



2025 African Wells Update

A few of the 2025 pivotal well updates in Africa



Jim Forbis, Mike Owens, and Kelly Snodgras meeting with Dr. Alfred Okidi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water & Environment in Kampala, Uganda.



Beginning of the Isingiro classroom training then hands on drill building at the welding shop in March 2025



Isingiro Training in March 2025. Training on the left. Right-Trainee and University of Michigan Linebacker, Ernest Hausmann takes a moment to pose with 2 Congolese refugees attending with their mother.

OJT-Campus:
In the middle of a
beautiful banana
forest in Southern
Uganda.

Learning to cut
screen and the
moment
beautiful, clear,
clean, and cold
water was found!





The finished Isingiro training well and victory garden in March 2025 thanks to our donors! Trained 5 teams from 4 countries.



Cutting screen and keeping our skills
and camaraderie sharp at Ziobwe well 1 drilling in March 2025

Drilling Zirobwe well 1 in March 2025



Finishing Zirobwe well 1 with handpump





St. Augustine School in Ziobwe,
Uganda celebrating the 1st well
with handpump drilled by the
OMW Kampala team in March
2025

- <https://youtube.com/shorts/HJOm5T5d2rY>



August 2025 - Groups from the US, KE, and UG to view a partial day at this drilling before setting up a training later.

Mary Conley Eggert with Global Water Works traveled with most of them. We also had Engineers without Borders and CRF (Christian Relief Fund) in attendance along-side our Kampala Drilling Team.

Global Water Works is a US faith based 501(c)(3) organization that connects resources globally to solve water issues locally. Those in need of solutions are connected with the people, processes and technology that make water work. Rainwater Harvesting is used a lot but they are excited to learn our method to have more options to lead to water.

<https://www.globalwaterworks.org/>
<https://crf.com/>
<https://ewbea.org/>



August 2025 Group meeting with Father Vincent in Ziobwe and wrapping up at the 2nd well drill site for St. Augustine's School which will use solar to pump up to the storage tank.

Where many in this community gather their water, also a border crossing from KE to UG.



This Kenyan community uses this as their source of water for drinking, washing, etc.

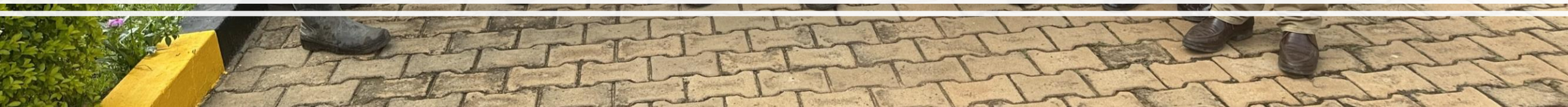


Now that they have the rainwater system from Global Water Works they have safer water during the wet parts of the year.

