

Water Project Report 2019



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International Needs (IN) has been running a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme in Buikwe District, Uganda, since 2017. With a total population of approximately 450,000 people across the district. IN have focussed their support in two sub-counties, spanning 12 villages. 2020 is the final year of a three-year programme with these specific villages, and we are delighted to share the updates with you about the long-term change you are helping us to bring in this communities, despite the current challenges.

With your support, we are helping families to improve their health through providing better access to clean water and sanitation. In this time of global crisis, we are reminded more than ever how important good sanitation is. As the country of Uganda takes precautionary measures to stop the spread of Coronavirus, we are encouraged that the communities we have worked in have been trained in good hygiene practices and have better access to sanitation facilities such as handwashing.

This report summarises the work we have undertaken in 2019 and its impact for the 12 villages we have worked with. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this work through regular donations, fundraising, grants and partnering with villages. We hope you will be encouraged by the transformation this work is bringing and will commit to helping us take this work further, reaching more villages.

Thank you!!



Joan (pictured on the right above) lives in Lubanyi village. She says:

“Before the help of International Needs, it was such a difficult time for me and my siblings. We used to travel at least 2km to fetch water from a nearby open well. But this well was very busy with many people waiting to collect water. We would not be able to fetch water till late.

*The new borehole sunk in our village has provided us with clean and reliable water which has **changed everything for me and others**. We are safe from waterborne diseases, we spend less time collecting water and we spend more time at school. My Mum now also has time to start a business to improve our homes and contribute towards my scholastic materials.”*

In Lubanyi Village, we have been able to provide: a new borehole well, repair two springs, provide a water tank for Joan’s school, train the community in good hygiene, and much more!

12 Villages	Population	INUK Funding Partners
Lubanyi	2,434	IN New Zealand Supporters
Misindye	2,892	The Street and Birkett Families
Nalubabwe	732	IN New Zealand Supporters
Lweru	2,155	St John’s Church Burscough
Buvunya	1,564	INTEC Print Solutions
Monde	494	Neil & Rachele Perrett
Bulyasi	1,058	Purley Baptist Church
Kinoni	1,624	Eltham College
Bamungaya	827	Croydon and Caterham Rotaries, DialAFlight, and others
Kizigo	1,295	Jubilee Community Church
Buwuma	282	The Stubbs Family & others
Ssanga	625	IN USA Supporters and St John’s Church Burscough
TOTAL	15,982	

Message from Justus Miwanda



“In Uganda, specifically within Buikwe area, we are very proud of the WASH programme and what it has done for our community!

When we started, we wanted to shorten the distances travelled by women and children to reach clean water. As we speak, with new wells drilled in the villages and others rehabilitated, I can confidently say that the targeted families can reach clean water sources within 1 km.

Thank you for your help!”

Rev’d Justus Miwanda - National Director of International Needs Uganda



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IMPACT

Project Goal: Improving the health of the population in Buikwe through WASH interventions.

WATER TARGET

Increased access to clean water for 12,080 people across 12 villages, reducing current walking distance from 5km to under 1km.

Progress in 2019:

- 4 new boreholes sunk.
- 11 wells & natural springs rehabilitated.
- 4 water tanks provided to schools.



SANITATION TARGET

Increased access to sustainably managed improved sanitation facilities among selected 12 villages and 15 primary schools.

Progress in 2019:

- 13 Pit Latrine toilets constructed for the most vulnerable families.
- 3 community and 6 school toilet blocks constructed.
- 446 household and school waste disposal units built.
- 454 household drying racks built.



HYGIENE TARGET

Improved adoption of positive hygienic practices in 12 villages, and 15 primary schools reaching a total of 12,080 people

Progress in 2019:

- 424 Tippy Taps built (handwashing facilities).
- 5 school handwashing facilities built.
- 12 medical camps and hygiene training meetings.
- 13 schools with training in girls' menstruation.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT TARGET

12 communities strengthened to manage water, sanitation and hygiene within their communities.

Progress in 2019:

- 12 villages empowered to bring change for their communities.
- 72 people from Water User Committees trained to manage new water sources.
- 13 WASH clubs set up and trained within schools.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Moses and his grandmother with their new bathroom.



A new block of toilets at primary school in Kinoni.



Medical camps to treat waterborne diseases.



Each village is helped to set up savings groups.

2020 and Beyond

We are pleased with the progress of this three-year programme at the end of its second year in 2019. All the main activities were carried out and the 12 villages are growing in strength and ownership of this work. We have been seeing changes in hygiene behaviours and access to WASH facilities.

2020 is bringing its own challenges with the threat of Coronavirus and the impact of lockdown. Uganda is currently on lockdown (May) which is limiting the direct work of this programme. As soon as we are able and it is safe to do so, we want to continue building new WASH facilities, training the communities and helping the 12 villages reduce the prevalence of waterborne disease. In the meantime, we are in contact with the Water User Committees of each village to encourage them in their work sensitising their villages on good hygiene, specifically handwashing. Thank you for helping us improve the hygiene and resilience of these villages to help them tackle the current crisis.

We recognise that at this time good hygiene and sanitation are important more than ever. We really hope you might consider supporting this work further in 2020 both in this time of crisis and as we relaunch all activities. We will also want to extend the programme to 12 new villages in 2021, costing £25,000 per village for the full package of WASH support.

For further details or to make a donation, please get in touch with our Operations Director Ali Mbugua (01883 331332 / alim@ineeds.org.uk) or visit our website (ineeds.org.uk).

Thank you so much for your support improving the health of families in Uganda through WASH!