



Kpandebu, Sierra Leone

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Residents of the Kpandebu community faced a severe water crisis. Patrick Jormah, a 52-year-old pastor and farmer, shared: “For years, we relied on a hand-dug well built by another organization, but over time, it collapsed. Before Living Water’s intervention, we went years without access to the well. We had to fetch water from a roadside swamp for drinking and household use. We suffered from frequent stomach issues, diarrhea, vomiting, and skin issues. Children often fell sick because the water was contaminated.

“People upstream did their laundry in the water, and some used nearby bushes as toilets. When it rained, everything washed downstream into the swamp. There were many dangers—fear of snake bites, the risk to young girls, and rough roads that made carrying water difficult. During the rainy season, the roads became slippery, and water containers easily broke.”

Residents were desperate for a solution to this cycle of loss and disease. As soon as local leaders heard about Living Water International’s work in the area, they reached out for help. Living Water Sierra Leone responded by drilling a borehole and installing a hand pump. For the first time in living memory, these 262 residents have reliable access to safe water only a short walk from home!

“Now, with this new safe water source, our lives are changed. We no longer have to drink unsafe water,” Patrick added, “The fear of walking long distances for water is gone. Young girls are safe from harm, and we no longer have to constantly replace broken water jars.”



Residents risk snake bites and falls to collect water from this swamp, contaminated by feces, dirt, rain, and other bacteria that cause diseases.



Living Water staff stand alongside the water committee, which consists of residents elected by their peers to ensure the well’s sustainability.