

JWF Fund 2022 - Project Outline

TRAINING AND INSTALLATION OF HANDWASHING STATIONS IN FIVE VILLAGE SCHOOLS IN MWANZA SLUM (Tanzania)

- Organization: Tanzania Young Eco Protection (#021)
- Location: Misungu District, Mwana, Tanzania
- Cost: US\$2,100 (JWF Fund: US\$1,500, municipality: US\$200, agency: US\$150, beneficiaries: US\$250)
- Number of direct beneficiaries: 2,500 people (50 men, 50 women, 2,400 children)
- Background:

Most schools in the target area did not have adequate water supply facilities, and some schools did not have a water supply at all. In addition, sanitation was poor due to the large population and poor drainage in the area. Diseases were occurring as a result of this inadequate water supply and sanitation.



Before:
Fetching water for school use



After:
Students using the handwashing facilities

- Main activities of the project:
 - Install handwashing stations at 5 village schools
 - TAYEP to provide the students with training to use the facilities for washing their hands with soap.
 - Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to manage overall functioning of the handwashing facilities.
- Sustainability activities: PTA in Misungu District will continue to maintain and monitor the facilities and structures.

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【Current situation】

- On 29th July 2024, TAYEP made a follow-up visit to the project sites and found that all five of the foot-pedal handwashing facilities were functioning well with no damage. Beneficiaries are using the facilities properly as trained by TAYEP. Students are washing their hands with soap and water without any problems, such as disputes or conflicts over the facilities. On the other hand, the children have reported some occasions when the liquid soap was used up. Teachers and pupils now take some time to make liquid soap, and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) helps with a small contribution towards the purchase of raw materials for making liquid soap and sanitizers.
- The Parents-Teachers-Association (PTA) and Committee closely oversee the overall functioning of the handwashing facilities. They are responsible for supervising proper use of the facilities and facilitate maintenances when damage happens.
- The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has also set up a small quarterly fund (Accumulation Fund) to cover maintenance of the facilities when damage occurs. This contribution will also cover repairs, changing of the faucets and connectors, and purchase of raw materials for making liquid soap. It was also reported that a US\$10 contribution from the PTA has been used to change a faucet on one of the water tanks.

【Changes】

- Children in the schools are now washing their hands with soap frequently.
- The number of WASH-related diseases have decreased, and the children are attending school regularly, leading to improved learning outcomes and academic performance.
- Data from the office of the district medical officer (DMO) shows that there has been a more than 78% decrease in WASH-related diseases among children within the project schools.
- It was also noted that the children have been trying to pass on their knowledge of hygiene practices from school to their families, thus influencing the community as leaders for change.

【Other Points】

- TAYEP informs us that the availability of funding has been a major challenge in carrying out their projects, and shows strong interest in further cooperation with the JWF Fund.



TAYEP Staff with hand washing facilities and beneficiaries



Project WASH Clubs with TAYEP Staffs.

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Voices of the beneficiaries (Excerpts)



Ms. Salome Okidy, 12 years old, beneficiary

I use these handwashing facilities every time my hands get dirty, before and after eating and after using the toilet, it really feels good having these facilities at our school. they keep us healthy and support our academic journey. I wash my hands with soap and water regularly. I learned this practice at school and took it to my family and community as well. I don't experience episodes of diarrhea and stomach pain anymore. I don't get sick and I now attend school every day and I perform better on my school exams.



Mr. Josephat Magulu, 45 years old, PTA member

As the Parent-Teacher Association, our role is to ensure sustainable use of the handwashing facilities. We work to raise and save a small fund to help with necessary maintenance and repairs of the handwashing stations. The teachers help with daily monitoring of the facilities and we usually meet quarterly with parents to discuss further progress and explore any need for repairs or expansion of the service. To date, we have managed to raise around Tshs 500,000 (US\$200). This also supports the supply of raw materials for manufacturing liquid soap and sanitizer.



Mrs. Chausiku Juma, 43 years old, village head

Basically, I'm the village Chairperson in the project area. I also serve as Committee member of the Parent-Teacher Association, overseeing the project's progress. Since the installation of the handwashing facilities supported by Japan Water Forum, a lot has changed in the village. People's attitudes towards hand hygiene are changing because no one wants to get sick from water-related diseases. School children reinforce the message in their communities and many people now wash their hands frequently. WASH related diseases have also declined. Parents and elders now have enough time for productive work rather than spending time in hospitals taking care of their children with WASH-related diseases. The money they would have spent on treatment can now be invested in other areas of family development. These are some of the positive changes I have noticed from my side.