

4africa Rehab Well Report 2020

Zinzo Community Well

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Zinzo Community Well

Locate This Well

Village:

Obolokofuku

Well Number:

RYM-106-OD

Sub-County:

Odravu

Region:

West Nile Province

Country:

Uganda

Number of Users:

1001

Project Started:

Nov. 11, 2020

Project Completed:

Nov. 23, 2020

Location:

N: 03.359460

E: 031.259528

Max Yield:

935 lts/hr

Pump Installed:

India MK-II

Pump Depth:

33M



Apayi Joan

“My name is Apayi Joan and I recently moved to Zinzo Community after I got married. The first thing I noticed when I moved here was the lack of clean water. There was a borehole but it had many problems and people preferred to look for water elsewhere. When I moved to my husband’s place, I found that his family fetched water from Dacha River so that is where I started to fetch my water from as well. However, it wasn’t easy. I would make three trips to the river every day in order to have enough water for my family. As a newly married women, there was a lot of pressure to impress my in-laws so I had no choice but to persevere the trips to the river every day,” Joan, a new member of Zinzo community shares her struggles due to the lack of with water.

She continues to narrate, “The water from Dacha river was very dirty but it was all we had for cooking, drinking, bathing, and other domestic work. We didn’t even bother to boil it because boiling took too much time and firewood. I was really stressed about the water situation and yet I had a lot of responsibility as a newly married woman. Life was difficult.”

Through the rehabilitation of the Zinzo Community Borehole, Joan’s life has changed for the better, thanks to Covenant Church of Pittsburgh. She can now focus on enjoying and building her marriage and not have to walk for about six kilometers a day to look for water for her family.

Joan says, “All I can say is thank you. This is not just from me but from all the women in Zinzo who really suffered before our borehole was rehabilitated. We are sending you prayers and special gratitude.”



Banduga Rashid

Banduga Rashid is the LC1 Chairperson of Obolokofuku Village where Zinzo Community is located. As a leader, the breakdown of the Zinzo Community Borehole placed a huge burden in his heart because this meant that his people had to resort to dirty river water to survive, or walk for more than two kilometers in the dry season to look for clean water from a trading center called Kulikulinga where there was a piped water system. Banduga also says that he suffered a lot of emotional torture as his people started to lose trust in his ability to lead them, attacking his failure to have the government to repair their borehole. He explains, "Life was extremely difficult for me when our borehole started developing problems last year. As a government representative in the village, all manner of attacks were targeted at me because of the state of our borehole. No matter how hard I tried to convince them to be patient, nothing worked. They lost their trust in me as their leader and the government as well. When the well broke down, people started fetching from Dacha river which was dirty and caused them diseases like Typhoid fever which was very costly to treat. For those who would prefer to look for clean water, they would have to walk a long distance to the next trading center where they were required to pay 2000 Ugandan shillings. This too was overwhelming because many families in my village mainly carry out subsistence farming and don't have extra money to spend."

Today, Rashid is a happy man because all previous water problems in Zinzo community have been resolved through the recent rehabilitation of their borehole that was generously funded by Covenant Church of Pittsburgh. He says, "You have solved all our water problems! The community that had once lost hope is now very happy! In fact, the standard of living here has improved by the mere fact that the people are now able to access and drink clean water! On behalf of my people, allow me to extend my deepest gratitude to EAM and Covenant Church of Pittsburgh for this great support! May you continue to bless other people in the same way you have blessed as at Zinzo!"

Zino Community Well



Thank you for partnering
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"...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him
will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give
him will become in him a spring of water welling up
to eternal life." John 4:14

