



# Nkomesha Community, Zambia

REVITALIZED WELL BRINGS JOY BACK TO RESIDENTS

Nestled in western Zambia, the Nkomesha community is home to 309 resilient individuals, many of whom are young children. The community, deeply reliant on vegetable and livestock farming, uses the fertile dambo areas for their livelihood. For years, the community members faced a severe water crisis that threatened their well-being and way of life.

Mrs. Nkomesha, a devoted mother of nine, vividly recalls the challenges they endured. “Several years ago, our water point began to fail. The water would trickle out slowly, and the pipes were leaking. As a community, we pooled our resources to purchase the necessary parts, but the high costs made it impossible to complete the repairs.”

The broken borehole forced Mrs. Nkomesha to rise at 5:00 AM daily, walking one and a half kilometers to gather water from a distant, contaminated well. This exhausting routine left her sapped of energy, and basic hygiene became a luxury with such little water to go around. “My children suffered from scabies, and diarrhea became a constant threat in our community. The clinic became my second home because my family was constantly sick” she shared.

Despite these hardships, the residents persevered, continuing to farm and sell produce to support their families. Today, thanks to the rehabilitation of their borehole, the Nkomesha community has found new hope. “Now, I can bathe and care for my family without worrying about water shortages,” Mrs. Nkomesha expressed with gratitude. “Our livestock has a reliable water supply, and the scabies and diarrhea are gone. We are so thankful to Living Water International for restoring our water and bringing health and joy back to our community.”



Mrs. Nkomesha and her children no longer have to make long journeys to and from a contaminated source.



Now, collecting water is simple and easy!