



Nyarunazi, Rwanda

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Residents of Nyarunazi battled a severe water crisis, relying on an unreliable spring contaminated by insects, dirt, and other harmful bacteria for all their daily needs. “Women and children traveled long distances to collect insufficient water from an unprotected spring, our only water source. Children were late to class, and community members constantly suffered from diseases,” shared Tuyizere Jean Damascene, a 27-year-old farmer.

“During the dry season, some residents went more than two days without practicing sanitation and hygiene at home. The resulting illness and discomfort often discouraged students from attending school.”

This crisis threatened community members’ health, finances, education, and emotional well-being. Still, residents hoped for a brighter future. When community leaders heard of Living Water International’s work in the area, they asked for support. Living Water Rwanda assessed the situation, drilled a borehole, and installed a hand pump in Nyarunazi. The Living Water staff also conducted sanitation and hygiene workshops, empowering residents with lifesaving skills like handwashing with soap, building latrines, and more.

Safe water has transformed daily life for these 350 residents. As health improves, children can attend school consistently and adults can invest in their families and community. “We are so happy to have a safe, reliable, high-quality water source. We now have safe water nearby with a steady flow. We will no longer face waterborne diseases,” shared Tuyizere.



This unprotected spring is exposed to contaminants, and its supply is scarce during the dry season, making this source unsafe and inconsistent.



Community members rejoice now that they have reliable safe water easily accessible for all their needs, protecting them from waterborne diseases!