

# “Having Water is Like a Dream”

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## Water for Kids

None of us can imagine not having access to safe water, or having to walk long distances and carry every drop we use, let alone wonder how safe that water might be. We turn on the tap and there it is. In sub-Saharan Africa water-borne diseases are a major cause of ill health and infant deaths. Spending time walking to water sources takes children out of school and adults away from more productive tasks.

**Water for Kids (WfK)** is a UK based charity, which in 28 years has transformed the lives of over 440,000 people. We have improved health and education, reduced poverty and, above all, saved lives, through the provision of safe water and good sanitation initiatives. A safe water supply means that communities can grow food more easily to eat and sell and build better homes and new classrooms. Also, children can attend school more regularly, because there have been fewer cases of diarrhoea, cholera and worms.

### Simple but impactful solutions

Many communities only have access to contaminated spring sources, often used by animals too. None of us would want to drink this. Some sources involve balancing on logs to get water, and children have drowned. WfK builds dams to provide safe access to clean spring water. A committee is formed to ensure maintenance of the source, and health education training is carried out. The run-off is used for growing crops or fish farming. In larger communities, WfK provides boreholes with handpumps and in some cases distribution systems using solar technology.

We work closely with local environmental health partners, mostly in Uganda and Zambia. Our partnerships and involvement of communities ensure sustainability and ongoing health improvements.



*Children collecting water from an unsafe spring in Uganda.*



*A newly protected spring - safe and accessible water.*

**We are very proud of the impact we have made on over 200 communities in 9 countries. But we would not be able to do this without the generosity of our supporters, and in particular our ongoing relationships with corporate partners.**

### Be part of the solution

Your company could become a Corporate Supporter of Water for Kids. Not only would your company be helping to change lives, it would benefit from tax relief on cash donations, a positive image, which in-turn could attract more business and investors. It also helps bond the workforce by creating a common focus for employees. Giving can be tailored to suit your company.



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