

3. Access to clean water for quality education in Kayunga, Uganda

- Local partner: Rural Initiative for Development and Empowerment (RIDE-UGANDA) (#184)
RIDE-UGANDA was established in 2014 in Kayunga District, Uganda with the mission to create innovative solutions to meet community challenges and build strong, equitable and sustainable communities through education, engagement and collaboration. RIDE UGANDA has successfully implemented over 44 shallow wells projects in rural communities, providing clean water access to thousands. A JWF Fund 2021 recipient.
- Project budget: \$1,816 (JWF Fund: \$1,500, implementing organization: \$200, beneficiaries: \$116)
- Number of beneficiaries: 650 (100 men, 150 women, 400 children)
- Background:
Kayunga Junior School, with 300 kindergarten and primary school children coming from poor families in Kisawo Village and surrounding areas, faces a water challenge. A lack of access to clean water has led to high student absenteeism due to water-borne diseases, poor sanitation and hygiene practices, and high staff turnover, contributing to poor academic performance. Children are taken out of classes to assist with water collection both at school and home for at least 5 hours a day, and are unable to complete their primary education.



Kisawo community children fetching water from a swamp



Kayunga Junior School children drawing rainwater trapped in a private cistern in the community

- Details of the project:
 - Holding 3 community sessions in Kisawo Village to raise awareness of the project
 - Digging, developing and constructing 1 shallow well
 - Installation and disinfection of a hand pump
 - On-the-job training for 3 personnel
 - Training and capacity-building of a Water Users' Committee