

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	WATSAN Uganda
Date of TFN event which you pitched at?	17/05/18
Name of the project TFN funded:	Bwambara Hill water supply and sanitation improvement
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>We received funds to construct a rainwater harvesting tank and a two-stance pit latrine at Bwambara Primary School, an institution in a very deprived rural area in South-Western Uganda. Before WATSAN's project, the school had no water harvesting facilities of its own at all, and staff and pupils were dependent on gathering water from a dilapidated and overused spring in the community, to which they had to walk and queue to collect water, or when this spring frequently dried up, from the polluted Rushaya River 4km away. Existing sanitation facilities were tumbledown, squalid and fly-blown.</p> <p>In autumn 2019, brand-new facilities were built in the two schools in Bwambara Hill, including those funded by TFN. The facilities were formally handed over to the local community by WATSAN at an official "Commissioning Ceremony" on 26th February 2019. These are now being used by school pupils and staff, with excellent feedback from the field. We await medium- and long-term figures showing the impact on school exam results, and on instances of illness and disease; WATSAN's other similar projects have a proven track record in both of these areas.</p> <p>TFN's funds also paid for WATSAN to deliver comprehensive health and hygiene education to staff and students at the school, and to establish an organisation and management committee that is now responsible for the upkeep of the structures. WATSAN staff carried out a series of community meetings, home and school visits to assess in general terms the impact on the community of hygiene and sanitation improvements and health and hygiene education. 196 homes were visited, where the WATSAN team identified 98 new hand washing facilities created by residents after the education programme; 62 homes with clean drinking water containers; 16 new compost pits; 46 new dish drying racks; clean water-fetching utensils, and clean swept compounds. This suggests that the project has delivered the all-important behavioural change that will ensure the benefits are sustainable over time.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	14%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	1,467

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How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Unknown
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?	£38,000; from a direct appeal to WATSAN's regular supporters in November 2018; from a pub quiz in Oxford in September 2018; and from local people in Uganda following their 'Walk for Water' in May 2018.
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	Yes
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	We added several new supporters to our mailing list.
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	Not significant. We have introduced a new safeguarding policy to the organisation along with associated training for project workers in Uganda.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	The process overall was excellent, especially the personal support given in the form of pitch training. The team are friendly and welcoming but very clear about the requirements and nature of the event. The event itself was excellent and was a really unique chance for us to raise awareness as well as funds. Thank you so much to TFN for the opportunity and the financial support, which made up a significant portion of the fundraising.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	WATSAN's project director reports: "Amidst songs and cheers and great joy, different project beneficiaries led the commissioning team in their respective communities/institutions to tour the structures. At the end of the tour the participants gathered in the church and listened to comments from different stakeholders. The District Water Officer thanked NKKD WATSAN for working cooperatively with the District in ensuring access to clean and safe water to the people, hence reducing the disease burden in the community, district and the country at large. Bishop Dan Zoreka thanked WATSAN for the good sanitation work done that aims at the promotion of safety and health of the girl child and the disabled children, realized through the provision of a changing room and a ramp at pit latrines constructed at the institutions."