

Iganga WaSH Project, Uganda



Background

As access to clean water is the number one priority for rural African communities, the High Five Club has made water provision in wildlife areas of Africa one of its key deliverables. We are expanding our reach year by year to bring safe, clean water to thousands of people in African villages and at the same time reducing conflict with wildlife.

In Uganda, we have continued our support in 2019 of our friends at **Busoga Volunteers for Community Development**. Busoga are a really inspiring grass-roots community-owned and managed organisation that works tirelessly to bring safe clean drinking water and improved hygiene and sanitation to people in their own community, along with other community developments.

The High Five Club has been working with Busoga since 2016 to develop the **Iganga WaSH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Programme** in Uganda to bring safe, clean water to thousands of rural villagers living in wildlife areas. The villagers are also sensitised on hygiene and sanitation

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promotion as part of the programme. Trained and selected water user committees mobilise the community to construct plate stands, refuse pits, tip taps for hand washing and long-drop pit-latrines as opposed to open defecation.



Hygiene and sanitation training at Nondwe and Kigulamu villages in 2019

Each community has set up a standing water user committee to take care of their new water source, and a small household fee is charged each month for use of the well, by those that can afford, to ensure that the funds are there in the future to make any repairs to their well when needed. The community members also provided bricks and sand, unskilled labour, plus food and accommodation for the skilled workers as their contribution towards the wells, in line with our self-help 'hand up' approach to development.

High Five Club support:

In 2019, for the first time, we have worked with Busoga to protect 4 natural springs in Makutu sub-County and pipe the water into 4 villages – **Kigulamu** (Kigulamu parish), **Kiswiri** (Makutu parish), **Nondwe** (Kasozi parish) and **Buwongo** (Makutu parish).

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High Five Club has provided the funds to pay for the skilled labour, cement, pipework, taps, plus transport costs for materials, along with a contribution towards the sensitisation training.

The 4 protected spring-wells were protected using hardcore stones, damucose paper to keep the sources of water safe, connected with a PVC pipe which collects clean water from the main source and runs it to the collection area in the community. The water collection points were also supported with brick walls to avoid soil erosion, and water contamination. The water sources yield between 1.25 - 2 minutes to fill a 20 liter litre Jerri can.



There has been a marked improvement in hygiene and sanitation in the targeted villages and a significant reduction in waterborne related diseases, distances walked by women and children to get water, which has also now contributed to an increased attendance of classes by the school children leading to good grades in the project area communities.

The project is also of great importance to wildlife as it reduces competition at the few existing natural water sources leaving these for the exclusive use of wild (and domestic) animals. The programme also helps to reduce conflict between humans and wildlife.

In total we have contributed together £2,656.76 in 2019 which equates to £664.19 per water source. So for just £1.33 per person, we have brought safe, clean drinking water in 2019 to circa 2,000 people for life. What great value!!

We are very thankful to the Hope Trust for a grant towards our water programmes in 2019. It is amazing what an impact we are having.

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The new H5C water source at Kiswiri



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| High Five Club Water Programme in Iganga District, Uganda 2016 - 2019 | Total Number of Wells | Total Number of People Benefiting | Av. Cost per Person (£) |
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| New Wells Constructed | 14 | 7,000 | 1.51 |

We will keep you updated as your contributions to the High Five Club enable more wells to be built as we extend to other villages. If you know of any organisations who would like to help us bring clean water to people living in wildlife areas of Africa, please put them in touch.

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