

TABORA, TANZANIA WATER PROJECT



Mr. Nyamwanji reported that “the Isukamahela community members played a great role, as they were ready to participate in the implementation of project activities. As facilitators, it was very impressive to see the community participate, during planning - through meeting attendance, providing labor at the site (collecting water, helping technicians), etc. In this regard, therefore, we observed that the project really belongs to them and not to the facilitating agent”. The tank itself was of 46 cubic meters capacity, and the system as a whole also included guttering, PVC connection and plumbing. This tank was built of cement construction above ground such that the water stored could exit the tank by gravity without requiring a pump.



It was further reported by Mr. Nyamwanji that within the community surrounding the school a Water and Sanitation Committee was established, “charged with the role of taking care of the RWHS. This included repair and maintenance facilitation. There is also an established sub-village water fund established to cover the operation and maintenance of the system. During the visit to the site by the Tabora District Commissioner, Mr. Moshi Mussa Chang’a on the 17th of July, a total of 52,000 Tanzanian shillings (\$40.37) were raised to contribute to seed that fund”.



The secondary objective of the project was to provide hygiene promotion trainings to both school and community. Six people from the school and six more people from the larger community were chosen to act as the official hygiene promoters. These twelve people “were then trained on good hygiene practices, focusing on five domains; hand washing, personal hygiene, excreta disposal, environmental (household) cleanliness, and food hygiene”. It was their job to in turn train others.



It was noted by Mr. Nyamwanji that not only did the community members participate in the planning and implementation process, but also that they were involved with monitoring throughout the project and with the final evaluation. He says that all “involved convening meetings, to plan and review plans, and all was done in a participatory manner.” When the project was complete, the event was marked by the visit of a delegation which included the Tabora Urban District Commissioner Mr. Moshi Chang’a, the Tabora Municipal Director Mr. Mohamed Matola, and Diocesan representatives such as Rev. Patrick Kulije, Diocesan General Secretary, and Rev. Isaya J. Mugaragu, Chaplin to the Diocesan Head Office, as well as Diocesan Development Coordinator Mr. Christopher Nyamwanji. The delegation was also joined by Jacqueline Ambrose, who was present during most of the construction.



Testimonies:

“You have been very lucky to have the rain water harvesting system at Isukamahela Primary School, but the challenge is for you to sustain it. This requires cooperation from both the school community and the village communities too.”

Moshi Mussa Chang’s, District Commissioner

“On behalf on the Ward Leadership, we give thanks so much to the American Society of Dowers, the Anglican Church, especially Mr. Nyamwanji the Development Coordinator, who have facilitated the implementation of this project at Isukamahela Primary School. Indeed, it has been a big achievement that deserves credit. We promise to look after the project.”

Itetemia Ward Councilor Mr. Kulwa.

“We thank you so much for supporting this project that will help our children during school time. This will improve pupils/children’s’ hygiene practices”.

School Head Teacher, Mwl. Masumbuko Mwashokola