



# Kitobor Community, Kenya

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The residents of the Kitobor community in Kenya suffered from an array of challenges brought on by the water crisis. The dry landscape, subject to frequent drought, made even surface water collection a challenge. Often, without the financial means to purchase water from local vendors, some community members would rely on exposed hand-dug wells and rainwater for their daily water needs, from drinking to bathing, cooking, and washing. In particular, the local school was profoundly affected by this lack of safe water.

The school has been strengthening the community through a school feeding program for children, funded by the local government. However, insufficient funds made attaining safe water impossible, and cooking with contaminated water was incredibly harmful as it promoted the rampant spread of life-threatening waterborne diseases. For this reason, the head teacher had to make the difficult decision to suspend cooking due to a lack of safe water.

Then, upon hearing of Living Water International's work in the area, the school leadership knew they'd found a solution to their water crisis and immediately reached out. Living Water Kenya responded swiftly, upgrading their previous rainwater collection system by drilling a new borehole and installing a solar-powered submersible pump that can fill two large tanks and is accessible all day long through multiple tap stands.

**Reuben Muthinji, Head Teacher at the school, shared, "Now, with reliable water, the school feeding program can be done with no challenges, unlike before. This will ensure the children attend school every day."**

With easily accessible water, students can now quench their thirst and satiate their hunger!



A resident collects water from a shallow, hand-dug well.



The local school worships after dedicating their new safe water system.