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September 13th 2024

I. Drilling updates:

From January to date we received a total of 57 wells to drill

- 35 from various donors in US.
 - a.23 wells drilled in Mubende
 - b.07 wells drilled in Kassanda
 - c.05 wells drilled in Mityana
- 02 wells received from Buganda Kingdom
- 10 wells from Mercy Works Fundation
 - d.10 wells drilled in Kabale and Rubanda Districts.
- 10 wells sent on August 30th to be drilled by MSR in Mubende District

Except for the 10 wells received on August 30th, all other wells have been completed including the MW wells.

For the last 10, the hydrology has started this week of 9th September.

We received 2 wells from Buganda Kingdom to drill in Gomba District that is neighboring Mityana at the south. We drilled and completed these wells and we need plaque numbers to be allocated to these 2 wells.

Total new wells up to date: 35+10+02+10 = 57

We can still drill around 15 wells up to the end of the month if funds are available to reach a total of 72 wells drilled this year.

Plaques and pre-funded new wells:

32/45 – up to date we received a total of 32 plaques for the 45 wells.

- 10/10 plaques received for the MW wells in Kabale-Rubanda Districts.
 - 13 wells are still pre-funded.

II. Rehabilitation updates:

From January to date we received a total of 90 wells to rehabilitate.

- 20 wells in Nakaseke District
- 20 wells in Kassanda District
- 14 wells in Kabale-Rubanda Districts
- 26 wells in Mubende District
- 10 wells in Gomba District



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Nakaseke

We started with the first batch of 20 wells in Nakaseke District which is a District at the north of Mityana and it was a continuation of the rehab work we have done in 2023 when all over 100 wells we rehabilitated have been done in Nakaseke. With this batch of 20 wells we concluded the work in Nakaseke and withdrawn from this District. Kabale-Rubanda

We decided to rehabilitate some wells in Kabale-Rubanda Districts as we came across many wells that needed rehabilitation there. We had a list of over 20 wells that we found non functional or abandoned and after assessment only 14 were feasible for rehabilitation. The rehabilitation of all 14 wells has been concluded and we scheduled them for commissioning starting this week.

Gomba

This is a District at the south of Mityana and this year after we conclude our work in Mityana and Kassanda we want to focus on this new District and along with Mubende where we shall still do more work.

In 2025 we want to drill new wells and rehabilitate old ones in these two Districts Mubende and Gomba.

We are in the process of signing an MOU with Gomba so we can legitimately do work there and with this opportunity we requested from the District to provide a list of non functional wells from which we selected 10 as this is the number of the last batch of rehab wells we received funding for.

Plaques and pre-funded rehab wells:

74/90 – up to date we received 74 plaques for the 90 wells funded.

16 – rehab wells still pre funded.

We can rehabilitate another 20 wells this year if funds are available to reach a total of 110 wells.

III. GreenWell and HEDCO grant

The program has started about two months ago. All communities where we drill and rehabilitate wells have been signed under the maintenance program of GreenWell.

We have collected so far around \$2000 from all communities we signed and we have the goal to start signing communities of wells drilled in the previous years as well.

We purchased all items to be able to run the program.

This month we are recording videos and taking photos in the field to produce a video that should represent the launch of the GreenWell Program.

We are also in the process of installing the Sunda meters on 30 wells.

Items that have been purchased so far:

- 03 Toolboxes for pump mechanics
- 03 Motorcycles
- 03 Motorcycle gear
- 03 laptops and 3 phones
- 01 truck
- 01 01 Atlas Copco air compressor
- 30 Sunda water pre-paid meters

See link with all documents and photos of all items we purchased. <u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/1slsktnwhf4wp8l8hhz3u/AGP688TJsD0H5YND0UU9uAc?</u> <u>rlkey=jiqucjloiktqb7eqcwenfde7k&st=3bjzapfi&dl=0</u>



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It is important to mention that at the end of October, the Japanese government organization JICA is withdrawing from the Districts of Kassanda and Mubende and we have already signed an MOU with them to take over their operations of maintenance of the wells in these two Districts. JICA has more than 220 Sunda meters installed on the same number of wells and all these meters will be inherited by WOL. The cost of a meter is a bit over \$1000 and a meter is generating income from the well where it is installed as the community members are forced to pay their water user fees in order to access the water.

IV. RUMIS:

Regarding RUMIS in Mityana the exercise is still ongoing.

The data collection is moving much slower than anticipated and it will be concluded Friday 21st September.

Data cleaning and data dissemination at the District shall follow the week after, last week of September.

We requested from UWP to provide us with a report and statistics after the census is completed so we can write our own report to promote our work.

It is important to mention that this exercise is completely out of our control as UWP is in charge of everything.

- V. HVP updates to date:
- Mityana phase I HVP of 15 villages and 10 schools, implementation ended in July with a few pending activities i.e taking signpost photos (which is being done this week), endline evaluation which is taking place right now, and distribution of audio bibles scheduled to take place after we return with them in October. From Mityana phase 1 HVP we had the following results:
 - 13 villages verified to be ODF by Ministry of Health National ODF report is attached
 - 10 hand washing facilities constructed in 10 schools
 - 1000 sanitary pads distributed to 1000 girls
 - 01 girls latrines constructed at Gulwe UMEA School, Mityana (Funded by Carolyne Kreube),
 - O1 block with O3 classrooms was rehabilitated at Gulwe UMEA School (Funded by Bob Bartels and Carolyn Kreube)
 Photos are available here https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/asir9rhizgt6qkmmlyxit/APMRyoBrxnVTkL_qbA2zz-8?
 rlkey=ljau3usdltjrzggsi1tdte8rg&st=mf18wt5m&dl=0
 - Jesus Film: 83 church leaders from 22 churches in the 15 HVP phase I villages were trained. There were 50 showings of the Jesus film, 4,483 viewers, and 912 viewers committing to Christ.
- Mityana phase II HVP targeting 15 villages and 10 schools was started in August. Baseline assessment is currently being conducted and trainings, construction e.t.c will run till December 24 January 25.
- Kabale HVP 2024 covering 10 villages and 10 schools is ongoing with the following results.
 - 10 villages and schools trained in WASH, Child Protection e.t.c
 - 10 hand washing stations constructed in 10 schools
 - 1020 sanitary pads distributed to 1020 girls
 - 10 rainwater harvesting and treatment systems were constructed in 10 schools of southwestern Uganda in partnership with UWP. Photos are available here - <u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/5xtljh9rfpav3ik404hgf/h?</u> <u>rlkey=3isw22z8731rx9w16rhrt6khy&st=s3xsufnr&dl=0</u>







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- 01 girls latrine constructed at Nyaruhanga Primary School in Rubanda (Funded by Ed Rohan). Photos are available here - <u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ya4q5uebpipv1pnwz13v2/AOKTAuulbQ_dcllkl1BmfCA?</u> <u>rlkey=tmvrf617yu1tqby8a6rd7q3bh&st=9kt710y7&dl=0</u>
- 08 HVP 2023 villages were declared ODF and awarded certificates by district local governments of Kabale and Rubanda: Photos are available here -<u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/pd42ssz0ecpe6ykd9esze/AGd8D9rKNOnpDswBhM--g2l?</u> <u>rlkey=22xhpg2lk6gfuiyp7yqezu79x&st=p9ztvvvl&dl=0</u>
- Issues to be handled include:
 - Restructuring of the HVP to appeal better to funders Emphasis on hardware in schools and health facilities.
 - 02 schools were marked for classroom renovation, they collected co-funding and the contractors have started the work and have been paid 50%.

