



Rwanda Report

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Gashyenzi Community School
SKYCREST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Students and staff of the Gashyenzi Community School found themselves in a difficult situation. For years, they relied on open springs to meet their everyday needs. Since the springs were unprotected, animal feces, debris, and other contaminants were often present in the water, making it unsafe for drinking. As a result, waterborne diseases were common. Students struggled to consistently attend school due to illness, and adults either stayed home to take care of their children or battled illnesses themselves. Consequently, children fell behind in their studies, and adults missed essential income-earning hours, causing financial strain.

Additionally, students often had to leave class to gather water. Students battled thirst and since there was no water available on school property, staff felt helpless to do anything about it. To make matters worse, practicing sanitation and hygiene at the school was near impossible with contaminated water. Contaminated water plus minimal hygiene created a vicious cycle of falling ill and recovering. Families felt they may have to withdraw their children from school to enroll them in a better equipped one.

Community leaders knew that the school community and its surrounding residents needed a solution to the water crisis. The leaders came together and decided to reach out to Living Water International Rwanda for help. Living Water Rwanda responded by drilling a new bore hole and installing a conveniently located hand pump. Now, students, teachers, and community members have reliable access to safe water just a few steps away!



With no other options available, residents often travel long distances to gather from an unfiltered spring like this.



Reaching an underground aquifer at 70 meters, the team proceeds with safety checks and treatment before finalizing the project with a hand pump installation.



Community Details

Previous water source: unprotected springs

Total users: 350

Main water collectors: women and children



Construction Details

Pump type: hand pump

Depth of well: 70 m



The new hand pump is complete! Residents now have reliable access to safe water.



This resident serves on the water committee, which is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the new hand pump.



At a sanitation and hygiene workshop led by Living Water staff, students learn valuable skills to keep themselves and their families healthy.



During the dedication of their well, students gather to hear the gospel message about the *living water* of Jesus Christ.

In Their Own Words

Mukamana Claudine, a 36-year-old farmer, shared how the water crisis impacted the residents in her community. “We were fetching contaminated water from an unprotected spring, and it caused many waterborne diseases, but it was the only water source located near our village—we had no other options. The situation was bad, because even the water we collected was not enough for all the patients at the health center. Each day, the number of patients there grew daily.”

With the arrival of the new water source, Mukamana shared, “Our situation has changed! Now, we have access to safe and clean water, flowing right in our village from the hand pump Living Water has given us. We are so grateful.”



Mukamana shares how the water crisis impacted her and her neighbors.

Your Impact

Skycrest Community Church, thank you for providing safe water to your neighbors in Rwanda! Because of your generosity, community members look toward the future with renewed hope and excitement. Parents can focus on caring for their households and families while children are able to return to school and concentrate on their education. With access to safe water, residents can dream again of moving toward their goals and dreams. Your generosity has done more than meet physical needs—it has lifted a heavy emotional burden and given families precious time they can now spend together. Beyond its tangible impact, your gift has also offered students and their families an encounter with the *living water* of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for giving water, for life, in Jesus' name!