Buluuta B Community, Uganda

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Residents from Buluuta B suffered from a severe water crisis. The community's primary water source was a pond in an open field. Unfortunately, the water collected from this pond was contaminated by animals that also used it as their water source. Sometimes, children would defecate in it, compounding the issue. The water was visibly dirty and had a bad smell to it. Even though residents would boil it at home, they were still afraid to drink it because of how contaminated it looked. This caused many residents to go days without drinking water for fear of contamination. Many residents would get sick from waterborne diseases. Adults would miss work and get behind on responsibilities at home, and children skipped school because of sicknesses like diarrhea, hindering their educational progress.

Irene Nabirye, a farmer, shared her community's situation. She said, "I have been finding it a big challenge to buy drinking water because, as a family, we don't have a stable income. It has also been very hard to use the water we collect from the pond for drinking even after boiling because we know that domestic animals and children often defecate in it. Even its smell was terrible. I spend days without drinking water because the water is bad."

When community leaders heard about Living Water's work in the region, they immediately reached out for help. Living Water Uganda responded by drilling a new borehole and installing a new hand pump. Now, the community finally has reliable access to safe water!

Irene is grateful for the benefits the new safe water source brings to her community. She said, "This new borehole will help us to save money we have been spending on buying water at a high rate and hospital bills to treat water-related diseases. It will save the time we had been spending to get safe water. It will also improve the livelihood of the people in our community."

This pond is Buluuta B's primary water source.

This new safe water source is available to everyone in the community!