

Final Report
Chance Primary School, Uganda
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Implemented by Just a Drop and Local Partner, Voluntary Action for Development
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Overview

Just a Drop is pleased to provide the final report to Baltimore Aircoil Company for Chance Primary School in Uganda, where we have brought safe water and sanitation to 364 pupils and 12 teachers.

The following outcomes have been achieved in the school:

- 1 Access to safe drinking water**
 - Construction of two 30,000 litre water storage tanks, collecting safe water through the rainy seasons

- 2 Access to sanitation**
 - Construction of a 16 stance, gender-sensitive latrine block, including urinals and washroom

- 3 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) education**
 - Installation of a handwashing facility
 - Education includes handwashing, safe water, menstrual hygiene, food hygiene, latrine use and prevention of diarrhoea, amongst other WASH topics
 - A Health Club was set up to continue reinforcing these messages to current and future pupils

Helping to tackle the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES





Location





The Project

Previously, pupils living on this remote island were collecting water from the lake up to 2½ km away from the school, walking up to 1½ hours to collect water. The water from the lake was unsafe and led to many children suffering from diarrhoea and dysentery, as well as other illnesses, affecting their ability to be in school learning. 1 of the 2 latrine structures was completely filled so girls were having to share with the boys, giving them no privacy. There were not enough stances for the number of pupils and the latrine was structurally unsound and unsanitary.

In order to improve the water and situation for the 364 pupils and 12 teachers, 2 big rainwater harvesting tank were constructed at the school and a latrine block with 16 stances, enough to cater for the current school population, and any future growth. The new tanks can store up to 60,000 litres of water, providing enough for the school's needs for drinking, cooking and washing year-round.



Materials had to be transported onto boats to deliver them to the island



The Project

A block of gender-sensitive latrines was also constructed in the school to provide access to adequate sanitation for both pupils and teachers.

This 16 stance latrine block includes urinals for boys, 2 stances for disabled pupils and washrooms on both sides for girls and boys. On average, 1 in 10 girls in Africa miss school due to menstruation. With having a washroom at school, it encourages more girls to be confident and happy in school while menstruating.

With handwashing facilities installed outside the latrines, collecting water from the latrine roof, it supports better hygiene practices within the school and knowledge that pupils carry back to their homes, which is encouraged through the WASH education sessions in this project.





The Project



Before and after photos of the latrine block facilities at Chance Primary School





WASH Education

WASH education was conducted at the school which is crucially important for increasing the impact of this project on the pupils and teachers. Just gaining access to safe water and sanitation does not provide the school with the full health benefits possible, handling and storing water safely is vital as well.

Other aspects of the training included handwashing, latrine use, food hygiene and the prevention of diarrhoea. The school has set up a Health Club to ensure the continuation of these practices and educating new pupils who join the school. Due to adverse weather conditions, delayed construction work led to a delay in the Menstrual Hygiene Management training and distribution of reusable sanitary pads being conducted. This work is scheduled to take place in mid-February.

A school exchange visit was organised, where the Health Club members visited a model school, in regard to school sanitation promotion. It gave pupils and teachers a chance to interact and see the different ways another school helps promote good WASH practices within their school environment.





Sustainability

Just a Drop aims to ensure that the school and parents are involved with a project from the outset. It is essential that they are committed to participate fully in the project to encourage ownership of the facilities.

The PTA and School Management Committee (SMC) members were actively involved in the introductory and planning meetings, as well as contributing in the site survey and approved a suitable location for the different aspects of the project.

The SMC members also fully participated in developing an operation and maintenance plan to be used in maintaining the new school facilities, after being given training as part of the project.



SMC members during an introductory meeting about the project



Impact



I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the services and support provided to our school. This project has brought change to our school and in the neighbouring community. Before this intervention Kojja Chance Primary School had been left out since its hard to reach location and the poor road network on the island. We had a problem of water whereby we used to drink water from the open lake which water was too contaminated since there was no existing water source within our area. Pupils used to suffer from diseases like skin infections, typhoid, dysentery, malaria and stomach ache, and pupils could miss class due to the diseases. But now life has changed, we no longer drink and bathe with unsafe water from the open lake. Now we have water at our school premises and now people have enough time for drinking and washing hands, we are sure this year we will produce better grades than the former year.





Impact

The expected overall impact on the school is:

- An improvement in health in the school with increased attendance, as the instance of water-related illnesses will decrease with reliable year round access to safe water
- Improved hygiene and sanitation practices will improve the school environment, health and quality of life of the pupils and teachers overall
- The importance of WASH will filter out to the wider community through the pupils to make an impact on their lives as well

Just a Drop is very grateful to Baltimore Aircoil Company for this support, thank you!





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