#### Make a donation

We are incredibly grateful for any support you feel able to give to our work in Uganda.

**Standing orders** from our generous supporters enable us to give our staff team stability and maintain talent and expertise within WATSAN. You can set up a standing order by completing the form at www.watsanuganda/donate-now or by contacting our Treasurer as below.

**Giving online** is easy through stewardship.org.uk – just search for "WATSAN Uganda UK".

**Cheques** should be made payable to "WATSAN Uganda" and posted along with this form.

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Date: Signed:

Please return this form to our treasurer: Alison Fergusson, WATSAN Uganda, 11 Castle Lane, Solihull, B92 8DB, or to hello@watsanuganda.org.

### About us

WATSAN is a charity dedicated to the support of a water, sanitation and hygiene education programme in South West Uganda. Thanks to WATSAN's work, people in rural communities have access to life-saving clean water, dignified toilet facilities and an improved understanding of health and hygiene.

In partnership with the Anglican dioceses of North Kigezi and Kinkiizi, WATSAN employs a small staff team of local people. They exercise sound management, social and engineering skills and financial accountability, ensuring the sustainability of our work. Our UK fundraising operation is run entirely by volunteers.



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## Water is life; Sanitation is dignity.



# **WATSAN** Uganda

Expanding life opportunities by providing fresh water, sanitation and hygiene education to rural communities in South-West Uganda



In the two districts where WATSAN operates, many communities are far beyond the reach of state-provided water infrastructure. Up to a fifth of people have no access to clean, safe water, and a third have no dignified toilet facilities. Women and children walk kilometres to collect water from muddy, polluted ponds and streams. Water-borne diseases such as typhoid, cholera and dysentery are rife. An average school child misses 25% of their education – worse for teenage girls who also miss school during menstruation. Communities are robbed of the socio-economic opportunities arising from education, embedding disadvantage and poverty.

### WATSAN works to bring:

Water. Large-scale gravity flow schemes, rainwater collection tanks and protected springs.

Sanitation. Ventilated, long-drop latrines and simple composting systems.

**Hygiene education.** Behaviour change around hand-washing and home hygiene; awareness of how disease spreads.

We use **simple technology**, building straightforward, easily maintained structures from local materials. We take a **holistic approach**, introducing hygiene education alongside every construction project. We ask for **local ownership**, gaining community buy-in, involving locals in the construction and formally handing over the project on completion.

WATSAN's impact, through the simple provision of water and sanitation, is profound:

Improved health Clinics report fewer cases of diarrhoeal disease. The water, when

tested, shows far less contamination.

Reduced suffering Adults and children live better and longer lives, with dignity and

freedom from illness, and are safer from abuse.

Better education School enrolments and attendance rise, attracting better teachers;

exam results improve.

Economic growth Communities are more productive as each day offers more time to

maintain smallholdings or make and sell products.

Previously, girls would disappear in the afternoon, but it is no longer like this. We have all the facilities and our pupils are smarter than before.

Robert Mwesigye, Senior Teacher at Ndago School

