



**DEAR JOE AND ALYSSA,
YOUR FIRST PROJECT
UPDATE IS HERE!**

We are so excited to share this progress report with you!

In the second half of 2021, you made a generous donation to charity: water to provide clean water in Uganda and Malawi. We are thrilled to tell you that progress is underway. Soon, many people will have access to clean and safe drinking water because of you, 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.



The 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 water project.

We'll have more updates for you later this year, and we can't wait to share them with you. Thank you again for your support and commitment to our mission!

COUNTRY:

UGANDA

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

THE WATER TRUST (TWT)

YOUR GENEROUS GIFT:

\$12,000

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT:

\$1,000,000



ABOUT TWT

The Water Trust (TWT) has been working toward universal water access in Uganda's Masindi and Kiryandongo Districts since 2008. The Masindi District is prone to drought, making groundwater scarce. And in Kiryandongo, there are insufficient water points to meet the needs of a large population of refugees and Internally Displaced Persons.

The sustainability of TWT's work is supported by their flagship Self-Help Group model, which uses a community revolving credit fund to financially empower communities to save for repairs. The model is then paired with The Water Trust's data-driven approach. This method includes monitoring the functionality and water quality of all water points on an annual basis, conducting household surveys each year, and collecting engagement data for Self-Help Groups and Water and Sanitation Committees.

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 partner uses this time to assess and select which communities or schools 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 a school or community is determined, water point management training begins and construction materials are transported to the site.

WHAT'S NEXT?

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



MEET THE TEAM

Hannah is a Program Manager on our Water Programs team. She manages relationships with a group of our local partners through all phases of the grant lifecycle. She reviews and provides feedback on proposals and reports, ensures that project implementation is moving along smoothly, and works with partners to develop individualized multi-year partnership strategies. She is passionate about using partner feedback to improve the partnership experience and enable high-quality programming. She enjoys working with The Water Trust because they use a data-driven approach to decision making, leading to thoughtful, effective programming that makes a demonstrable impact.

