

Monthly Snapshot  
April 2019



## 4Water & 4Health:

### Clean Water, Better Health, Fuller Lives

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” Isaiah 12:3 (NIV)

As we serve to provide clean, safe water to refugee and remote communities in northern Uganda, we form multi-year partnerships that allow us to deepen our relationships over time. When we meet with a new community, we see people—new friends—not projects.

In April, our team was hard at work drilling a new well and rehabilitating two broken wells in northern Uganda. These functional wells now provide approximately 900 people with clean, safe water! Each well included a dedication to thank God for the provision of clean water.

Last month, we signed partnerships with four new communities in our operational focus area, -- Awoba, Kolu, Odugonga, and Adufoe. This area is a priority for us because of the dire need. Only 48% of the population currently accessing clean, safe water. We can't wait to get to work on these wells and build long-term partnerships with these communities!

### The impact of clean, safe water significantly increases when coupled with robust health, hygiene & sanitation programming.

Before drilling and rehabilitating well sites, our team assesses the health knowledge and needs of those communities. After learning the individual needs of a community, we lead tailored multi-year health, hygiene and sanitation trainings aimed at addressing the individual community's critical issues.

We conducted ten health, hygiene and sanitation follow up visits in April. Visiting 466 households and noticed 408 newly-constructed sanitary latrines since hosting the sessions! In addition, 444 people from four communities in the Aupi Parish also attended Community Led Total Sanitation sessions, and we will check back in with them next month.

## Impact Testimony

Juma Majidi, Ajumgbiri

“This is the first organization I have seen working closely with the people, visiting house-to-house. The people of Ajumgbiri have suffered diarrhea and typhoid for many years. We were told that this is a result of drinking contaminated water and lack of sanitation facilities, but we did not know how to end such behavior...The health training has opened our eyes and helped us find ways of ending open defecation and drinking contaminated water.

“Through 4africa’s training, I now realize how important a latrine is in a household. Today, I have a new fully constructed latrine and I am more comfortable using it.

“4africa engages everyone to work hard for his or her household while not leaving out the vulnerable or the elderly. The idea of moving from house to house regularly to ensure that every household has a latrine and other facilities is very humbling to me. May God bless 4africa.”



## 4leadership:

### Servant-Minded, Christ-Centered

“My Presence will go with you, & I will give you rest.” Exodus 33:14 (NIV)

The school year is flying by! Our students successfully completed their first term at the Leadership Academy of South Sudan, and all students and staff are on holiday for some rest and relaxation.

Meanwhile, 140 members of our alumni association (LAOSA) attended a retreat themed: ‘Growing in Unity to Shine.’ The retreat was held at the Scripture Union camp site in Entebbe and featured a career guidance session facilitated by Mr. Muhumuza John from the

## 4leadership (cont.):

Academic Registrar's office at Makerere University. Our LAOSA members study at different universities in Uganda but meet back periodically to lift each other up and refocus on the principles they learned while at the academy. We continue to support our former students through retreats, networking events, leadership opportunities, and academic programs.



Meanwhile, Discovery Bible Study Groups have continued to consistently meet across all 5 zones of the Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement, and local church leaders established 12 new groups! We are so excited to see the enthusiasm and transformation of residents here!

## Not Just Academics—Staying Focused on Christ

At our leadership academy, Jesus always remains at the forefront as we encourage servant-minded leadership. To help our students deepen their faith, we held a 2-week discipleship training for LASS GAP Year students on Christology, Bibliology, and understanding salvation & prayer.

## Refilling Our Cups with Truth

Effective ministry begins with nourishing our own staff every day. Maintaining the spiritual health of our staff is essential for them to share the Good News with others. We host discipleship programs through daily devotions for all 4africa staff. In April, they studied Acts 28 and the book of Philippians. At LASS, staff and students held weekly fellowships, care group meetings, and bread breaking events with scripture reading and worship.



## All4God:

### Reaching Those Who Are Looking for Hope

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7 (NIV)

Within our focus area in northern Uganda, 73% of the population are unreached with the gospel. As we serve to meet the physical needs of communities, we strive to demonstrate Jesus' love throughout our programs regardless of each constituent's religion, race, gender, or political affiliation. In doing so, we seek out 'Persons of Peace' in communities who are willing to assume a leadership role; receiving 4africa resources and training in our Disciple Making Movement to host Discovery Bible Groups in their communities. In April, we conducted three newly-formed Discovery Bible Studies in the Yumbe District's Town Council—what an answer to prayer!

## Will you join our team in prayer?

"We give thanks to God for a successful month, and we ask for continued boldness to preach the word of God in the Yumbe District, Uganda. We pray for successful drilling, so we can bring clean water and the gospel to more communities. We pray for a wonderful, safe holiday for LASS students and teachers and that they may return rejuvenated and ready to learn and teach. Finally, we pray for a successful registration of our next class of LASS students! We can't wait to see what God has in store for them! All to God's glory—Amen!"

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