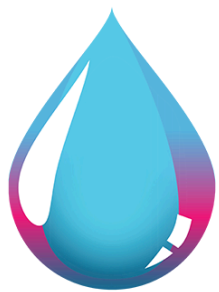


Water Filter System
Distribution in Kyaka II
Refugee Camp
(January 20th - 24th, 2025)



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From January 20th to 24th, 2025, Lifewater Uganda conducted a crucial water filter distribution in Kyaka II Refugee Camp, providing emergency filtration systems to households in need and strengthening partnerships with local and international stakeholders.

Pre-Distribution Planning

The core team arrived in Katente Country Resort on January 20th for a planning meeting before heading to the camp. Their mission was to distribute essential filtration kits, assess key water sources, and collaborate with local partners to expand the program. The distribution began on January 21st, supported by Lifewater UK Director Roger London, Waterworks CEO Sue Langley, and David Miller. Sue and David, who are spearheading sponsorship efforts for refugee settlements in Uganda, made their first visit to witness Lifewater's impact firsthand.

Distribution

During the event, they participated in the distribution, delivered opening remarks, and observed the significance of Lifewater's work in improving access to clean water. They also visited open wells, protected springs, and taps to assess water sources for the refugees and evaluate the effectiveness of the filtration systems in providing clean, safe drinking water.

Key Activities and Observations:

Emergency Kit Distribution

A total of 270 water filtration systems were distributed across two zones; Ntambabiniga and Bwiriza. These included 138 household water filtration systems and 132 emergency systems. The systems were distributed to vulnerable households, ensuring immediate access to clean water.

Engagement with Local Authorities

On January 22nd, the Lifewater team held a walk-in visit to the UNHCR Kyaka II office to meet with Julius Muhenda, the Kyaka II Kyaka Lead, and the WASH focal person. Both expressed appreciation for Lifewater's ongoing support and acknowledged the urgent need for continued assistance. The Kyaka Lead requested additional support to extend coverage to both the host community and Nakivale Refugee Settlement, which is a receiving camp for refugees.

Visiting Past Beneficiaries

During the distribution, Lifewater also visited households that had received filters in previous years. One notable visit took place with a family that had received their kit in 2018. The family of five—father, mother, and children—were seen enjoying a meal while drinking water filtered by Lifewater's system. This highlighted the lasting impact of Lifewater's work on community health and sustainability.

Health and Education Partnerships

Lifewater, in collaboration with health partner MIT, visited Bujubuli Health Centre. It was encouraging to see patients using filtered water to take their medications, and the facility expressed interest in receiving additional filters to serve more areas within the hospital. Similarly, our educational partner FCA appreciated the filters placed in the girls' dormitory and sick bay, though, due to school holidays, we were unable to visit students.

Nakivale Settlement Visit

On January 23rd, the Lifewater team traveled to Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Mbarara District. The team met with Samuel Kulu, the WASH focal person at the UNHCR Mbarara office, who emphasized the need for more water filtration systems, particularly for those living near the lake. During the visit to Nakivale, the team noted that water was being shared by both humans and animals, increasing the risk of contamination. Water samples were taken for testing to determine if Lifewater's filters could handle the turbidity in the water.

Conclusion

This mission successfully reinforced Lifewater's commitment to providing clean, safe water to Uganda's most vulnerable communities. Collaboration with local authorities, UNHCR, and WASH focal persons in Kyaka II and Nakivale remains crucial for long-term sustainability and continued access to clean water. The invaluable support from Lifewater's donors made this distribution possible, offering them a firsthand view of the impact of their contributions. We look forward to strengthening these partnerships and expanding our efforts to improve water access and sanitation in Uganda's refugee settlements.



Hands on training of recipients



Household Systems



Happy Recipients



Visiting Past Beneficiaries



Waterworks CEO Sue and David on arrival



Welcoming remarks from Roger - Lifewater Director



Verification of Recipients



Registration of Recipients



Opening remarks



Bujubuli Health Centre Visit



Happy recipients



WASH lead Nsamizi addressing recipients



Hands on training



Glad recipient



Lake Nakivale - A water source for the refugees



Meeting Finn Church Aid



Bujubuli Health Centre