



Noungou Community, Burkina Faso

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In Noungou, a water crisis plagued the community. Initially, Noungou's 1,800 residents had to walk over five kilometers to collect water from the nearest well. These wells were old, and the water was typically unreliable and unsafe. Community members suffered from illnesses caused by waterborne diseases, disrupting their daily routines. In addition, the long walks to the wells were grueling for women, the primary water collectors. Their bodies suffered from aches and pains carrying the heavy water containers home.

The residents of Noungou experienced a ray of hope when the government provided the community with five new boreholes. The water was safer to drink than the water they collected from the old wells, and conditions improved, but the Noungou community had too many residents. The five boreholes could not meet the water demands of the entire community. The water crisis became an issue of water scarcity. When residents desperately needed more water, they resorted to their previous water source, the old wells, five kilometers away. Returning to their old water source was a frustrating experience.

Ouedraogo Matthieu, a 57-year-old farmer and animal breeder, shared his community's struggle against the water crisis: "The poor quality of water from the wells was making us sick. After we received the five boreholes, we had drinking water but not enough."

The residents of Noungou were trapped in a water crisis and needed to find a solution to end the water scarcity issue. With the help of the local government, leaders in Noungou were able to contact Living Water International and request an additional water system. The Living Water staff responded by drilling a deeper borehole that reached an underground aquifer with plentiful water.

Ouedraogo is grateful for the new safe water source's many benefits to his community. He said, "The new borehole will solve our drinking water problem. Drinking water will now be sufficient for us and our animals."



The community no longer suffers from water scarcity!



Residents pray over their new water source.