



Annual report

2017-18

WATSAN is a UK charity dedicated to the support of a water and sanitation programme in South-Western Uganda. Thanks to WATSAN's work, people in rural communities have access to life-saving clean water and hygienic toilet facilities.

Key statistics

2017 achievements



Chair's introduction

2017 was a challenging year for WATSAN. I am so grateful to all our wonderful trustees and committee, and to so many faithful supporters, for the response we have been able to put together in the face of circumstances beyond our control.

Aid organisations face massive funding demands, generated by war and refugee-related problems worldwide, and especially in Uganda. Understandably, these acute crises tend to take precedence over long-term development projects such as WATSAN's. In addition, parts of the area we serve suffered from severe drought, which decimated crops and caused great suffering.

In the face of these problems, our main funding partner was unable to access funds for the final phase of our latest gravity flow scheme. Whereas in the past we have been able to rely on half of our funding coming from partners, in 2017 the team in Uganda have been entirely dependent on support funnelled through the UK Support Group. Thanks to many generous individual donations, and including participation in our fourth Walk for Water on the one hand, and the generosity of the members of three separate parties who toured the project during 2017, we were able to make up 60% of the shortfall. Along with the team in Uganda, who often use the words of the apostle Paul, we "are overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" for your continuing generosity and support.

In response to this challenge, during 2017 we began to put together an internal document which we call our "Case for Support". This is a repository for all the possible things we might want to say about WATSAN, especially in funding applications. It is not intended to be sent in its entirety to anyone, but some large funders do ask specifically for a Theory of Change/Case for Support. We believe our document fulfils the requirements of grant-making organisations, to whom we will be applying more proactively in future. We are indebted to Kate Parrinder for her inspirational help in the preparation and production of our Case for Support, and also of this second annual report produced in this format.

As time goes on I never cease to be inspired by the impact of WATSAN projects, not only on the beneficiaries, but also on the members of our brilliant Ugandan team, and friends from the UK who have been to visit the projects. It was my privilege in August to join with Bishop Benon Magezi of North Kigezi Diocese in the commissioning of the Rumbugu project, and see the joy that such projects bring to those who no longer have to endure dirty, tumbledown, fly-blown loos, and to walk miles to fetch dirty water.

We have laid out a clear plan for gradually and diligently continuing our success, for the benefit of normal, hardworking people in rural Uganda. We aim to balance ambition with a realistic approach, building carefully on the foundations we have laid over the past 16 years. The stakeholder buy-in, boots on the ground and proven methodology are all in place.

We hope this report on our activities in 2017-18 will inspire you to help us, in partnership with Ugandans who are so eager to help themselves, to achieve adequate water and sanitation for all by 2030! Thank you so much for your generosity.

Ian Bensted

Chair, WATSAN UK Support Group



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Project highlights

Comprehensive water and sanitation facilities commissioned at Rumbugu School

The need

This project was proposed by a Ugandan associate of the school, which is situated about 10 miles or so from Rukungiri. The water supply was pumped from a protected spring source to a single tapstand at the school, but was intermittent and unreliable. This meant that the staff and their families (27) and pupils (396), together with 150 or so beneficiaries in the surrounding community, had to resort to collecting water from pools formed by pits from which clay has been excavated for the purpose of brick-making. Sanitation at the school and in the surrounding community was also in poor condition and over-full, and at the school was seriously under capacity – for example, for girls there was only one toilet for 40 pupils.

The project

A survey by the WATSAN team confirmed the urgent need for intervention at this school. Thanks to funds raised by the UK and Chinese Walks for Water, donations from loyal supporters in the UK, and in particular the fundraising efforts of participants in the St Peter's, Bishops Waltham Tour in August 2017, WATSAN was able to construct two 30m³ rainwater catchment tanks to collect water from the school roof and from the roof of the adjacent church.



Two pit latrines, each with six stances, were built for the pupils, along with a two-stance latrine with a urinal for use by the staff.



Bath shelters, dish drying racks and tippy taps were also provided, and a community compost pit at the school and in the community, all in association with a health and hygiene education programme.

The outcome



This project was formally opened on 26th August 2017 by Bishop Benon Magezi and WATSAN UK Chair Ian Bensted during the visit to the project by St Peter's church group.

Gilbert Turyamureeba, Deputy Headteacher at Rumbugu School, told WATSAN: "We used to tell each child to come to school with a five-litre jerrycan full of water. You could not imagine how far these children would come from. I think the school and the community has feet in the road now because of this programme. Now we are longer telling the children to come with water every morning such that they can supplement activities here at school. So actually the parents whom I have talked with, they are appreciating this project."

Buhunga Phase 1 gravity flow scheme

Buhunga is WATSAN's most ambitious recent gravity flow project, and is funded by our partners Tearfund. It uses the area's natural topology to run pipework from natural sources in the hills to reach communities in the areas below.

Phase 1 was completed in June 2017, involving the protection of core water sources for the system and the laying of pipeline for around 40% of the planned seven-mile route. Fences have been constructed round the structures to protect against "playful children"! The water supply in the Phase 1 area is now operational and the community is using it. WATSAN is awaiting further funding for Phase 2 before the rest of the route can be completed.



Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP)

Throughout 2017–18 WATSAN has played a key role in the CCMP: an internationally recognised model for churches to empower whole communities in addressing their own needs. Communities are encouraged to understand the shared resources they have locally, and draw together under a shared vision. In one community, a lady who had a large house took in and cared for 14 homeless children, after studying the story of the Good Samaritan.

In March 2017, WATSAN trustee Graham Piper and his wife Philippa visited Uganda and were able to contribute to two workshops on whole-person health, including personal and community resilience.



Full list of projects worked on during 2017

Project	Type
New schemes – two	
Rumbugu School	Two rainwater collection tanks; three pit latrines; bath shelters, dish drying racks and tippy taps; health and hygiene education programme
Buhunga Phase 1	Gravity flow scheme serving a secondary school and its surrounding community
Sustainability (maintenance) projects – six	
Kirima	Construction of an additional low-yield spring
Nyambizi	Relaying and concreting of a 50-metre length of distribution main for an existing gravity flow scheme, which had become exposed by landslides
Kabuga Hill	Repair of second source for the large gravity flow scheme at Nyarushanje due to flood damage
Katete sub-county	Construction of two additional low-yield springs
Kinkiizi High School	Reconstruction of low-yield spring and connection of the incoming National Water and Sewerage pipeline to an existing rainwater catchment tank
Ryakashanda	Reconstruction of low-yield spring

Project focus for 2018–19

Bwambara Hill



This project will serve a 1,500-strong community in the heart of the Rift Valley that has been recently affected by severe drought and crop failure. Currently there is just one spring for the whole community – and when that dries up, water is collected from the polluted Rushaya River. Funding has already been received from a pitch made to The Funding Network, and work is starting in late 2018.

Rwamishe



WATSAN is embarking on fundraising from trusts and foundations for this ambitious multi-faceted project, centred on a gravity flow scheme to serve an area of 50 km². Rwamishe encompasses five population centres and is on the border with the DRC, where there are barely any concrete roads or infrastructure. These villages are currently characterised by several collapsed pit latrines (pictured).

Kihihi Hill



Our next big funding push will be for a rainwater harvesting and sanitation project at Kihhihi, centred on a high school and church. Currently the available water sources here are limited to inadequate rainwater tanks, intermittent piped water from a nearby gravity flow scheme, and Kinuka spring – one kilometre's walk away and used by a large population at Kihhihi town.

Fundraising highlights

Walk for Water



Dedicated WATSAN volunteers and supporters walked 22 miles through the Oxfordshire countryside to raise a record sum of money for the much-needed project at Rumbugu Primary School. Forty-three people (and one dog!) tackled the figure-of-eight walk, which included some vertiginous ascents and descents over the Ridgeway, stunning views of White Horse Hill, and refreshment stops in charming spring-line villages. Setting out at 8.15am from the Court Hill Centre on Saturday 24th June 2017, the last of the group returned at around 8pm the same day.

The walkers included several WATSAN trustees, our Patron Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, and a large number of the congregation

from St Peters Church in Bishop's Waltham, as well as longstanding donors and supporters of all ages. We were ably supported by a team of volunteers providing refreshments at our break points. On returning to Court Hill participants were treated to a slap-up celebration dinner prepared by two Cordon Bleu cooks.

Thanks to the generosity of the walkers and their sponsors, we were able to commission the Rumbugu project, and were also able to purchase a much-needed replacement vehicle for the team to navigate the rather bumpy Ugandan roads. Without the latter, much of WATSAN's work in the area would be impossible.



St Peter's fundraising and expedition



An 18-strong group led by Reverend James Hunt from St Peter's church in Bishop's Waltham spent two weeks in Uganda in August 2017, visiting and working on the Rumbugu project, and engaging with the WATSAN staff team and beneficiaries. The group completed the trip after more than a year of preparations and fundraising to support WATSAN's Rumbugu project. The WATSAN trustees expressed their most sincere thanks to the group for their hard work, without which it would not have been possible to complete the Rumbugu project in such an ambitious timespan, and for their enthusiasm and dedication to the cause. Several participants have gone on to raise further funds for us.

Generous support from regular donors



Before Christmas we wrote to all of our supporters to explain WATSAN's ongoing project management costs. The response we received from our wonderful donors was phenomenal: a boost to our standing order income, many extra donations from individuals and church collections, plus two fantastic anonymous £10,000 donations! We are so grateful for this show of support and friendship. We were also fortunate to receive further Rumbugu funding from longstanding donors Sheila and John Houghton.

Annual accounts 2017

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous year
Receipts				
Donations (incl. Gift Aid)	£72,317	£4,825	£77,142	£38,780
Bank interest	£3		£3	£5
Event fees	£2,542		£2,542	£70
SUB-TOTAL	£74,862	£4,825	£79,687	£38,855
Payments				
Project work/sustainability (Uganda)	£56,325	£4,825	£61,150	£39,869
Publicity	£258		£258	£513
Bank charges	£4		£4	
Event expenses	£2,510		£2,510	£300
Fundraising	£275		£275	
SUB-TOTAL	£59,372	£4,825	£64,197	£40,682
Net of receipts/payments	£15,490		£15,490	£1,827
Cash funds at year end	£26,327		£26,327	£10,837

Accounts at 31st December 2017, as submitted to the UK Charity Commission. In Uganda, the in-country accounts for year ending September 2016 were audited successfully by Carr Stanyer Sims & Co., Kampala.

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Thank you
from all of us!

