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TapStand

Flowing Forward
Because of You



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You Turned Irimya's Dark Walks Into Light

What once took hours in fear now takes seconds in safety.

For way too many years, families in Irimya have carried more than just water.

They carried fear.

Every day, women and children walked for hours in the dark—before dawn or after dark—down lonely, unsafe paths.

And the reward for this exhausting journey?

Dirty water that made them sick.

But now, thanks to you, those walks look different.

“What was once a dream is now everyday life—taps in every village, and what once took ages now takes just minutes.”

- Phillemon, father in Irimya



Generosity like yours is pouring light & safety back into their days.

With 75 new tapstands across the 14 villages in their community, it takes **less than 30 minutes to fill their jerry cans with that fresh, clean water.**

That means a much shorter, safer walk for families when the sun is up! They no longer risk safety for something as basic as water and they're free to spend their days in school, at work, and together.

It's a dramatic change all made possible by compassionate people like you, willing to take action.

Thank you for helping turn darkness into daylight for the families in Irimya. You've truly lightened their load.



Rubeni is smiling because you helped his 4 kids go back to school this year.



You're Keeping Kids in Class

When we told you about Rubeni, a dad in Kasese who longed for his kids to go to school, **you stepped in with love**, raising \$3,200 to help provide supplies for safe toilets!

Because of you, students don't have to miss class to walk for water or stay home sick—they can pick up books instead of jerry cans!

From Struggling Clinic to Place of Healing

Because of you, health care in Irimya looks entirely different now.

Imagine if you had to carry your own water to the doctor's office.

For years, that was life at Irimya Health Centre in Uganda. Without running water, nurses washed their hands without soap, families were told to bring their own water, and patients waited in contaminated conditions.

Thankfully, **generous people like you showed up when it really mattered.**

Because of you, a new tap stand provides a steady flow of fresh, clean water every day, and safe bathrooms and handwashing stations have been built, too!

The change is something to celebrate:

- diarrhea cases are down by over 93%
- waterborne diseases are down by 82%

Healthcare workers can provide safer, more dignified care.

Families no longer fetch water while loved ones wait for treatment. The centre is cleaner, calmer, and better prepared.



Families are experiencing renewed health and healing at the local clinic, thanks to you.

Your generosity didn't just provide taps and toilets; it built dignity and confidence.

Today, the Irimya Health Clinic is truly a place of healing—saving lives time and again.

Partners in Lasting Change

Partnerships make the impossible possible.

In June, Tracey DeGraaf joined thousands of global water heroes at the Rotary International Convention, and our former CEO, Jeff Golby, received Rotary's Paul Harris Award in August.

We're grateful for Rotary's friendship in helping clean water flow to families in Uganda.



Celebrating Rotary Partnerships: Tracey at the Convention and Jeff receiving the Paul Harris Award.

Walking the Stage, Changing the Future

Hats off to leadership grads Hildah & Rachel, turning knowledge into lasting impact!

Some milestones are more than a personal achievement, they're a **community victory**.

Thanks to your generosity, two of our amazing Ugandan staff members—**Hildah Katusiime and Rachel Ashemereire**—have just graduated from the Kurumbuka Leadership Program!

What a thrill to celebrate leaders like these as they gain the skills to guide their teams, strengthen water projects, and inspire the next generation.

As Hildah shared: *“The knowledge and skills we’ve gained have already proven valuable, and I’m confident they will continue to contribute positively to our performance and to the broader goals of our team.”*



Beaming with pride, staff Rachel & Hildah graduate from Kurumbuka.

When local leaders like Hildah and Rachel thrive, **they create stronger solutions, guide their neighbours through challenges, and inspire others to rise up.**

With your support, their impact is multiplying—helping end water poverty and building hope for generations to come.

Will You Help More Kids of Kasese Stay in Class?



You can help kids in Kasese stay healthy, safe, and in class.

When the local government couldn't keep its pledge, generous people like you stepped in to help provide safe toilets for the Kasese School.

Now we're almost there—just \$8,000 remains to finish the job.

*Will you be part of the team that makes this possible? **Your gift of any amount will make sure these students stay healthy, safe, and in class.***

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