



Rwemiriro, Uganda

From Volunteer to Water Plumber: A Mother's Journey to Secure Her Children's Future

For Kasande Agnes, a single mother of seven, daily life in the Rwemiriro community without safe water was filled with constant fear and anxiety.

When Living Water Uganda arrived to seek a lasting solution for Kasande and her community, Kasande readily decided to be part of the solution.

After identifying a spring located eight miles away, Living Water staff asked community members if they would be willing to provide a portion of their land to dig trenches and install water pipes, enabling the team to build a gravity-flow system from the neighboring community.

Kasande decided not only to donate land to help bring the water project to completion but also decided to take her contribution a step further. She volunteered to be trained as a pump mechanic and system operator of the new water system, a role typically held by men in her community.

Although the volunteer work was unpaid, the experience transformed her and her children's lives. The skills she gained eventually led to her being offered a paid position with another organization.

"The training and my faithfulness turned into a job, income, dignity, and respect," Kasande stated.

Today, with the income that she has earned, Kasande has been able to pay for her children's school fees. Kasande's decision to become trained as a water plumber not only changed her and her children's future but also opened new possibilities for women throughout the Rwemiriro community.

"Because of me, women now say, 'If Kasande can be a plumber, even I can learn to build.' Today, we have women who are builders in our parish."



Kasande [left] shares her story with a Living Water staff member.



With the plumbing skills Kasande learned from Living Water staff, she works on repairing some pipes.