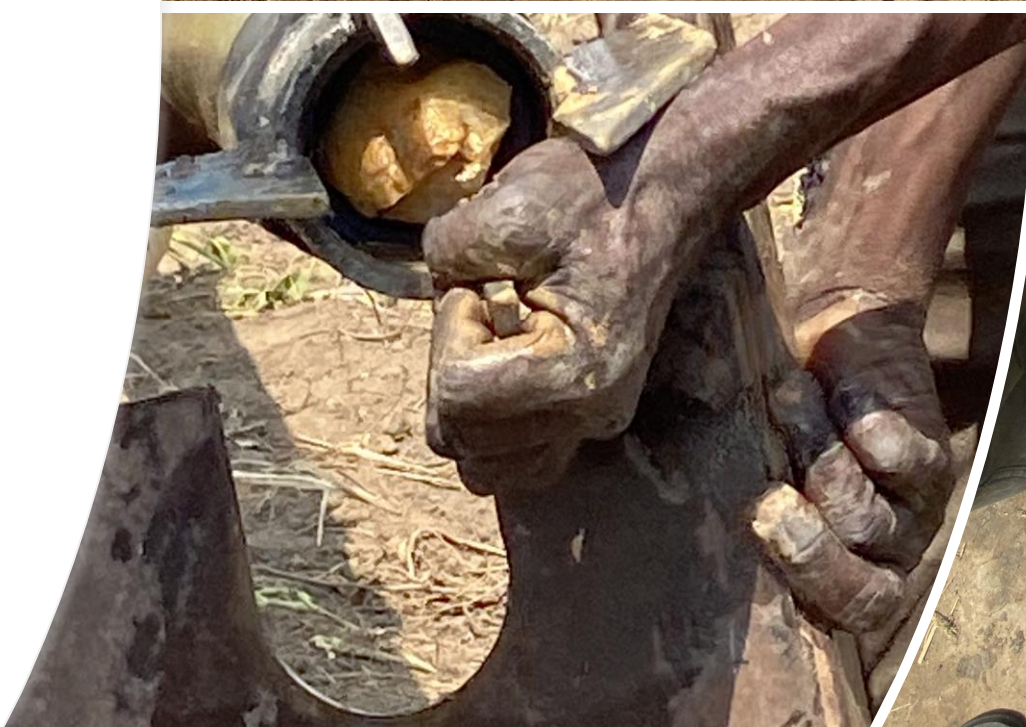




This group standing with our Kampala Drilling Team hopes to be trained in March 2026 to help provide relief to the communities shown above and more.



Rocks
encountered
while drilling in
Amuru, Uganda in
September 2025





Women's Team redefining the search for water



Thrilled to be serving this extremely rural community, Amuru in Northwest, Uganda

Well completed
September
2025 in Amuru,
Uganda by the
women's team
trained in 2024
and reformed in
2025.





September 2025
Isingiro, UG Training Well 6 months after drilling it
Trained 5 teams from 4 countries in March 2025

Mystery Gorilla Drilling Team

One of the teams trained in March 2025 in Isingiro

Members are from the towns of Isingiro, Mbarara, and the Nakivale Refugee Settlement all trained in Isingiro in March 2025. They have continued to drill and are waiting to hear back on 14 new wells they bid on to be drilled in their communities.



September 2025

This is one of the families that had their life forever changed by OMW. This single Congolese mother of 4 young children (2 sons and 2 younger daughters) attended the March 2025 Isingiro training while still nursing the youngest daughter. She is now trained and can not only provide a little better for her family but can also provide life giving water to her community. This is the size home they are allowed to build inside of the Nakivale Refugee Settlement.





Where the local refugee community in Nakivale fetched water until it became unattainable. This is due to dry season and destruction of the swamp and converted to farmland which changed the drainage and refilling of the lake.

