



## Kwabena Nartey, Ghana

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The Kwabena Nartey community struggled with a severe water crisis and faced substantial challenges due to water scarcity and the contamination of available water sources. The community had two hand-dug wells for water needs, but one was designated exclusively for school use. This left the rest of the community dependent on a single well, leading to considerable resource strain. The reliance on just one well for such a large community resulted in long lines, as residents waited hours to collect water. This caused frustration among the community members and disrupted their daily lives and routines. When the lines were too long, residents ventured outside the community and traveled long distances searching for alternative sources, which added to this time-consuming task.

Water scarcity also profoundly affected healthcare services. Nurses and healthcare providers had to allocate considerable time and resources to water collection, often traveling long distances when the need was urgent, and the lines at the pump were long. This diversion of resources hampered their ability to provide adequate care for patients, further exacerbating the health crisis within the community.

Godfred Kwakye Asante, a farmer in Kwabena Nartey, shared the community's experience: "Our community has close to 2,000 people, and we only had two hand-dug wells that served as water sources. Of the two hand-dug wells, one was dedicated to the school, which has 800 students. This left us to depend on only one hand-dug well. This resulted in long lines and quarrels among residents. Water from these wells was yellowish and contained sediment. Using these water sources resulted in many diseases, particularly typhoid cases, cholera, and diarrhea, among others. Nurses, particularly midwives, had to collect their water from long distances before attending to patients at the community clinic."



This resident only have two sources of water, both of which are contaminated with sickness-inducing bacteria.



Construction is underway! The Living Water staff work to drill a borehole until reaching a safe water aquifer.

The Kwabena Nartey residents knew they had found the answer to their need for safe water when they heard about Living Water's work in their region. A local pastor contacted Living Water Ghana, requesting a new water source to serve the entire community. The Living Water staff visited the community to assess the situation and found that the residents were in dire need of a safe and reliable water source, so they worked to construct a piped water system that would reach tap stands around Kwabena Nartey, including at the local clinic.

The new water system helps reduce the health risks of consuming contaminated water. It also eliminates the lengthy lines at the single well, fostering a healthier community and significantly reducing the burden on the local healthcare services. Now, with more time, children can attend school regularly, enhancing their education. Adults, freed from the exhaustive cycles of illness and the daily ordeal of collecting water, can focus more on work and family, improving their economic stability and overall quality of life. The new safe water source brings a sense of hope and solidifies residents' faith in God as their provider.

Safe water has changed everything!



Now, there is plenty of safe water for everyone in the community!