



A Final Update on Your Gift of Potable Water in Addo Nkwanta

Winter 2018 Update



Community members gather to fill containers with fresh water for their homes.



New Source for Safe Drinking Water

Purpose of Project

While most of us don't think twice about the safety of our drinking water, safe water access is one of the greatest burdens of Ghanaian families living in poverty. Residents of Addo Nkwanta had to rely on a polluted stream and river for water needs, causing many issues like diarrhea and cholera. This project provided potable water by drilling a deep borehole, a water storage facility and handwashing stations, and education for children and caregivers on good hygiene.

A Community Served

The objective was to increase access to safe water for the beneficiaries of St. Augustine Child Development Centre, reduce water shortages, and prevent the incidence of water-related illnesses. Caregivers and children are now relieved of the burden of searching for water every morning since the borehole and reservoir of fresh water is close to most of them.

Intervention Status

- The project started in November 2017 after receiving funding, and it finished June 23, 2018.
- Church leadership formed an oversight and maintenance committee to supervise facility use and perform basic maintenance when needed.

Key Accomplishments in Providing Potable Water



Residents can wash their hands under clean running water



Water provided is now clean and safe for drinking



Volunteer cooks have an easier time collecting water



Drilling a borehole well to reach water far below the surface.



Improved Hygiene & Sanitation

Results

Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WaSH) are critical to child development. Thanks to the recent WaSH initiatives in Addo Nkwanta, the community now has access to fresh, clean water and hygiene resources they desperately needed. The hygiene lessons have made a big difference in the cleanliness of the community and understanding of safe water storage and disease prevention.

The St. Augustine Child Development Centre Director, Elaine, is grateful that there is now a regular supply of water in the community and the center and they no longer need to purchase bags of drinking water for the children. Ministry at the center has become less stressful for the workers and volunteer cooks since safe water is readily available to prepare meals for the children.

One caregiver said she had to walk over 15 minutes to fetch water from the stream. “Now, searching for water — particularly in the morning — is no longer stressful because we can easily get water from the reservoir. There will not be any difficulty getting water during the yearly dry season.”

The children are extremely grateful for this life-changing improvement. One little boy, David, said, “I no longer wake up at dawn and walk to the stream each morning to fetch water. I get to school on time without being tired and can concentrate in class.”

Vital Outcomes at St. Augustine Child Development Centre



234 registered beneficiaries & their families



Safe drinking water available even during dry season



Students can now show up early or on time to school



Vast improvement in handwashing and proper waste disposal



Your Partnership Makes a Difference in the Lives of Children in Ghana



Children at the St. Augustine Child Development Centre listen intently to information on good hygiene techniques like washing their hands thoroughly with soap and water.

A young boy joyfully washes his hands in fresh, clean water at one of the new sinks. Now, he is easily able to practice some of the good habits he learned in the hygiene lectures.





Heavy machinery was needed to dig a deep borehole, reaching fresh water deep in the ground in Addo Nkwanta, Ghana.



Caregivers listen to an educational talk on good hygiene practices.



Community members joyfully fetch water from spigots that now pour out fresh water for household use.





Thank you for your continuous support

Your generosity increased the number of children with access to safe drinking water. No longer at needless risk, their health improves which benefits every other area of their lives. The entire Addo Nkwanta community shares the benefits and sees the local church partner as a leader and trusted ministry in the village. You are making a positive impact on families in Ghana. Thank you!

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