



# École Primaire Shyira, Rwanda

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École Primaire Shyira in Saruduha, Rwanda, was in crisis. The school depended on a rainwater collection system, but without proper maintenance, the water became contaminated and unsafe. With no other option, students and staff were forced to drink contaminated water, putting their health at serious risk. Waterborne diseases took a toll, leading to frequent illnesses and absences that disrupted learning and threatened students' futures.

The lack of safe water also impacted the school's sanitation and hygiene. Toilets and handwashing stations became unusable, and the kitchen staff struggled to prepare meals, leaving students hungry and unable to focus. The entire school community felt the strain—students, families, and teachers were burdened with anxiety and stress as the water crisis worsened.

But then there was hope. When community leaders heard about Living Water International's work in the region, they knew overcoming the water crisis was possible. The school staff reached out, and Living Water Rwanda responded, extending a pipeline from an existing government water system and constructing two tap stands on the school property.

Today, École Primaire Shyira has reliable access to safe water. Students are healthier, attendance has improved, and the school is once again a place where children can thrive. The children of École Primaire Shyira can now focus on their studies and dreams, free from the worry of unsafe water. Safe water has brought hope and health back to the community, creating a brighter future for all.



The Living Water staff puts the finishing touches on one of the new tap stands at the school.



Now, students can easily gather water while at school!