of households built bathing shelters	NOTE: Typically, women must bathe in the open or behind bushes. Privacy was essentially non-existent until Wells of Life introduced the idea of erecting small bathing stations to protect the privacy of women and girls.

Conclusion

In 2019-20 Wells of Life conducted our initiatory Pilot of the Healthy Village Program. The successes of the project convinced us to continue to invest time, energy, and money. In our second program in 2021, we noted even greater value to village communities. HVP will remain one of the three major programs of Wells of Life: new wells, restored wells, and Healthy Village Program.