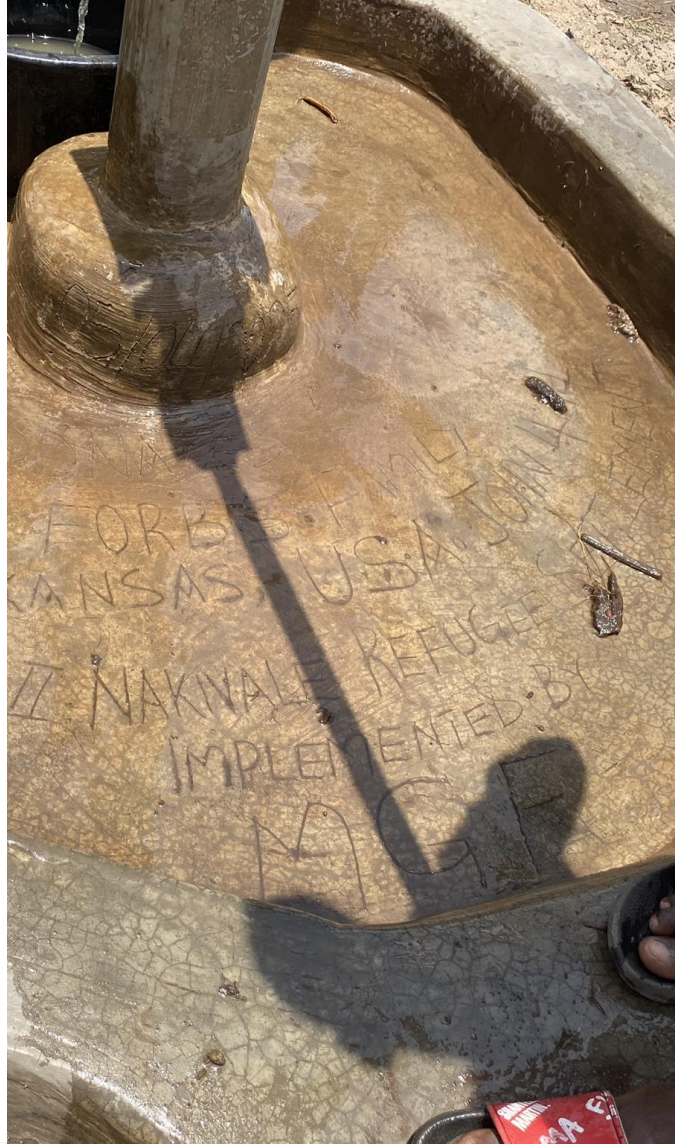
The locals cut out a small channel that brings a small amount of very dirty water to an area where we saw cattle drinking. This cow could not wait with the others for water.





September 2025 Using some of the lake water (that was previously their drinking and washing water) to clean parts as they repair the pump to the well the Mystery Gorilla Team drilled after Isingiro training in the Spring of 2025. This well was sponsored by One Million Wells Donors. It has been repaired multiple times since drilling-3 times due to sabotage and once due to a part needing replaced after incorrect use.

September 2025 The well back in working order after being down for several months. Now able to serve the Nakivale Refugee Community. This refugee community is the oldest and largest (71 square miles) in Africa with over 100,000 residents from 6 countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Somalia, Rwanda, Eritrea, and Ethiopia.





Prior to this well, water was fetched in a swamp for the Nakivale refugees that could not afford the 1000 Ugandan Shilling cost for water being sold here without the knowledge of the landowner. After that all access was cut off to everyone. No water until the Mystery Gorilla team with the sponsorship of OMW Donors drilled this well.



This well in the Ruhoko A part of the Nakivale Refugee settlement is open for the community. Thank you donors for helping this community have the opportunity to find clean water.

October 2025

Empowering the next generations to carry on and solve the water crisis. Drilling at a small Catholic school in Kikyusa, Uganda.



Empowering the next generation

- https://youtube.com/shorts/F1N_e1x1D5A





The children at this Kikyusa school are so excited to have clean water on campus along with meeting and learning about Americans.



New well for this Catholic school in Kikyusa, Uganda. The private school next door was fencing their yard and cutting off the water supply for this school soon.

Sister Biirah, one of the nuns and heads of the school was so excited with the opportunity to physically help attain water for the children at her school!



Democratic Republic of Congo team trained in March 2025 at the Isingiro, UG Training. Finished drilling their first well November 2025.



DRC Team Drilling



Amid all their country has endured this year-The DRC Team's completed their 1st well in November 2025

November Peter and Kelly met with Member of Parliament Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga of Kamuli District, Busoga sub region and the first woman to be elected Speaker in the history of the Parliament of Uganda in May 2011 until May 2021.

She was very excited to hear of our work in water and at TTNC, located in her district. Madame Kadaga stated she looked forward to seeing Kelly and our work in March 2026 when we return to Uganda.



This borehole was drilled to serve the needs of the Transform The Needy Child orphanage in Kiige, Uganda.

It will be connected to solar and pumped to a tank stand at the back wall. This was taken on November 8, 2025 so the tank stand is now further along.





Tank Stand a little further along in mid November 2025

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