



## Kabuki Kyando, Uganda

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Residents of Uganda's Kabuki Kyando community faced a severe water crisis that marked their daily lives with anxiety, poverty, and disease. Women and children sacrificed long hours each day to embark on taxing water collection journeys. Nankya Nambi, a 58-year-old farmer, shared: "Swamps and ponds were our only sources of water. This meant walking long distances to collect unsafe water that often made us sick. Many times, as a result, meals couldn't be prepared on time, which escalated domestic violence in our homes due to cultural expectations."

"Once, my husband fell ill, and doctors diagnosed him with typhoid, explaining it was caused by drinking contaminated water. We spent a lot of money on his treatment, yet we still had no access to a safe water source nearby, forcing us to continue walking long distances to collect unsafe water despite knowing the risks." With complete dehydration being the only alternative, residents could either lean into hopelessness or resilience. They did the latter.

Still, community leaders knew this cycle of suffering could not continue. Determined to find a sustainable solution, they reached out the moment they heard about Living Water International's work in the region. Living Water Uganda responded by installing a hand pump in Kabuki Kyando and equipping residents with life-saving sanitation and hygiene skills. For the first time in living memory, these 350 men, women, and children have reliable access to safe water and the sanitation and hygiene knowledge they need to thrive!

"Now that we have safe water, everything will change. Husbands and wives will have better relationships because meals can be prepared on time, and our children can go to school on time. Most importantly, we will finally be healthy," Nankya added.



Residents have no choice but to collect water from swamps or ponds like this one. Both sources are unsafe, leading to rampant waterborne diseases.



These residents were elected by their peers to form the water committee. They will collect small, voluntary water use fees for future repairs.