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*Flowing Forward
Because of You*

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Ripples of Your Impact

The Effect of Your Gifts Just Six Months Later

The project in Irimya, Uganda felt impossible at the start.

Could 19 km of pipe be laid through thick jungle forests to bring 7,000 people clean water access?

Fast forward six months after the taps turned on flowing safe, clean water to seven villages and you can see - **together with genuine collaboration and dedication, it is possible!**

At its heart, this project demonstrates Acts for Water's commitment to working alongside and ensuring locals take ownership of planning, building, and maintaining the infrastructure.

Your compassion and generosity helped here in incredible ways by enabling our team to engage communities early, raise awareness, provide health and sanitation education, and recruit hundreds of local volunteers.

Irimya has already seen waterborne diseases drop by 85%, school attendance boosted by 30%, and time freed for work and education, because of your gift of clean water!

Families have built and continue to maintain sanitation facilities, fostering hygiene and health that ripple outward. Local committees, led by community members—many of them women—oversee water points and sanitation.



“Thank you for feeling kindness toward us – for sharing your kind support with our village of Irimya.”

-Rosette, Program Participant, Irimya

Each of these leadership opportunities helps sustain water access and build skills benefiting all of Irimya. Thanks to you, they can maintain their water system and build a foundation for future resilience!

This ripple effect of transformation is only possible because of your kindness.

Plus, the pipe you helped us lay here will soon *flow water forward* to another 7,000!

Impact in Irimya: After Just 6 Months



Waterborne diseases dropped from 95.2% to 14%, an 85% decrease.



All 7 villages are free from open defecation - a 100% transformation in hygiene!



Check out all six months of impact in the report for Irimya Phase One at: acts.ca/irimya-Endline

Getting Hands Dirty for Clean Water

A Saskatchewan Farmer's Take on Sweat Equity

When Ray set foot in Uganda, he was struck by the country's natural beauty, from rolling banana groves to bustling bean plantations.

But beyond the landscape, what caught his attention was the unwavering dedication of the program participants and Ugandan Acts Team.

A lifelong farmer and long-time supporter of Acts, Ray noticed the **sweat equity poured into each water project**—from hand-dug trenches to hill-sculpted reservoirs.

“It wasn't till I saw a group of 35-40 people with shovels, hoes, and rakes leveling the side of a hill for two water reservoirs, that I realized how much sweat equity is in each of these projects.”

Seeing communities come together, shovels in hand, reaffirmed his belief that **clean water isn't just a necessity; it's a life-changing force.**

Having grown up hauling water in Saskatchewan winters, Ray knows the value of accessible clean water and his experience fuels his passion for Acts' sustainable, gravity-fed water systems.



*When you invest in water, you invest in life.
A rural Canadian farmer witnesses your generosity's impact in Uganda.*



“Clean water changes everything,” he says.

And to those considering where to give, his advice is simple: *“Choose a charity with real, lasting impact. Because **when you invest in water, you invest in life.**”*

The likelihood of people living in poverty dropped from 79% to 44%.



99% of households access clean water within a 30-minute round-trip.



The Flow of Your Generosity

Your Support Goes Beyond Pipes & Taps

Helping people gain clean water: FOR LIFE is about more than just pipes & taps. **Here's how it flows forward step by step, thanks to your consistent support!**

1

Laying the Groundwork

Identify communities, meet leaders, and assess water sources.

2

Crafting the Blueprint

Design the system with pipes, tanks, and taps based on community needs.

3

Building Relationships

Engage locals to foster trust and community investment.

4

Securing Resources

Raise funds and source materials with the help of supporters.

5

Turning Plans into Reality

Construct the system and train caretakers for long-term maintenance.

6

Ensuring Quality & Support

Test, celebrate, and provide ongoing assistance for sustainability!

The journey from planning to a community engaged and managing their water system and hygiene can take up to 25 months.



Keep it Flowing Forward

Your Care Month after Month Means Water: FOR LIFE for Families in Kasese



Families in Kasese Village are still without clean water. Thankfully, the Acts' team is well on its way to *step four*.

For just one year of \$10 monthly, your stream of support keeps the water flowing forward, providing water: FOR LIFE for one more person in Kasese. It's the best way to make a sustainable difference in reducing water poverty!

Would you **join our 225 other compassionate Source Supporters** with a caring monthly gift?

Use the enclosed card or give today at acts.ca/tapstand

“Being part of this community is a beautiful reminder that we all belong to each other. For those of us who have been given much, much is expected. Through Acts for Water, I see real change happening for real people, and that’s deeply fulfilling.”

- Nicky, Source Supporter, BC

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