

# THE TapStand

*Flowing Forward  
Because of You*



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# This Village Will Leave You Smiling

An incredible turn of the tap has brought a second wave of transformation to Irimya

Something incredible just happened in the village of Irimya, *again*.

Thanks to your continued generosity after the completion of Phase One of the Irimya water project, Phase Two has also now wrapped up, and the transformation is stunning!

## The Numbers Behind the Change

- 38 more taps flowing clean water
- 7,300 more people gaining health and hope
- Time spent collecting water has been cut in half
- 2 village schools now have safe, private latrines
- 6 out of 7 villages have reached Open Defecation Free status

And that's just the beginning...

## From Taps to Transformation

Thanks to you, multiple savings groups led by women are also thriving, saving over \$5,600 and launching their own small businesses.

Plus, gardens are growing with nutritious food and local leaders are stepping up through training in financial literacy and governance.

## What's Next for Irimya?

This isn't just about water. It's about rewriting the story for an entire generation.

Thank you for helping make this possible. ***You didn't just bring water - you sparked lasting change.*** This community will never be the same again!

## Life-Change in Irimya Phase Two



Thanks to you, families now save 2 hours a day by collecting water close to home!



2 schools have seen absenteeism drop by 25% thanks to safe & clean toilets.

## How Your Gift of Water Sparked a Growing Movement

When clean water first reached Irinya, it was life-changing. Now, thanks to your support, that impact has literally grown.

In 2023, Acts for Water partnered with Thrive for Good to launch Life Gardens: community-led, educational gardens that equip families to grow nutrient-rich, disease-fighting foods at home.

Built on 140 double-dug beds, these gardens are thriving - and so are the families tending them. As one community member put it, **“with this garden now, we can choose what to eat and when to eat it.”**

Through hands-on training, mentorship, and community ownership, families have gained vital skills in composting, seed saving, and natural pest control. **These aren't just gardens; they're classrooms for long-term resilience where people are finding a place of connection, pride, and leadership.**

Because you helped bring clean water, this next step - toward health, dignity, and sustainability - is possible.

Thank you for planting the seeds of lasting change!



Thanks to you, Life Gardens mean children are eating healthier, parents are earning more income, and hospital visits are down.



**“Families now access nutritious vegetables, reducing malnutrition cases and hospital visits as reported by health care facility staff during a focus group discussion.”**

- Irinya Healthcare Staff



### The Splash You Made this World Water Day!!

Caring donors like you raised \$7,000 in celebration of World Water Day in March. That's enough to provide water: FOR LIFE for 14 more families like Edith's in our Kasese project!!

# Passing the Torch: A Homecoming Story

Tracey DeGraaf returns to guide Acts for Water into a locally-powered future

Thanks to your care as you've walked with us, you've made this next chapter possible and the future of clean water brighter.

The big news around here is that **Tracey DeGraaf has become the new CEO of Acts for Water!**

Tracey was previously our Director of International Programs for six years so her return feels like a homecoming. Her sector-wide experience, strategic vision, and deep passion for community-led change will serve as a steady hand for Acts.

Richard Musinguzi continues to lead our Ugandan team as Executive Director and Jeff Golby will serve our growing donor community across Canada in a smaller, more focused role.

Together we're one united movement excited to dream big in the years to come!



*Backed by amazing supporters like you, Acts for Water leaders Tracey, Richard, and Jeff are ready for this next chapter.*

*“Transformation begins from within. We are committed to transformational leadership that drives impactful change within our organization and in the communities that inspire us – change that starts with listening, learning, and uplifting one another.”*

- Tracey DeGraaf, CEO



## Keep the Water Flowing Forward

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

Many families like Edith's in Kasese Village are still without clean water. Together, we have a meaningful opportunity to build more taps.

**For just one year of \$10 monthly, your compassionate support helps the water flow forward for one more person in Kasese: FOR LIFE.** 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](https://acts.ca/tapstand)

*“Being part of this community is a beautiful reminder that we all belong to each other. 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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