



Makunha, Zimbabwe

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For a long time, residents of Makunha Community were trapped in a water crisis that brought immense hardship. Their primary water source, a manual access borehole, was no longer functional, so the women and children, who were tasked with water collection, traveled far distances to gather water from the nearest river. Not only was this task physically demanding, but the water collected from the river did more harm than good for the community.

Bacteria were in the river, and waterborne diseases soon spread. A growing number of students and teachers suffered from illness, and school administrators had no choice but to shut down indefinitely. The closures not only disrupted education but also placed an additional burden on families, affecting their daily routines and financial stability. As families struggled to cope with these challenges, the crisis only further revealed the critical role that access to safe water plays in maintaining health, education and well-being.

Upon learning about the work that Living Water International was doing in the area, community leaders reached out. Living Water Zimbabwe responded by rehabilitating the borehole and installing a new hand pump! Now, 250 men, women and children have a sustainable water source in their own community, and children are back in school!



Community members gather at a sanitation and hygiene activity where they learn how to prevent disease spread.



With the new water source in place, community members no longer have to travel far to access safe water.