



Nango, Uganda

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Residents of the Nango community faced a difficult situation. Because there was no nearby water source, they had to collect water from a distant pond. Relying on unsafe water meant that residents were prone to suffer from a variety of waterborne diseases. Children were most vulnerable — illness forced them to stay home from school and they fell behind in their studies. Parents, either sick themselves or staying home to care for their ill children, could not manage their household duties.

Anna Etwalu, a 69-year-old farmer, described Nango's water crisis. "Life was tough. Many community members used to suffer from waterborne diseases like typhoid, diarrhea and cholera. This led to frequent food shortages, because people spent more time in the hospital than tending to their gardens."

When community leaders heard about the work that Living Water International was doing in the area, they reached out for help. Living Water Uganda responded by drilling a borehole and installing a hand pump only a short walk from residents' homes. Anna shared, "We now have access to safe water, which reduces the risk of waterborne diseases. We all will be in good health and able to form a strong workforce to cultivate our fields, leading to enough food for everyone."

At last, the residents of Nango community have easy access to safe water!



These residents form the water committee, which will help ensure that safe water continues to flow in the community for years to come.



Anna [right] shares with a Living Water staff member how the water crisis impacted her life.