

## CLEAN WATER FOR HEALTH PROJECT





Child mortality has been significantly reduced in Tanzania due to WaterCan's clean water and sanitation community intervention programs. Your generous donations to the EHFC have assisted two health facilities in Tanzania, in providing safe water, sanitation and hygiene education to over 250 out-patients per day as well as the health facilities surrounding catchment area of over 40,000 children, women and men

Clean Water for Health projects address the appalling water and sanitation conditions in east African health clinics in an effort to reduce the water-and sanitation-related health risks to patients, health workers and caregivers in health care institutions.

In January 2013, the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada provided a donation of \$2,000 that was matched to the Wakiso Clean Water for Health Project. This project aims to assist two health facilities, Ndejje and Kasanje Health Centres in Wakiso District of Tanzania, in providing safe water, sanitation and hygiene education over 250 out-patients per day as well as the health facility staff and surrounding catchment area of the facilities of over 40,000 children, women and men.

## **Project Status:**

WaterCan's partner organization, Voluntary Action for Development (VAD), continues to work closely with key community stakeholders in the execution of planned technical and training facilities at Kasanje and Ndejje health centres. This past quarter saw VAD, together with Village Health Team members, conduct two "WASH Campaigns". These campaigns included door-to-door sensitization health centres. Outreach activities placed special emphasis on reaching vulnerable populations, including the elderly, disabled and those affected with HIV/AIDS.

To date, two sanitation blocks (for men and women) have been fully completed at the Ndejje Health Centre. Each sanitation block contains five stalls and a bathing/shower room. The men's sanitation block also contains a urinal. The 20,000-rainwater harvesting tank, handwashing stations and laundry basis are in their final stages of completion. At the Kasanje Health Centre, construction of sanitation facilities is nearing completion.



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A "talking wall" painted on the side of the women's latrine block at Ndejje Health Centre helps to reinforce good hygiene practices

## Completed rainwater harvesting tank at the Ndejje Health Centre





Village Health Team Members and VAD staff conduction demonstration training sessions in local communities







Past CIPHI BC Branch President Gary Tam suggested a Mosaic Banner as a part of the CIPHI Centenary activities that would profile photos of past and current CPHI(C) that would also act as a fund raiser for an EHFC Donation Project WaterCan's initiative "Clean Water for Health". The "Mosaic Banner" project created a keepsake that would immortalize CIPHI members for future generations and would be used at future CIPHI events and conferences. The project raised an additional \$2,033.27 toward the Clean Water for Health project.

Congratulations and thank you Gary Tam for seeing this exciting project become a reality!