

Safe Water

for the people of Kahi, Rwanda

The Need

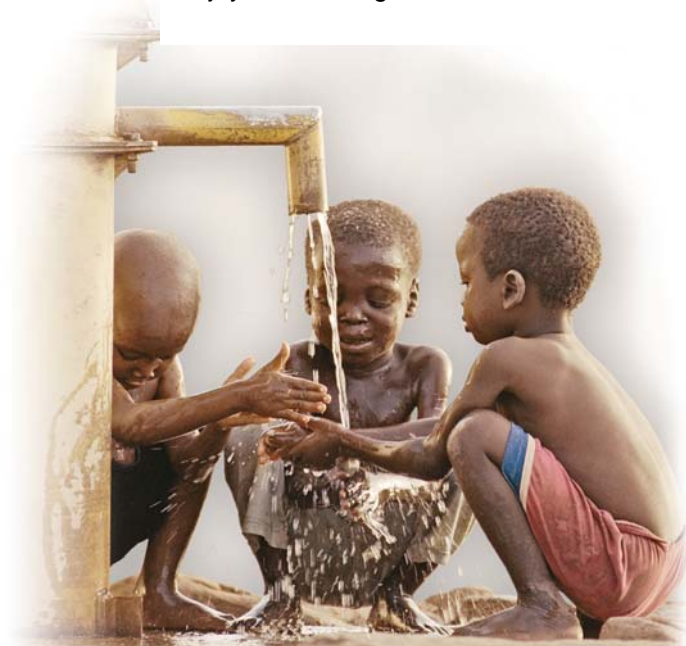
Persistent droughts in the Umutara region of Rwanda have left the majority of the population without reliable access to safe water. A recent survey found that just one in three families in the region draw water from a protected source. The rest of the population must rely on contaminated water collected from shallow hand-dug wells, swamps and ponds. As a result, hundreds of children regularly suffer from recurring water-borne diseases such as diarrhea, intestinal worms and painful skin rashes.

A shortage of water also has a damaging impact on a child's future. As principal fetchers of water, boys and girls must walk long distances each day carrying heavy containers of water. Children often miss school classes, or find themselves too tired to concentrate on their studies. Without an opportunity to complete their education, children cannot gain the skills they need to reach their God-given potential.

World Vision's Response

World Vision is working to create a water system that provides a dependable source of clean water for the people of Kahi in the Umutara region of Rwanda. By drilling new wells and building reservoirs, the Kahi Water Project will bring safe water close to the people who live in the community. The new water system will reduce the suffering caused by drinking dirty water and save children hours of wasted time, which can now be spent at school.

World Vision will also help the community maximize existing water resources to start home gardens and increase food security. For example, World Vision will help families collect rainwater that can be used to irrigate vegetable gardens. In addition, this project will train the community to protect their vital water resources, and also to establish good sanitary conditions at home so that children can enjoy continued good health.



Your Opportunity to Give

We invite you to consider a gift of clean water for the people of Kahi in Rwanda. You can help an entire community protect the health of its children, and ensure that they have the opportunity to go to school.

World Vision seeks to raise \$117,500 this year toward this important project. Your support of this project will help families in Kahi raise healthy children and begin to realize their hopes for a better life.