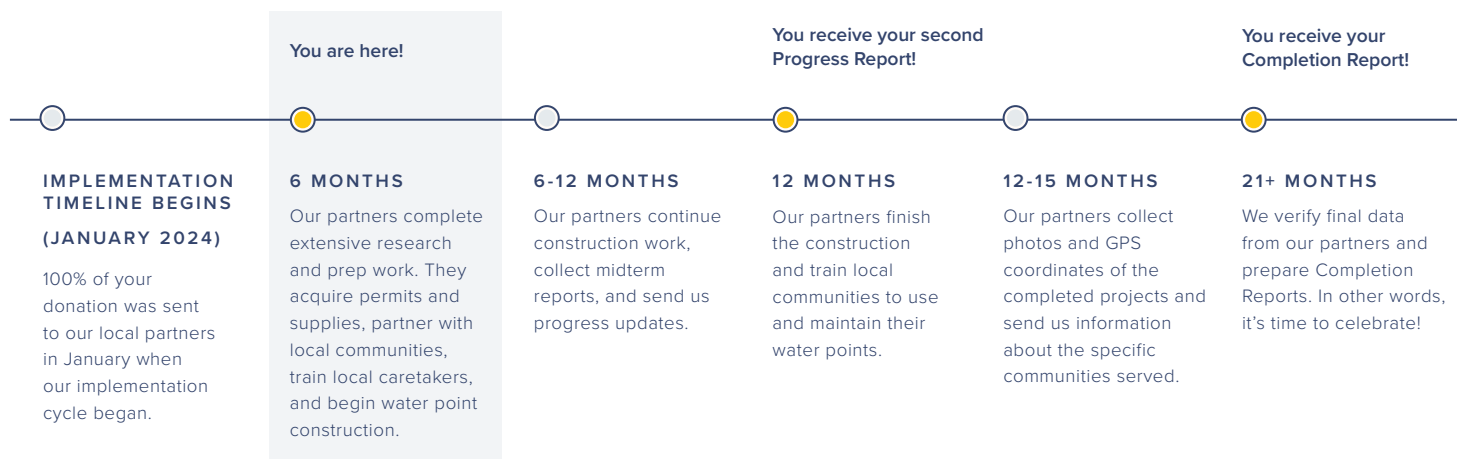


*Dear Joe and Alyssa,*  
**YOUR FIRST PROJECT  
REPORT IS HERE!**

In the second half of 2023, you made a generous gift to charity: water to provide clean water for people in Tanzania and Uganda. We are thrilled to tell you that progress is underway. Soon, clean and safe drinking water will bring transformative and lasting change into people's lives, and we can't say thank you enough.

Your gift was sent to our local partner in January, and right now, we're about six months into our 21-month timeline.



This preparation period is crucial for each project's success and sustainability. Our partners have been hard at work obtaining construction permits, purchasing supplies, and collaborating with community members. Community engagement is especially important at this stage, as it creates a sense of ownership and pride in the completed water project.

We'll have more updates for you soon, and we can't wait to share them with you. Thank you again for believing in the same future we do — one in which everyone has access to clean and safe water!

COUNTRY:

**Tanzania**

LOCAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**



## ABOUT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has worked in Tanzania since 1962 and became a charity: water partner in 2021. Together, we are bringing clean water to the Chunya, Mbeya, and Mbarali Districts where access varies between 37.7% and 63.4%. These regions are part of a semi-arid and mountainous area known as the Southern Highlands. The terrain greatly influences the type of water technologies CRS Tanzania implements, with piped water systems being the most common.

With charity: water's support, CRS Tanzania plans to expand beyond these districts and deliver basic water services to 148,830 additional people in the Mbeya, Songwe, and Tabora Regions. CRS Tanzania also plans to establish a long-term water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) program in the Mbeya, Songwe, Kigoma, and Tabora Regions.

## PROGRESS TO DATE

Your funds were sent to our local partner in January, and the following six months are considered the planning stages of project implementation. Preparation is one of the most important stages of the process. Our partners use this time to assess and select which communities will receive water points based on factors such as geography, need, community interest, the risk of overlap with other organizations, and the availability of spare parts for future repairs. Once community locations are determined, water point management trainings begin and construction materials are transported to the sites.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

In the next few months, the construction of piped systems will accelerate. Once construction is complete, CRS Tanzania will test the water quality and hand the projects over to the communities for ongoing maintenance and management. Meanwhile, CRS Tanzania will coordinate training covering topics such as sustainability, sanitation, and hygiene. We can't wait to share even more details in your next report!

### DID YOU KNOW?

CRS Tanzania's programming in schools is extensive. In addition to implementing water points, their sanitation and hygiene training uses simple, innovative, and scalable models such as Fit for School and the Three Star Approach. Fit for School promotes group-based activities like handwashing, and the Three Star Approach focuses on teaching behavioral change. School management committees, community leaders, and teachers also receive training that supports and sustains school WASH services.

### MEET THE TEAM

Raiven is an Associate on charity: water's Water Programs team and coordinates grant administration with this partnership. Throughout the grant, she tracks project progress and the number of people served. Once the project is complete, she reviews and verifies the project completion photos and GPS coordinates. Raiven enjoys working with CRS Tanzania because they are dedicated to helping rural communities facing water scarcity. They reduce vulnerability to water-related shocks and improve the quality of life for these communities.



**Raiven R.**  
Water Programs  
Associate

