



## Mbora Community

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Residents of Mbora, Kenya, faced a dire water crisis. Initially, community members relied on water collected from the Ng'ou River, and women trekked three miles each way to collect it. The river was contaminated with insects, animal feces, parasites, dirt, leaves, and harmful bacteria responsible for waterborne diseases. Residents' only alternative—available to the few who could afford it—was walking three hours one way to purchase water from costly vendors. When the river ran dry during droughts, women endured this journey of more than five miles with remarkable resilience, sacrificing their families' limited income for a few buckets of safe water.

The water crisis in Mbora peaked in 2019 when the Ng'ou River dried up. Residents had no choice but to rely on shallow ponds for their daily needs. The ponds' foul-smelling, murky water was teeming with disease, and a cholera outbreak swept through the community impacting children the most. Tragically, many lives were lost. Residents were unable to practice proper sanitation or personal hygiene, so disease spread rapidly, overwhelming the local health clinic despite healthcare providers' best efforts. Community members were exhausted, heartbroken, and desperate for assistance. When community leaders heard about the work that Living Water International was doing in the area, they reached out.

Living Water Kenya responded by drilling a borehole, installing a solar-powered submersible pump, and constructing a tap stand in Mbora. Now community members will flourish for years to come!



Once Living Water staff drill 88 meters to reach a safe, underground aquifer, install a solar-submersible pump, and treat and test the water for safety, they install solar panels—ensuring the pump will provide a consistent safe water supply—and build a water kiosk with two taps for easy access.

These women rejoice now that they have reliable, safe water easily accessible for all their daily needs.