



WATER AND SANITATION:

HELP CHILDREN IN UGANDA STAY HEALTHY WITH ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND LATRINES.



\$470,956
FUNDING REQUIRED



THIS PROJECT WILL HELP:
64,000 PEOPLE ACROSS UGANDA



ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE:
DECEMBER 2015

Being violently ill was a regular occurrence in Metuy's life. On many mornings, he would wake up and double over in pain. This would be followed by diarrhea and vomiting. "What did you eat this time?" his mother would ask.

But it wasn't the food. Metuy, like so many others in his village, drank water from ponds where animals drank and people bathed. They couldn't afford the \$5 to hire a motorcycle and get clean water from the nearest city.

One time Metuy was so sick, his mom had to take him to the hospital. He was exhausted, achy and feverish. Metuy had typhoid. Thankfully, he got treated in time and survived—he didn't become one of the more than 3 million people who die each year from drinking dirty water. What's more, since his Compassion centre received access to clean water several years ago, Metuy doesn't get sick anymore. In fact, cases of water-borne diseases among the children at his centre have been cut in half!

In Uganda, only half of Compassion's church partners have access to clean drinking water, sanitary latrines or a way to wash their hands. This leaves people sick, out of work and out of school.

You can help children like Metuy stay healthy by providing access to clean water and sanitation at 64 Compassion centres in rural Uganda. This initiative will build 30 rainwater harvesting systems, two solar powered water systems and 32 sanitary latrines with hand-washing stations. It will also train children and communities on the importance of clean water, proper hygiene and proper water storage.

Help thousands of children stay healthy with safe water and sanitation.

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SUMMARY:

In rural Uganda, few people have access to water that is safe to drink or proper sanitation to prevent disease. When local water sources dry up, women and children travel long distances to fetch water that isn't safe to drink. But with rain harvesting systems, updated solar water purification systems and sanitary latrines, you can help families in Uganda stay healthy.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IMPACTED:

64 centres in rural areas of Uganda.

THE PROBLEM:

During Uganda's dry season, accessing water is more than just difficult—it can be downright dangerous. Women and children travel long distances, sometimes farther than 40 kilometres round trip, toting heavy jugs of water that's not safe to drink. They're vulnerable to injury and abuse along the way. Water used for drinking, cooking and cleaning is contaminated with worms and bacteria, and children constantly get sick with preventable diseases like dysentery, diarrhea, cholera and typhoid.

WHAT IS PROVIDED THROUGH THIS GIFT:

- 30 rain harvesting systems with 100-litre water storage tanks
- 32 sanitation facilities, including
 - Hand washing stations
 - Pit latrines
- Upgrades to two water systems to harness solar power for better sustainability
- Community training on personal hygiene
- Training on water purification and proper water storage and cleanliness

LOGISTICS:

- **Local contribution:** Local church partners will contribute \$3,181
- **Monitoring:** Compassion Uganda's Water Specialist will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on the project in its entirety. Partnership Facilitators for each centre will implement the hygiene training in their communities. A final report will be submitted by the Water Specialist to the Compassion Uganda office.
- **Follow-up:** The water sanitation sites are set up at individual Compassion centres to benefit the children who attend the centre as well as the church and community members who use the buildings. Once the project is underway, churches will evaluate how to extend these initiatives to benefit the communities even further as funds allow. Individual Compassion centres will be responsible for the long-term maintenance of the water systems and facilities.