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## Iganga WaSH Project, Uganda



### Background

As access to clean water is the number one priority for many, rural African communities, the High Five Club have made water provision in wildlife areas of Africa one of its key deliverables. We are expanding our reach year by year to bring safe, clean water to thousands of people in villages across Zambia's Luangwa Valley. And over the last 18 months we have expanded our water programme into Uganda for the very first time.

In Uganda, we have joined hands with a very inspiring community-based NGO called **Busoga Volunteers for Community Development**

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(<https://www.facebook.com/BusogaVolunteersForCommunityDevelopmentbuvocod/> and <http://busogavolunteers.wixsite.com/busogavolunteers>).

Busoga are a really inspiring grass-roots community organisation that is working tirelessly to bring safe clean drinking water and improved hygiene and sanitation to their own community, amongst other developments. Villagers are forced to walk long distances each day to collect water from dirty streams and contaminated water sources, meaning that the incidences of water-borne diseases and fatalities are high in this community. There is also a general lack of knowledge re hygiene and basic sanitation, which compounds the issue.



The High Five Club has joined hands with Busoga to develop the **Iganga WaSH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Programme** in Uganda. Over the last 18 months we have funded the construction of

6 wells in **Iganga District**, bringing safe clean water to ca. 3,000 villagers living in rural villages close to wildlife. A team of Busoga Volunteers have also sensitised the villagers on hygiene and sanitation promotion as part of the well building programme. Emphasis here was placed on construction of plate stands, refuse pits, wash rooms and long-drop pit-latrines as opposed to open defecation.



The Busoga wells are different to our Zambian wells, as they incorporate hand pumps via a piping mechanism that draws water up from the bottom of each well. This means that these wells are capped (closed off), reducing the risk of contamination. It also makes it easier to draw water.

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Each village has set up a standing water user committee to take care of their new water source, and a small household fee is charged each month for use of the well, by those that can afford, to ensure that the funds are there in the future to make any repairs to their well when needed. The community members also provided bricks and sand, unskilled labour, plus food and accommodation for the skilled workers as their contribution towards the wells, in line with our self-help 'hand up' approach to development.



The 6 wells have been built in **Nabirye, Bukona 1, Bukona 2, Nakilurwe, Nawangingi 1 and Nawangingi 2** villages and vary in depth from 25 to 70ft depending on the water table in each location. The excavation was carried out by hand so this was really physical work!

**Positive outcomes to date in the 6 communities has been a reduction in waterborne related diseases and shorter distances walked by women and children to get water - the latter contributing towards increased school attendance leading to better grades in the project area communities.**

The project is also of great importance to wildlife as it reduces competition at the few existing natural water sources leaving these for the use of wild animals. The programme also helps to reduce conflict between humans and wildlife.

## High Five Club Support:

High Five Club has provided the funds to pay for the skilled labour, cement, pipework, hand pumps and transport of materials, along with a contribution towards the sensitisation training.

In total we have contributed together £4,430.32 during 2016/17 which equates to an average of £738.39 per well. So for just £1.48 per person, we have brought safe, clean drinking water to ca. 3,000 people for life. What value!!



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We are very thankful to the Hope Trust for a grant towards this water programme, along with a generous donation from our friends at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul in Shorne. It is amazing what an impact we can have when we come together to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



High Five Club Water Programme in Iganga District, Uganda	Total Number of Wells	Total Number of Villagers Benefiting	Cost per Villager (£)
<b>New Wells Constructed</b>	6	3,000	1.48

*We will keep you updated as your contributions to the High Five Club enable more wells to be built as we extend to other villages. If you know of any organisations who would like to help us bring clean water to people living in wildlife areas of Africa, please put them in touch.*

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