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Clean Water Provision, Zambia



Water is essential for life, but one in eight people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water. Towards the end of 2011, following discussions between High Five Club Founders Manny and Cheryl Mvula and elders in their home Chiefdom of Mnkhanya, the High Five Club kick-started its first ever water project in Zambia's Luangwa Valley.

High Five Club Support:

To date we have together sunk 7 hand-dug wells in rural Zambia, bringing safe, clean drinking water to 3,500 villagers bordering the wildlife-rich South Luangwa National Park.



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During August, whilst on a work trip to Zambia Manny and Cheryl visited Mnkhanya Chiefdom and saw at first-hand what a difference these wells are making – it is truly life transforming. The incidence of water-borne diseases in this community has reduced dramatically since the High Five Club wells were first sunk, the women reported that these accessible wells meant they now spent less time collecting water and had more time available for selling their local produce and earning some cash, and the men reported setting up vegetable gardens close to the wells meaning greater food security for their families.

Whilst in the community in August we also commissioned work on 9 pre-existing wells that had either dried up or the well lining was damaged causing the water to become contaminated. The community, in line with our self-help approach, hand-made the bricks themselves along with collecting river sand to complete this remedial work and the High Five Club supplied the cement and labour costs. All 9 wells are now fully functioning, supplying safe, clean water to a further 4,500 villagers.

This remedial work cost us just £650, so at just under 15p per villager this is an amazing investment that has not only changed lives for the better now, but will save lives into the future.

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A water committee has been set up for each well to ensure that the community takes ownership for keeping the wells uncontaminated and in a good state of repair moving forwards. *We will keep you updated as your contributions to the High Five Club enable more wells to be built in this rural community, so watch this space!*

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