



Kowo, Zimbabwe

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Female staff and students at a school in Kowo were grateful for safe water nearby but had to regularly leave class, walk a long distance to the hand pump, collect water in buckets, and carry it back to school. They often failed to collect sufficient water, meaning drinking and cooking had to be prioritized over other essentials. Soon, it became nearly impossible to maintain clean spaces, and illnesses spread.

Revai Musoni, the school's 39-year-old deputy headmistress, shared, "Our previous water source—a hand-dug well—was over a mile away and was prone to contamination as we used ropes to draw water. I feared daily for a possible cholera outbreak in the school. Once the hand pump was drilled in the community, it was a relief to have safe water. However, students had to leave during class to fetch water and carry it back to school in buckets. This was time-consuming and exhausting."

School officials were desperate for a change. In their search for a sustainable solution, they learned of Living Water International's work and reached out for help. Living Water Zimbabwe responded by installing a piped water system in Kowo that serves 5,000 people!

"Now, everything will improve," said Revai. "With 13 new tap stands at the school, we will have plenty of safe water nearby that is easily accessible. This will not only provide improved access to safe water for our staff and students, but for our entire community!"



Revai met with a Living Water staff member to share about how the water crisis has impacted her school and community.



These children rejoice now that they have sufficient safe water easily accessible for all their daily needs, empowering them to thrive in school!