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## A Final Report on Water Projects in Uganda

Your Compassion At Work Helping Children Access Safe Water and Sanitation

Thank you again for your commitment to helping Ugandan children and families living in poverty. By helping to provide access to safe water and improved sanitation facilities to those who need them most, you are saving lives and transforming entire communities. It has been a privilege to partner with the patrons of Three Avocados on this important WaSH intervention, which is the largest Compassion has implemented in Uganda in the last two years. We hope you are blessed by this report as you have been such a blessing to the nearly 25,000 people who are benefiting from your gift.

### A NEED ADDRESSED

Before this initiative, 25 of Compassion's church partners in Uganda lacked access to safe water or improved sanitation facilities. This led to the rapid spread of waterborne diseases and meant children didn't have the opportunity to practice healthy hygiene habits. They were often absent from school or missed out on Compassion activities because of illness or because they had to walk long distances every day to collect water for their families. Thanks to your generous gift, this is no longer the case.

"Since we have access to safe water, cases of diarrhea and typhoid are down by about 80 percent, and we didn't have a single case of dysentery in the first three months of 2017," says Sikoria Isaac, Director of the Kapyoyon Child Development Center. "The nearby schools report better attendance too, because the children are no longer sent to fetch water before school."

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Your generous gift has contributed to improving

**"IT USED TO TAKE ME TWO HOURS TO COLLECT WATER FOR MY MOTHER. NOW IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES, AND I GET TO PLAY GAMES WITH MY FRIENDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD."**

**— 11-YEAR-OLD  
APIO CENTRINE**



Support worker Linnet Kipyeko fetches water at one of the 18 new access points installed at Kapyoyon Child Development Center.

the lives of a staggering 23,550 people by making it possible for Compassion's church partners to carry out a range of WaSH projects. These included:

- One church partner built a major gravity-flow system, including 18 safe-water access points for the community.
- Six church partners drilled new borehole wells and installed access points.
- Eight church partners installed rainwater-harvesting systems and storage units.
- Three church partners constructed new toilet facilities or upgraded existing ones.
- Twenty-five church partners built latrines with an average of seven units each.

The largest of the projects is the gravity-flow system that was installed at the Kapyoyon Child Development Center. This involved major infrastructure works and took nearly a year to complete. Since June 2016, the system has been providing safe water to 4,000 people in the community. Today it supplies six primary schools, four trading centers, 11 churches and a local health

center. Thanks in part to everyone who purchases coffee through Three Avocados, an entire community can now access a reliable source of safe water. “For the first time, everyone can drink, cook, bathe and clean their homes without worrying,” says Sikoria. “It makes life so much better for all of us.”

Community members are also using the water for small-scale irrigation to help them produce fast-growing foods such as onions, cabbages and tomatoes in their gardens. “Now that we can water crops during the dry season, our income will be more stable,” says local mother Justine Kitiyo, who grows collard greens and onions. Even the Kapyoyon primary school has planted a vegetable garden, so the children can learn about agriculture and also grow food to take home to their families.

#### A HEALTHIER FUTURE

Your generous gift has opened up a brighter, healthier future for nearly 25,000 people today and thousands more in the years to come. With an abundance of clean water available, children and caregivers have adopted hygiene habits that will safeguard their health. At each of the child development centers, the children have learned to wash their hands before meals and after using the bathroom, and they are brushing their teeth twice a day now.

Staff members can prepare nutritious food on time for the children, because they no longer have to walk long distances to collect water and then boil it to make it safe. Parents can also clean their homes to a much higher standard than before, preventing the spread of waterborne illnesses through poor sanitation.

“My clothes are always clean now because we can wash them at home,” says 11-year-old Apio Centrine. “I’ve learned how to wash my hands properly after using the bathroom, and I can bathe as often as I want since we have enough water.”

#### THANK YOU!

Thanks to friends of Three Avocados, this initiative has been a great success. Your generous investment has led to outcomes that will benefit this community for generations to come.



Health worker Fred Kibet at Kapkoloswo Health Center uses safe water provided through this intervention to keep hands clean and to sanitize equipment at the lab.

On behalf of Compassion and the thousands of people in Uganda who are benefiting from these vital interventions, thank you! Your gift has brought nearly 10,000 children a crucial step closer to breaking the chains of poverty forever. Perhaps Sikoria says it best: “The project has made a huge difference to everyone in the village, especially the children. We know this blessing came to us through love, and we are overwhelmed with joy. I want to say thank you to the donors for everything they have done for us.”