

Tapping into Health and Hygiene



Idjwi Island, Dem Rep of Congo



Water

Budget \$84,833

Project Timeline

22,014 TO GO

DEC 21

DEC 22

Overview

This fourth project with our partner will fund new water sources on North Idjwi in Lake Kivu, eastern DRC. Focusing on water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) training together with construction of a water catchment system, this project will provide clean water for 18,709 residents of the Kishenyi locality, benefitting a school for orphans, other social structures such as health centres and local churches/community centres, and the very disadvantaged pygmy communities. Latrines and a handwashing station will also be built for the school. The project complements a government program designed to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by unclean water and poor, or no, knowledge of WASH in villages and schools.

Impact for Dec 21 - May 22



1 Memorandum of Understanding

between the community and our partner was put in place to ensure all parties know expectations, timelines, community involvement, and the like.

10 stand pipes and a reservoir have been

built according to baseline surveys and meetings with the water committee and the local health zone. Materials were purchased and transported by boat to Idjwi island - quite a logistical exercise as the area is hard to reach.



18,709



18,709 have access to clean water on a poor island that is seeing rapid population growth. There is a lack of infrastructure and services. Many benefit from clean water, a basic fundamental of a healthy life.

Women and children are particularly affected by the lack of clean water

as they are the ones who bear the burden of collection of water, sometimes over long distances and steep and muddy terrain. Clean water means families are healthier and have time for other jobs.



- an extra tap was added to the school site to bring the total to 11
- this area of North Idjwi lacks many resources; water is fundamental
- Labour and transport costs continue to increase



Clean water on the way!

Mr Badru is the chief of Buyumbu, and Mr Rwamihigo the chief of Shuve village in northern Idjwi. They say, "Our villages are very poor and we are looking forward to the benefits of clean water. We use water from Lake Kivu or local sources and we know the quality of the water is no good, but what choice do we have? We collect water from the lake everyday. It takes 30-40 minutes each way which is very tiring as the area is mountainous. This task falls particularly to the women and children. The standpipes have just been finished today! We look forward to clean water." Pic: reservoir being built



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