



A RECORD SMASHING PROJECT!



The Nyakigyera Project really began to take shape about this time last year, and I thought then, “how is this ever going to work?” We had never done a partnership between the government, private contractors, and our NGO. Nor had we done one that involved a retrofit, an extension, more latrines than ever before, and extensive WASH training. But if the past two years of COVID had taught us anything, it was that our team and this community were up for challenges.

Your gift helped make this project go from a dream to a reality.

Today we are celebrating the taps turning on for one of the largest populations served in a single project, and that it has been done in record time. Thanks in part to you.

Thank you, Gay Lea Foundation, for all you have done to give this community a year they will never forget. The year that governments, NGO’s and the private sector came together to do meaningful work in partnership, the year that their village came out and worked day after day to build something incredible, and the year that clean, life-changing water came from the hills right down to their village.

Jeff Jeffrey Golby | CEO



YOUR TAP LOCATION

-0.8003765°
30.7307253°

These are the GPS Coordinates for your TapStand. Shortly we will have a map up for you to view this on our site!



[Click here to see the clean water flowing!](#)

The Nyakigyera Project

Tapstand Turning On Report

The results in the region so far:

The retrofit of the GFS and extension is 100% complete!! We will be publishing an important endline assessment report in January which will show further impact when the WASH education work has been completed.



Approximately **20,000 PEOPLE** will, directly and indirectly, benefit from the Nyakigyera Project.

- Direct beneficiaries are those inhabitants of the households that are within the catchment area. Indirect beneficiaries are the population that cannot be accurately counted, but will flow through the trading centres within the catchment area, the clinic, and those who travel from surrounding communities.



97 TAP STANDS are flowing clean water. 51 taps were retrofitted on the original pipeline, and 46 taps were added through the extension.

46 NEW TAP STAND COMMITTEES have been formed and trained on how to maintain the hygiene and structure of the tap stand.



18 VILLAGES SERVED - The first level of ODF verification for 18 villages is scheduled for September 22nd. The ODF verification is the only program activity remaining for the Nyakigyera Project.

- Three levels of verification need to be completed before these villages will advance to the final level of verification by the Ministry of Water & Environment. The households will need to show a change in their hygiene behaviours and improvements to their home - proper latrines with a secure door for privacy, cover for the latrine holes, and drying racks for dishes).

USER FEE COLLECTION

The Central Management Committee (tasked with governing the GFS) has successfully raised the expected amount for the material maintenance of the system (i.e. 1% of material cost).

User fees are standardised for institutions (schools) versus households. For example, a secondary school will pay 250,000 UGX / \$89, and a household will pay 120,000 UGX / \$42. User fees are set in a budget committee meeting, in which both ACTS and committee members participate.

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2 GFS MECHANICS have been trained and equipped with the basic tools necessary for daily maintenance repairs and maintenance of the Gravity Flow System.

599 TIPPY TAP KITS (hand-washing stations) have been sold to community members and **17 HANDWASHING DEMONSTRATIONS** have been conducted.



58 WASH PRODUCT WORKSHOPS have been conducted. 30 on soap making, 11 on how to make reusable sanitary towels have been conducted and 17 workshops on the construction of tippy-taps (handwashing facilities) have been conducted.



9 LATRINES are complete. 8 latrines were installed at schools (35 female stances | 10 male stances), and 1 latrine was installed at the Katanoga Health Clinic III. The clinic serves over 900 clients. 9 school clubs were formed to continue WASH education and motivation within the schools.



“ *You have opened our eyes for future development - now we are able to provide our homes with needs because we sell soap and jelly and get money, we use it on our bodies and now we are shining!* ”

- Sylvia

Soap Making + Entrepreneurship

Because our Soap Making and Entrepreneurship Programs have been so successful, we've just hired a Ugandan Agency to come alongside our team and the communities we're working with to teach them business skills, product manufacturing knowledge, and more.

They'll also be working with our staff to equip us to better carry out these programs in the future.

IMELDA'S JOY



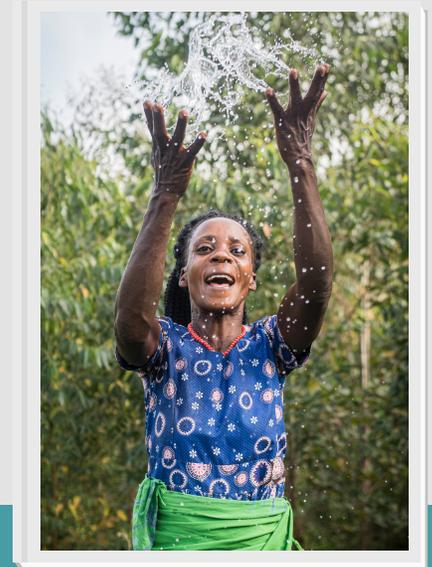
When we first met her, Imelda was working along the steep hillside in the heat of the day, struggling to provide for her family. She shared her excitement and how she'd gladly give her own time to dig, haul and carry pipes and bricks alongside her community to build a new water system.

Thanks to your help and a partnership with the local district government, **Imelda's hard work has been transformed into work that empowers her life, the life of her family, and the entire community of Nyakigyera.** The taps have turned on, and your gift of clean water is flowing!

Now that Imelda's long walk has ended, she is using that extra time she used to spend walking to collect water can be spent cultivating her garden, and helping her children achieve the brighter future she'd always dreamed they'd have. Pure joy!!

“ We are so happy for ACTS' help giving us access to clean water today! I am so glad! You also helped us get involved in development activities, so we have income for our families – teaching us how to make bar and liquid soaps, pads, and jelly. This development has grown our community. We shall now have surplus for our family from all these new projects you have taught us!!

- Imelda



Your Impact for Generations

While you may never meet the men, women and children in this community face to face, the impact of *your generosity will be known by them forever.* In health, in opportunity, in hope-filled futures.

The clean water, hygiene training, and safe latrines you've helped provide are the best defense against hundreds of diseases making YOU a key part of this community thriving for generations to come.

Thank you, Gay Lea Foundation, for your bold action to join Imelda, Fatuma, and all the families of Nyakigyera, to overcome water poverty together!

We [over] Come Together

