Nantale Primary School Latrines, Zambia



Just a Drop is pleased to send this Final Report to Baltimore Aircoil Company, for the project generously funded in Zambia at Nantale Primary School.

The latrines at the school are fully complete, delivered with handwashing stations, comprehensive hygiene education and menstrual hygiene education.

Collectively, this will achieve a huge impact for the 540 children who attend Nantale.



Prior to the project, there was a real issue with hygiene and sanitation at the school, with the toilets not fit for purpose and indeed, too few in number.

We've now constructed:

- Two latrine blocks for girls, both with five stances, with washrooms and handwashing stations
- A boys six-stance latrine and urinal block with two handwashing stations
- A two-stance latrine block for teachers with a handwashing station

The ratio of pupils to latrines is now in line with government recommendation.

All of the latrines are now in use, creating a much more hygienic and safe environment for the whole school population, which is very good news.











The handwashing facilities are particularly welcome, as washing hands wasn't practiced before. The need for this was covered in the hygiene training and education delivered, where other areas covered included:

- The importance of clean water
- Causes of water contamination
- Personal hygiene
- General environmental hygiene
- Rubbish disposal
- Improper sanitation practices
- The importance of cleaning toilet facilities
- Critical times for handwashing

Further, a workshop was held to ensure that staff and students are able to care for and maintain the facilities provided, so as to maximise project sustainability. All the solutions provided have been built to very high standards.





A programme around menstrual hygiene management was also delivered at Nantale, across the upper two years and with girls and boys.

This covered the relevant topics and aimed to dispel the misinformation and taboos which exist around the subject.

All of the girls were provided with reusable pads - and the construction of changing rooms will give the girls private, hygienic facilities to wash and change.

The project will have a huge impact on the school:

- 530 children and their teachers will be healthier
- They will learn in a positive, healthy environment
- Girls will attend school more regularly
- Academic performance will improve
- More children will enrol, as parents see the school has a safe and engaging learning environment – which will attract more government funding and further improve facilities
- Girls will have greater privacy and dignity

As the project is designed to be sustainable, such an impact will continue for many years to come, benefiting many more hundreds of children.



A school Health Club has been formed, to ensure that positive hygiene continues to be practiced and maintained, a peer-led approach.

Further, the community helped with construction, digging the latrine pits, providing some of the materials and fetching water.

ISSB bricks were used in the construction, which are more friendly for the environment and more cost effective.

Thank you for supporting Just a Drop to deliver this important project, which is always very much appreciated.

