

# THE *TapStand*

*Flowing Forward  
Because of You*

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## What's a Mirror Got to Do With It?

### How Your Gifts are Keeping Kids in School

Just a few months ago, this school was almost forced to close its doors due to poor sanitary conditions.

*"The only reason the school is currently open for these girls and boys is because of these new toilets,"* said Headteacher Bukazi.

It's true - clean water and safe toilets are the crucial back-to-school supplies many kids in Uganda need.

Your generosity in providing these two essentials is boosting students' health and keeping the doors open to education, with **some schools now seeing attendance increase by over 24%!**

Plus, a simple innovation of putting a tap and mirror outside the toilets means kids are eager to wash their hands. They see their faces in the shiny mirror, and can't resist running over to use that splashy new tap, all while washing germs away.

In a recent project area, the **rate of handwashing has skyrocketed from 0.8% to 84%!**

This success has even drawn national attention, with the Federal Government showcasing the ACTS' innovation on World Water Day in March to inspire other local builders.

Now, students are back in class with their friends and jumping for joy! *Your compassion in providing fresh water and clean toilets has been a true game-changer.*



*669 kids are back in school because of your gift of water and toilets!*



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# You've Unlocked a New Level of Health

## Gloria's Life With Clean Water

"When ACTS came to our village, we started running away," Gloria recalled laughing.

Initially, the unfamiliar faces of the ACTS team caused a little apprehension among the villagers. Trust began to grow as the team shared genuine care for the community and worked tirelessly together with them to build the new water system. "But because they were good people, we soon realized they were here to help."

**The kindness of people like you has translated into 37 fresh water taps for Gloria's community in Irimya - and what a difference they make!**

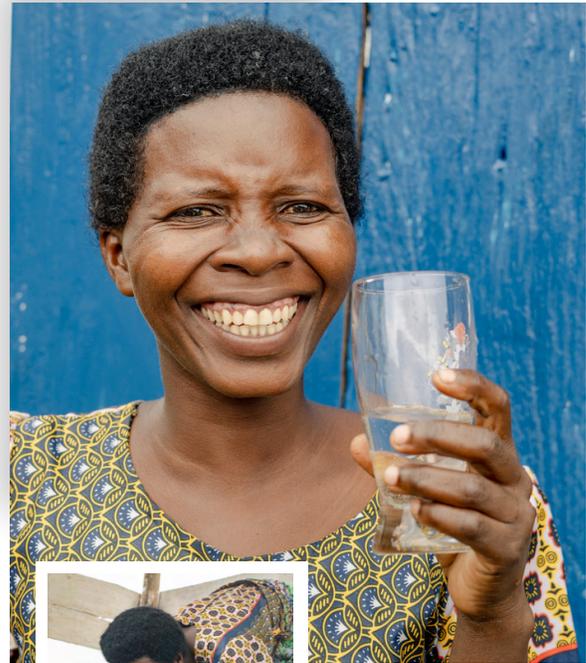
"I thank you so much for moving us to a higher level. We are now developing from the skills you have kindly given to us," she shared with an overwhelming sense of joy and relief.

The new water system is not only providing safe drinking water, but it's also bringing a wave of positive change to her family and community.

### From Sickness to Pure Joy

Before the taps were installed, Gloria's family faced constant health challenges from contaminated water. "We were spending so much money on going to the clinics, but we will no longer face those diseases and can now do other activities to develop our homes."

Having that clean water closer to home means that her children are now attending school regularly and practicing better hygiene.



*"I feel so much happiness. I don't know how to explain it, but I feel all of my life is so fresh and so happy!"*

The moment you showed compassion for people like Gloria, **you became a pivotal part of helping unlock an entirely new level of health, life, and transformation for her community.**

Thank you for helping build a future where clean water and health are not just a dream, but a reality.

## Did you know?

**Charity: Water** generously supplied 15 new remote monitoring sensors for Acts for Water systems. That means we can now see how the tanks are working at all times and fix them right away! Read more at [acts.ca/the-reservoir](https://acts.ca/the-reservoir).



## Half the Cost, Double the Reach

Local Leaders Are Extending Impact Thanks to You

by Ambrose Bigaba | Program Director, Uganda

ACTS Uganda has begun using a new method called Train the Trainer to amplify the current Entrepreneurship Program.

As the team teaches local people to become trainers, they help even more people *and faster*.

Local trainers know their communities well, so they teach their peers in the most relevant and helpful way. It's all about using what's already great in the community to ensure sustainable knowledge transfer. The personalized approach means more successful and sustainable entrepreneurial ventures can grow the economy and development in these areas too.

Beginning in October in 5 Districts with 500 people each, Train the Trainer will create exponential impact by helping reach more people using half the time and money!

**Your loyal support means this amazing, cost-saving plan can keep going strong and ultimately broaden and share effective training with 100,000 people.**

The reach from community to community is multiplying richer, healthier lives, with you by our side and we couldn't be more grateful.



## Flowing Forward

You are a pivotal part of this compassionate community's **35 years of clean water projects!**

Would you join us in celebrating this major milestone, honouring the past and flowing forward into a future of hope and change?

### Flowing Forward Gala

October 18th - 6:00 pm

Northview Golf & Country Club  
Surrey, BC

Grab your tickets at [acts.ca/gala](https://acts.ca/gala).

Or join the celebration and keep the water *flowing forward* for future generations with a kind gift using the enclosed envelope or at [acts.ca/tapstand](https://acts.ca/tapstand).



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*Thanks to your gifts of clean water, waterborne diseases are decreasing by 80%. That means the only thing spreading is smiles like these!*