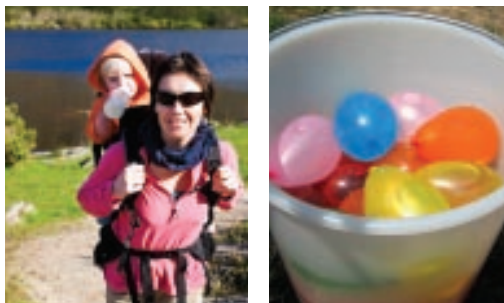


Fun fundraising ideas

There are hundreds of different ways to fundraise. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- > **Make waves.** Organise a sponsored swim.
- > **Get carrying!** Do a sponsored water carry to understand what it is like to walk for water.
- > **Find the answer.** Hold a water-themed quiz or treasure hunt.
- > **Do the write thing.** Run a poetry or short story competition with a water theme.
- > **Walk on water.** Stage a sponsored walk along a local river, lake or canal.

> **Go online!** Set up a page on our fundraising website www.myactionaid.org.uk where you can collect donations, share ideas and upload photos.



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Priority Projects

Uganda: safe water for school children

Fact: children uprooted from their village in Kitemba, western Uganda, have no safe water supply at their school, and are forced to share an unclean water source with animals.

Aim: to provide safe water for the Kitemba primary school.

Real lives: Mary's story



Mary Goret Nabukenya, 12, Kitemba, Uganda.
Photo: Georgie Scott/ActionAid

Mary lives with her grandmother and brother in Kitemba. Her mother died when she was six, and her father a year later. Collecting water takes up a large part of her day – not only for use at home, but at school too.

“In the dry season we use [spring] water for porridge and drinking... We fear drinking the water, but in the dry season we have to drink it, and it does not taste good. In the wet season we try to use rainwater for the porridge, if we have enough.

We collect water in groups of five or six, because we don't have many jerry cans. We miss school when we collect water, and we also have to wash the cups or help make the porridge. I get tired walking back with the water, as it's very heavy and the cans hurt my fingers.”



Pupils set off to collect water at Kitemba primary school, Uganda.
Photo: Georgie Scott/ActionAid

The danger of poor water and sanitation

In Uganda, 40% of people have no clean water, and around 60% have no decent sanitation. Disease is widespread. People evicted from their homes to make way for a foreign coffee company in Kitemba, western Uganda, are now in severe need of safe water sources.

Kitemba primary school has no safe water during the dry season and the nearest source – dirty ponds – is a health risk. Children miss an hour of lessons a day collecting water from the ponds, which are shared with animals. Sometimes the children get bitten by snakes.

Uganda factfile



- > The population of Uganda is 28 million.
- > Average life expectancy is 50.
- > One third of people cannot read or write.
- > 40% of people do not have access to safe water.
- > 37% of people live below the national poverty line.
- > ActionAid has been working with communities in Uganda since 1982. We now work with over 200 partners to improve education, agriculture and women's rights, and to tackle HIV and AIDS.

Real lives: the story of Kitemba



Headmaster Simon Onyango takes lessons under a tree because of a shortage of classrooms at Kitemba primary school.

Photo: Georgie Scott/ActionAid

In August 2001, authorities notified Kitemba residents that they were to be evicted from their land in order to let a foreign coffee company cultivate it. Despite protests led by ex-headmaster Peter Balake Kayiira, soldiers evicted over 400 families and destroyed the village.

Villagers set up camp on nearby land. With no water, no farm land, no healthcare and no means to make a living, the settlement remains basic. The school has only a small water tank, which even during the rainy season cannot hold enough water to adequately supply the school.

Since 2001 the villagers, with the help of ActionAid, have been fighting their case in the courts. Until it is resolved, Kitemba villagers' need for clean water is urgent.



Mary Goret Nabukenya (right), and Sylvia Nakaliga leave school to collect water.

Photo: Georgie Scott/ActionAid

How you can help

The project

Funding this project will enable the sinking of two vital boreholes – one at the site of the Kitemba primary school and the other at the main settlement in Kitemba. This new source of clean, safe drinking water will benefit children and teachers, as well as the entire evicted Kitemba community. In addition to the boreholes, the project will construct an extra three classroom blocks at the school, providing children who currently study under the trees with a safe learning environment.

What this Priority Project will do:

- > Help 2,100 people gain access to safe, clean water.
- > Improve attendance at Kitemba primary school by attracting back children who dropped out after the eviction.
- > Increase girls' access to education by improving sanitation facilities.
- > Reduce the lesson time children lose to collecting water.
- > Improve play areas and provide games and sports equipment for pupils.

What your money can buy

£20

could provide eight children with access to safe, clean water.

£50

could provide 100 children with sports equipment like footballs, volleyballs and nets.

£300

could buy desks and chairs for two classrooms.

£500

could provide a playground for 500 children.

£1,500

could build toilet facilities to improve water and sanitation facilities for pupils at the school.

£5,000

could construct one classroom for Kitemba primary school, saving children from studying under a tree.