

CASE STUDY

Borehole Rehabilitation Project in Uganda

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My name is Paskolina Ogal, I am 38 years old, married and a mother of 4 children. I live in Pida II Village and I am a user of Pida borehole. I was born in this village and when this borehole was drilled, we are happy about the water source because it saved us from the long tiring trips to the streams and ponds to fetch water. The closest stream was 5 km away and this was not safe either as the rebels were constantly attacking our villages and abducting people they met along the way.

A few years later, our joy was short lived when the borehole broke down and the government did nothing to have it fixed. We had to go back to our traditional streams and ponds to fetch water which was totally unsafe and unprotected. The streams had now become totally contaminated because it had been left to animals. Our children suffered much from waterborne diseases like diarrhea, typhoid, skin infections among others. This drained us financially as we were constantly in the health centres seeking medical attention which came at a high cost. Rather than being in school, the children were constantly at home suffering from different ailments.





Paskolina Ogal

We also faced challenges when it came to the water collected which was always inadequate for the family since we couldn't manage to collect enough water because of the long distance.

In 2013, Toshiba came to help us repair the borehole and since then, they have been maintaining it and constantly treating the water. We are now able to have enough clean water all year round, our medical bills are low, our children are in school and we now have enough time to do other productive things that helps us get an extra income.

"With positive printing you help the environment and improve the lives of the people involved." My name is Ocen Andrew and I live in Pida II Village. I live with my family and I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. My family and I use this borehole that was rehabilitated by Toshiba after it broke down.

Growing up, my mother used to send me and my sisters to a far off open well to collect water as part of our chores when we got back from school. She would ask us to go with large containers to fetch water and this would really exhaust us because the distance between the well and our house was long. We were always scared of being attacked by wild animals as we went to the well.

Most of the time, we would also be late for school because of first going to the well; this greatly affected our class performance. When fetching water at the open well, we would be delayed by herdsmen who brought their cows to take water. We would then fetch water after the animals had finished drinking.

On many occasions, after it had rained, we would find worms floating in the water but we would still go ahead and fetch the water. This caused us so many diseases which kept us away from school.

The Pida borehole is very close to my home making it is easy for me and my sisters to collect water for our house. My grades at school have also improved as I am in class on time. I want to study hard and reach the university so that I can be a doctor.



Ocean Andrew



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