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Soap and Water and Garden Stories

As the world waits for a Covid-19 vaccine, handwashing with soap and clean water is the cheapest and most effective preventative measure. But good hygiene practice for many communities is a tall order as any water, dirty or clean, is scarce. Heightened demand puts whatever water resource they have under more stress.

Project 260 Two boreholes with hygiene in Mozambique have been completed. During hygiene and sanitation training, the importance of handwashing was emphasised and they were shown how to construct low cost “tippy taps” for their homes before the new water points were installed. Now with reliable clean water from a borehole, the two communities are better equipped to guard against disease. Already there are less incidences of diarrhoea and eye infections..



Catching their interest early
allows them to guard against
disease.



Projects 281 and 285 saw the repair of 14 borehole pumps, restoring clean water to over 24,000 people including 5 schools in Malawi. Alongside this, soap was distributed. Reducing congestion at the working pumps allows social distancing to be implemented.

And **Garden Stories?** Who could forget the amazing Gardens Day this year, raising a record £20,400. Thank you to everyone involved - from the gardeners who invited us into their gardens through their stories, bringing their love of them to life for us, to John Fallows and David Cash drawing the videos together and to you for responding to our request to tell your family and friends about the stories. We had 2,000 unique viewers. This incredible result enables projects, such as these, to happen and lives are protected.



Thank you! Jenny Gibbs

THANK YOU:

Thank you for your continuing support of events, occasional or regular gifts during these unusual times.

Our “**Not Going Out Appeal**” raised £1500 – helping to fund **Project 283**

Washrooms where privacy was only a curtain, male and female cubicles next to each other, no running water, sharp concrete fragments for the floor. It was a similar picture for the toilets. But now a new block is being built.



SIXTEEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:

Project 236 Mayange Rwanda, with CED

We have recently received a wonderful completion report and thank-you video. It gives a great insight into this project and what they, and indeed WWA, are all about. The 5 minute video link is on our website and Facebook page. I do urge you to see it.



The Mayange project provides fresh water to a whole village of some 950 refugees returned to Rwanda from Tanzania, in desperate need to rebuild their lives. The pictures and stories show a transformed community, with water harvesting and tanks, able to start to feed themselves and become self-sufficient.

Christian Engineers in Development are able to undertake some larger schemes than we normally get involved in, through their range of contacts and experience. WWA has an important role in providing support and seed monies to get these going, often then able to attract further government grants and other funding. Over the last couple of years we have funded some £15k for this £60k project. They are a wonderful organisation founded and led by some very eminent engineers with extensive experience of water supply in Africa. We have been very pleased to support their work on some 20 projects now over more than 30 years. Further details can be seen on their website: www.ced.org.uk **Dave Tonks**

NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

279 Uganda, Shallow well, with Busoga Trust £3000

280 Uganda, Nasuuti Busimba and Basuuti South Bugenda 2 well refurbishments, with Busoga Trust £3500

281 Malawi, 7 borehole repairs with distribution of soap, for 20,000+ including 4 schools. This is a community just emerging from a 3 month hunger period. with Aid Africa £1708

282 West Zambia, borehole repair with hygiene. This is part funded by Bolton Daybreak Rotary Club, with Village Water £1852

283 Kenya, Embulbul School, Special Needs Unit, substantial latrine and shower block for 30 pupils Adds to **Project 244** water harvesting and hand washing, with Alice Gathoni £4472

284 Ghana, Akuavevbeg village, borehole, for 1,000 people, with Ghana Outlook £4000

285 Malawi, 7 borehole repairs with soap distribution, with Aid Africa £1581

286 Uganda, 20 protected springs, with Afrinspire £4,440

287 Zambia, 2 permanent handing washing facilities each for 18 pupils. Other donors will fund the provision of soap, masks and health education, with Build it International £3,600

288 N.E. Uganda, 3 shallow wells and 2 protected springs for 2,400 people and 2 primary schools. The water sources are lakes and swamp water, both unsafe water supplies, with TDT £6,000

Also Completed:



Project 275 D R Congo – High Plateau of South Kivu, an area with the quadruple threat of Conflict, Cholera, Ebola and COVID-19.

DR Congo has 5 ventilators to service a population of 100 million. None are available on the High Plateau where we funded water harvesting and latrines for 2 schools. As the schools set to reopen they have now fully functioning WASH facilities (clean

water, sanitation and hygiene) at this critical time. Thankfully the Ebola and COVID outbreaks have not as yet reached this area but should that happen the communities are better prepared to protect themselves.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

Cancelled - the ever-popular Bridge Drive and October Souperday. However, we are still busy despite COVID 19

In your homes

join in **Souperweek**: from **25th - 31 October** We offer 4 soup recipes not found in our booklet – 3 we have served recently plus a new one “waiting in the wings.” Acting according to your personal judgement, enjoy these yourself or share with someone else. There is also a quiz to enjoy. Would you then donate through our website to help fund more WASH projects?



“Soap and Water” As he learns the importance of washing his hands, we have learnt of its importance too. Let’s use this behaviour to fund a hygiene project. How? Take a week between **December and January** and for each handwash gift a sum to WWfA. Your gift will be used to fund a third wash-stand in Zambia – see Project 287

AGM – 2nd November 7.30pm, by Zoom. We are sorry if you would normally attend this meeting but will not be able to access it this time.

All information, including recipes, quiz and how to access the AGM, will be available from our website and emailed to you



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