

Strengthening Clean Water



Idjwi Island, Dem Rep of Congo



Water

Budget \$44,000

Project Timeline

FUNDED

JUN 23

MAY 24

Overview

This fifth project with our partner is funding support and strengthening previous water projects on Idjwi. The focus will be twofold: the restoration and upgrading of 17 existing water sources together with further water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) training for local water management committees within these remote and poor communities. Clean water for Idjwi is much-needed and requested, benefitting families and other social structures such as health centres, schools and local churches/community centres, including disadvantaged pygmy communities. The project complements a government program designed to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by unclean water and poor, or no, knowledge of WASH in villages and schools.

Impact for June - November 2023

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Our partners are working hand-in-hand

with the local health zone and locally-led water committees. Community input is essential for solving problems and contributing and transporting materials.

8 existing water sources “rehabilitated”

in the first six months of the project. An initial study identified the need for these water sources to receive additional construction support - concreting, water run-off, preventing further erosion and the like.

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39,160

The 8 water sources represents

a huge number of people living in remote and extremely impoverished areas. Clean water is an essential ingredient to living a healthier life.



40 participants from Water Management

committees received further training to bolster community support which is integral to the success of the project. Local beneficiaries were taught to understand their role in maintaining clean water sources.

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- Idjwi suffers from poverty, disease, food and job insecurity and has a growing population which is increasing further strain
- It also suffers from huge rainfall which causes erosion without proper infrastructure. It's a challenging environment!



Miss Clementine's story

“In our village, there was no clean drinking water. We had to draw water from Lake Kivu to wash dishes and prepare food in our households. Quite often we had severe stomach aches. With the new water source we saw a reduction in water-borne diseases and stomach aches, which affected children the most. I'm happy because we have water serving several households in our village with a good flow, following the recent rehabilitation. Now, me and my family access water close to home without long queues. We used to be regularly hit by cholera,” explains Ms. Clémentine.

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