

## Big Give Funded Boreholes

Our Xmas Big Give campaign in 2021 raised **£10,051** from **74** donors. This allowed us to fund rope-pump boreholes at **seven** schools in Kasulu District, Western Tanzania, benefitting **5,200** students.

The job still isn't done, as there are many other schools in the Kasulu District of Western Tanzania whose pupils have to walk long distances to fetch water. Here are some of the lucky ones who no longer have to spend time doing this thanks to your generosity last year.



### Rungwe Mpya Primary School

Rungwe Mpya is located in Southern Kasulu, and has two primary schools and one secondary school. The village heavily depends on water collected from a stream, which is almost 2km from Rungwe Mpya Primary School. The water is dirty because it is shared with animals, and used for washing as well as drinking. Borehole drilling was completed on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, bringing fresh water to 811 students and teachers.

“We are glad to have the borehole at our school; the pupils don't walk a long distance for water anymore. They get water for drinking, washing and garden watering within the school. We expect performance at the school will improve among our students because they have less time wastage for water collection” – Venilanda, a female teacher says.

Telezia is a female pupil studying at Rungwe Mpya Primary School. She is in standard 6 this year and says; “We were the victims of water at our school and home. Now I am happy with water situation, I don't walk as much, I don't get tired, and this gives me and my fellow pupils more time studying and discussing our subjects. We thank you for your big heart to help us and we beg you to keep helping the projects of this kind to the other schools and community.”



## **Kumtundu Primary School**

Kumtundu Primary School in Northern Kasulu has 683 day pupils. The school was built away from the village at a place with no water. On 26 Feb. 2022, the completed borehole was handed over to the school and since then has been giving life to the pupils, teachers and the plants used to feed them. Studying at the school is already improving.

“Nothing can make life like water; it gives our bodies and brains settlement since we are no longer having to worry about this most needed aspect of our life” Paineto the head prefect says.



## **Asante Nyerere**

This is a very remote place 48km to the south of Kasulu town, with 562 day students. Before the borehole was drilled, they used to go to school carrying gallons of water. On-site supply has improved studying time and academic performance, increased the output of the school gardens, reduced truancy and improved health.

Sifa is a form three girl aged 16 years old. She says; during menstruation I didn't go to school because there was no water there. I used to stay home and missed classes over three days. Now I do not miss any sessions.





### **Katundu Primary School**

The school's 904 pupils used to bring water to school in jerry cans, until the borehole was completed on April 13rd 2022. This provides 20 litres of water per minute, enough for all of the daily activities of the school.

Josilini is the standard six head girl at Katundu Primary School, and says, "This borehole has brought us relief from the burden of carrying heavy water. We thank you for considering our school in your charity service."



### **Kigadye Primary School**

Kigadye primary school combines two schools in one, with the 1,016 pupils. Unluckily it is located away from the water source. Merick and Shuhuda are the head teachers at the schools. They are humble, thanking us for bringing water to the school. However they are requesting an extension to the water system to improve washing facilities by installing solar electricity, a submersible solar-powered pump, water tanks and tap stands.

The pupils are happy that water has arrived at the school, but keen to see the scheme expanded.



### **Kakirungu Primary School**

Here 765 pupils have been enjoying borehole water since 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The water is drawn from a depth of 30m using a hand pump. This has significantly reduced absenteeism rates due to waterborne diseases. The situation before the borehole was terrible because pupils did not get water at the school for drinking, and the toilets and classrooms were very dirty. Pupils did not like going to school.

The head teacher says, “We are now competing with other local schools to ensure pupils perform well in their final national exams. We are happy with the service and we thank you for your kind support to our school.”

### **Muzye Secondary School**

This was site with the very hardest rock where Mboni ya Vijana, TDT’s local partner, had to work hard for 37 days to finish the borehole, which was finally handed over to its 458 beneficiaries on 12nd May 2022.

Enelisa and Moduli are students at Muzye Secondary School, and will sit their final exams at the end of the year. They are very pleased to have more time for studying, and are hoping that this will help them to get better results.



Mboni ya Vijana and the District Council of Kasulu acknowledge the donations received via Tanzania Development Trust during the Big Give’s Xmas 2021 campaign, and thank everyone for improving living and education standards in Kasulu by providing clean water. We request you to keep helping projects of this kind, to extend the programme to more beneficiaries in the community of Kasulu.

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