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“Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God.” — Bob Pierce, Found of World Vision



Rwanda Right to Clean Water

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Dirty Water Takes the Lives of Children in Eastern Rwanda

Clean water and safe sanitation is essential for child well being. However, in the water-stressed Eastern Province of Rwanda tens of thousands of children are suffering without access to this most basic requirement for good health.

In the communities of Gashora and Rugarama, rainfall in the area is very low and few natural springs exist that provide year round sources of water. The majority of families in these communities live in poverty and many have no choice but to draw water from dangerous crocodile infested swamps, rivers and lakes that are teeming with harmful microorganisms.

In Gashora a quarter of the households have no access to safe water and more than a third of the population in Rugarama lack access.

As a result, 54% of the population — mostly the children — suffer from a variety of water-borne diseases including diarrhea, which can lead to dehydration and malnutrition. Recurring bouts of diarrhea also prevent children from going to school, often for weeks at a time. For infants and young children, chronic diarrhea can be fatal. This is a chief factor in the region's tragically high under-5 mortality rate of 300 probable child deaths for every 1,000 children.

With your support, World Vision can bring clean water to Gashora and Rugarama and prevent child disease and needless child deaths from drinking dirty water.

World Vision Responds

You can partner with World Vision to provide clean water to 3,217 people in the communities of Gashora and 7,436 people in the communities of Rugarama who are currently drinking unsafe water from local lakes. With your help, we can prevent child deaths and illness by installing a water system that will provide a reliable, year-round supply of clean and safe water for the these communities.

With your help World Vision is able to:

- Construct a water system with pipes that distributes water throughout the community



- Install a provisional water purification system until piping system is complete
- Conduct training sessions in solid waste management and hygiene practices that include hand washing, dishwashing, food storage and safe water transport and storage
- Perform household water quality tests
- Develop relationships with private-sector partners to establish reliable sources of parts and equipment for the water system

Working together through this project we aim to increase the number of people with access to clean water in Gashora by 7 percent and in Rugarama by 23 percent. As a result of your partnership we expect the incidence of waterborne disease among children to be significantly reduced.

How You Can Help

Clean water is vital for child health and child survival. Your investment in this critical water project will prevent the needless deaths of young children and bring a new level of health and happiness to children and families in two communities.

Your partnership with World Vision through this project supports the desire of these communities in Eastern Rwanda to raise healthy children. With your help, World Vision can support the people of Gashora and Rugarama to provide clean water so that children can study, play and enjoy the benefits of good health.

**With your help, we aim to raise \$300,000 for this vital project.
Please contact us today and we can work out the details together.**