

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)

2022 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.

Notably, in 2023, a significant change was made as the HVP program was restructured from a year-long initiative to a six-month program in Mityana District. This six-month period was further divided into two phases, the first running from January to June, and the second from July to December. During each phase, the HVP program was implemented in 15 villages and 10 schools, emphasizing the commitment to improving the quality of life, reducing illness, and saving lives in these communities.



SCHOOL PROJECTS	OUTCOMES	NOTES
Decrease in School Absenteeism	67% 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. 2,300 Menstrual Hygiene Management Kits distributed to 2,300 girls.
New Latrines for Girls in 5 Schools	1,050 girls now have private latrine access	NOTE: 1,050 girls now enjoy newfound privacy with high-quality latrines to be used strictly by girls. The ratio of "girls to latrines" is now 32 girls per latrine station as opposed to 105 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 \$5,000 each.
Handwashing Stations in Schools	20 Schools received 1,000 Liter handwashing stations	NOTE: The Handwashing Stations are built to capture runoff rainwater. These schools integrated the infrastructure to build gutters that capture rainwater.

VILLAGE PROJECTS	OUTCOMES	NOTES
Water Collection & Distance Time	90% 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 90% of users walk less than a kilometer. 46% spend less than 30 minutes fetching water.
Latrine Coverage	98% 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.
Jesus Film	99% of churches showing the Jesus Film	NOTE: The new Jesus film program approach has led to almost 99% involvement of churches and their leaders in the showing of the film. A total of 11,957 people were reached with the film, and of those, 3,862 made a decision to follow Christ because of it.
Handwashing Stations at Latrines	82% 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	82% 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 the years spanning from 2019 to 2023, the Healthy Village Program underwent significant expansion and adaptation. In 2019, the program was initially introduced in 20 villages and 2 schools. In 2020, due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the program was temporarily suspended. However, in 2021, it resumed in 20 villages and expanded to include 10 schools. The year 2022 marked a remarkable milestone, with the program being extended to 30 villages and 26 schools, with a distribution of 20 villages and 16 schools in Mityana and 10 villages and 10 schools in Kabale. In 2023, this positive trajectory continued, as the program reached 40 villages and 28 schools, with 30 villages and 20 schools in Mityana and 10 villages and 8 schools in Kabale.