

Water in Uganda

Water is really important in our lives whether we live in England or in Uganda. Some people don't know how important water is so they waste it e.g. they leave taps running while they brush their teeth (which wastes A LOT of water).

WATERAID HELPS PEOPLE IN NEED OF WATER

Wateraid helps people who need water in Africa mainly. It helps by building water pumps nearer to peoples homes. Over a billion people never get a clean drink of water they drink dirty and unhygienic water which is really not good for their bodies. This is why we need groups like Wateraid to build water pumps around Uganda.

In year 5 we had a special Water Day. We had a water day as we wanted to learn about how much water we use/waste. In the Water Day we had to keep a dairy on how much water we use in a week and count how many litres we need and how much we need. Also we learned about the daily lives of children in the world how have a shortage of water. The water Day was really fun and everyone enjoyed it.

Meet Amina - Water Aid has helped her

Hi! My name is Amina. I am 11 and I live in a small village called Kuluunda, in Malawi, which is in Africa. I have three younger sisters and my mum is expecting another baby soon. Wateraid and its local partner have recently started working in my village, installing a handpump. Together, we are starting to make things better. My whole family has been involved, even though my parents can't read. Pictures are used to make sure everyone understands.

School

I love school, but cannot go very often as I have to help collect water and do the housework. Sometimes I am too ill to go because the water makes me unwell. Even the teachers get ill and the school has to shut. One day I would like to become a teacher. When we get the new water pump I hope I will be well enough to go to school all the time.

Health

Me and my friends are often ill because of the dirty water and toilets. In countries like Malawi each child has an average of ten attacks of diarrhoea before the age of five and many die.

Daily routine

If you think you have to get up early for school then spare a thought for me! I get up at 5am and walk to the water hole, which is 10 km away. It gets very hot. Then I help with the housework and cooking. Before it gets dark I play with my friends. We make up stories and act them out for our families.



Handpump



Would you drink this?



Children from Isagara taking water from a pump.

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