



Uganda



Community and Schools Integrated WASH Improvement Project

Rural Health Care Foundation Uganda (RHCF)  

Rural Health Care Foundation Uganda (RHCF) works to improve WASH in rural Uganda by providing clean and safe water.

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Partners: Drop in Bucket, Heart for Children, Initiative for People in Need, and Water Step.

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Problem Addressed

Life in the rural communities of Mubende, Kiboga, and Mitiyana Districts in Uganda is characterized by poverty. For many people in these areas, drinking a glass of water can be a dangerous thing. Water for rural communities is taken from open ponds that are shared with livestock and contaminated with both human and animal waste.

The majority of people don't have access to pit latrines and open defecation is common. Personal sanitation and hygiene is not well understood or practiced. Children in particular are susceptible to getting sick from the water. Instead of spending their income on improving their farms, starting small businesses or paying school fees, many families must use what little they have to pay for medicine and transportation to regional hospitals.

Innovative Approach

RCHF's program is innovative in its inclusion of children in the planning and implementing of the project. In schools, children learn about better hygiene and sanitation practices, and they are able to take this new knowledge home and educate their families, leading to a sustainable shift in practices.

The project also ensures the long-term functioning of constructed sanitation structures by setting up "water user" committees and school health clubs, so people know how to properly maintain the structures and feel a sense of ownership towards their proper functioning.

Program Solution

The Rural Health Care Foundation Uganda (RHCF) addresses the acute water hygiene and sanitation stress rural communities face. It provides accessible, clean, and safe potable water to the communities of Mubende & Mubende District thus increasing school attendance. The program involves digging wells, installing household filters, setting up water purifiers, building latrines, and implementing a community health program for students and families.

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