

Rotary International

Rotary Continues to light up the communities of Buffujja in Eastern Uganda.

Bellingham Rotary Club D 5050 and Bweyogerere Namboole Rotary Club 9211 doubles the excitement for the festive season for the Buffujja communities, where Bellingham Rotary Club opened the doors for the needy Buffujja communities for Safe drinking water hereto un heard of in these areas! Rotary finally brings out joy from the communities of Buffujja by timely providing safe drinking water further enabling a happy festive season for the Communities and the surrounding areas fulfilling the targeted dates by December 2014.

Something that started off from the persistent press releases about the perennial over flooding in these low lying communities bordering Manafa River, submerging all gardens, toilets, relocating people led to a comprehensive needs assessment that revealed the dire need of interventions in water, sanitation and hygiene as an immediate intervention to the over flooding effects. Diseases were rampant , poor education standards resulting from temporary relocations and the compelling of school going child ages to scaring away birds from rice fields that became the order of the day, Sanitation issues, no toilets, marginalisation of women and children etc. An adopt a village project was subsequently proposed with 4 components; Water, Sanitation and hygiene, Education, Health and Women empowerment.

Thanks to Bellingham Rotary Club for taking up the Water , Sanitation and Hygiene component that has finally enabled bright faces to the communities of Buffujja with a hope of cutting across all other after flooding effects.



This was at the completion of the entire trenching of 6 Km . This was at the point of Water Connections to the NWSC main water supply line.



At the completion of the trenching , there was an urgent need to lay the pipes . The points where the trenching started had begun to clog up. Efforts where up scaled to carry out a final surveillance of the entire trench clearing where necessary the clogged up areas ready to receive water pipes.



Water pipes being loaded on trucks from the factory reroute to Buffujja.



The trucks with the pipes arrival at Buffujja community after a 250Km run from the factory, where though at night received by the enthusiastic crowd who spent the rest of the night guarding the pipes with a lot of excitement!



Truck 'dropping' the water pipes at the entire route during the water piping connections.



NWSC Engineers connecting the Buffujja line on to the mains NWSC Supply line.



Un folding the water pipe ready for installation

Water piping the entire 6 Km length

Clearing the Clogged up areas along the line



In certain areas, opening up the clogged areas was another challenge that require extra protective efforts.



Tests were made for every Kilometre covered for the pressure levels. Here locals were following the Water Engineers to draw at least the test line water for that day, they were already seen with sire of new life and hope. This temporarily slowed down the piping as crowds were drawing the test water with a lot of hope and relief!





Crowds looking on in disbelief! Yet true that a new hope in life is around the corner for Safe drinking water.

This was along the water line past Buffujja primary School ! Great work indeed.



Thank you all for the support in fulfilling this project's vision ! A lot work of this project is still pending, however having this great milestone so far all will be accomplished. Pending works are; the creation of the three water points spread across the communities. These will involve raising of 3 No— 8,000 water tanks on securely welded water stands 4 Meters above the ground level to act as reservoirs. From these tanks , 3 No water points each underneath will be built to serve as points of service.

Following the trainings, we have also to provide 1000 No reusable menstrual pads to the school going Girl child and mothers in the communities , construct 3 No eco stanza system toilets across the communities and construct energy saving environmentally friendly stoves in the communities.

Special thanks to Bellingham Rotary Club for opening up the doors for this community, Rotaractors from Bweyogerere Namboole and Mbale Rotaract Clubs for their participation and keen interest in the project, Elected community members for their keenness to detail, our cooperating partners in this project; NWSC and all Rotarians for the work so far well done.

Regards to all

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