



Mordokor Community Health Post, Sierra Leone

Healthier Beginnings: Access to Safe Water Provides Better Care for Mothers and Newborns

When it came time to deliver a baby at the Mordokor Community Health Post (CHP), the lack of safe water nearby was a constant challenge for families and healthcare workers.

The health care facility, located in the mining area of Upper Banta Chiefdom, serves almost 5,000 people across 14 neighboring communities.

“When there was a delivery, the relatives of the pregnant woman or the assistant nurse had to walk over a mile round trip to fetch water,” Eddie Kamara, a health worker at Mordokor CHP, said.

Water is needed for cleaning the delivery room, washing hands, cleaning equipment, and preventing infection upon delivery. For healthcare workers, time spent searching for water made it difficult to maintain a sanitary environment for mothers and newborns while also meeting the needs of other patients.

When staff at Mordokor CHP heard about Living Water International, they wasted no time seeking help. Living Water Sierra Leone responded by drilling a borehole and installing a hand pump directly on the health post’s grounds.

Today, water is readily available at all hours, giving families complete peace of mind when they come in for healthcare.

“We are grateful to Living Water for helping us live healthier lives and making our work more easier and more productive,” Eddie said. “Safe drinking water is a blessing.”



Eddie stands next to the new water source, grateful to have easy access to safe water throughout the workday.



Community members also have access to the new hand pump, leading to a decrease in waterborne illnesses.