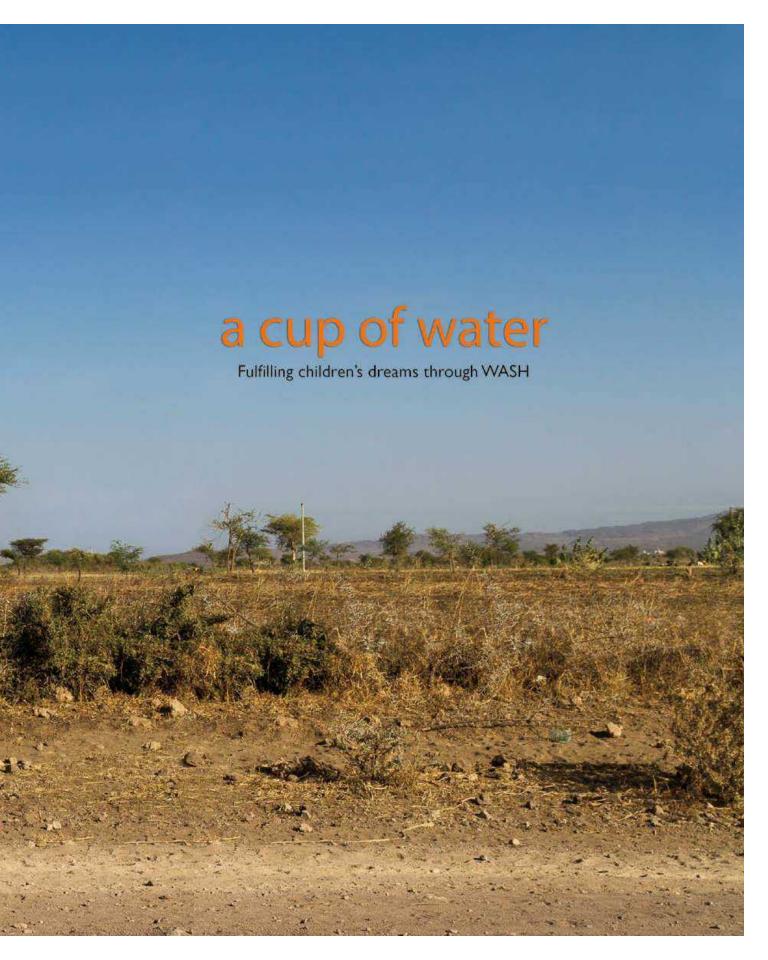


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Fulfilling children's dreams through WASH









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# Every child deserves clean water.

STORIES HELP US TO UNDERSTAND in ways that facts and statistics alone never will.

For example, we all know that water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are critical for children, families and communities to survive and thrive. We may have learned that around the world nearly 750 million people still lack basic access to clean, safe water. We can remember that almost 1,000 children die every day from illness caused by unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene practices (UNICEF, 2013/14). We can hear that malnutrition is the cause of 3.1 million child deaths annually, and that nearly 50 per cent of all malnutrition is related to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation or insufficient hygiene. (*The Lancet*, 2013).

The numbers and facts help us understand the scale of the issue, but stories bring this to life. Stories help us know the hope in a girl's dream because she no longer misses school due to hours spent fetching water. Stories help us understand the restored dignity of children with disabilities when they can use the toilet at school. Stories help us to comprehend how critical water is to helping people live through and recover from disasters.

Each and every person working in the water, sanitation and hygiene team at World Vision has stories to tell — stories of their own journey, stories of things they have learned and might do differently. Stories of the impact they have seen water make in the lives of children, families and communities around the world.

It was more than 30 years ago, while living in the Amazon jungles of Ecuador, that I saw patient after patient come into the Hospital Vosandes del Oriente to be treated for intestinal worms caused by dirty water and lack of proper sanitation and hygiene. I knew then that I wanted to find ways to solve these problems rather than treat the symptoms. Today it is

the stories of the children in this book that compel us forward. It is because of these children and countless others that we work with communities to co-create sustainable WASH solutions that last. World Vision is the largest non-governmental provider of clean water in the developing world, reaching one new person with clean water every 30 seconds.

In this book we will hear from children in East Africa. Their stories, written in their own words, show us that our work is so much more than just providing clean water to drink. It is about safety, cleanliness, beauty, livelihoods, education, resilience, equity, justice, human rights and more.

Each and every child in this book deserves clean water. Indeed, each and every child in every corner of the world deserves clean water. It is to these children that we dedicate this book.

We also dedicate this book to those who share this conviction and partner with us to fulfill the dreams of children through clean water. It is only together, as we are led by Christ — the source of Living Water — that we will ever reach everyone, everywhere.

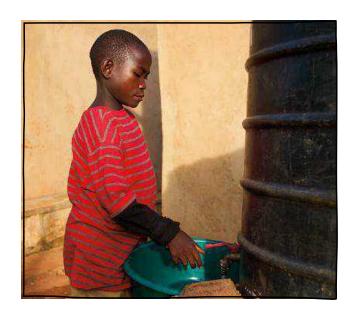
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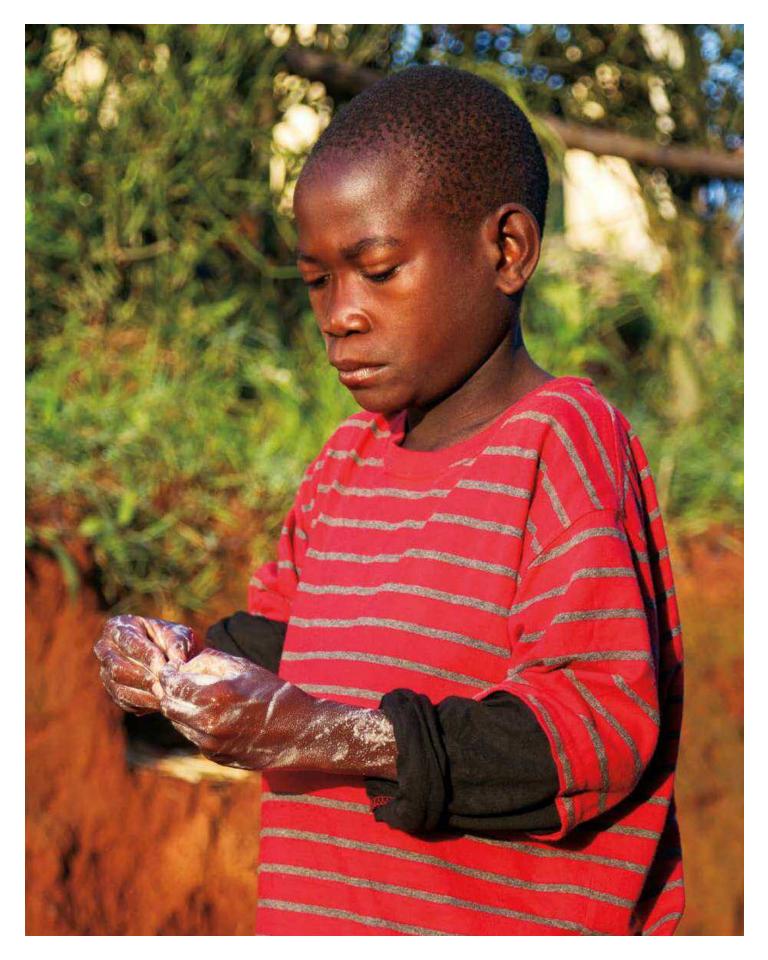
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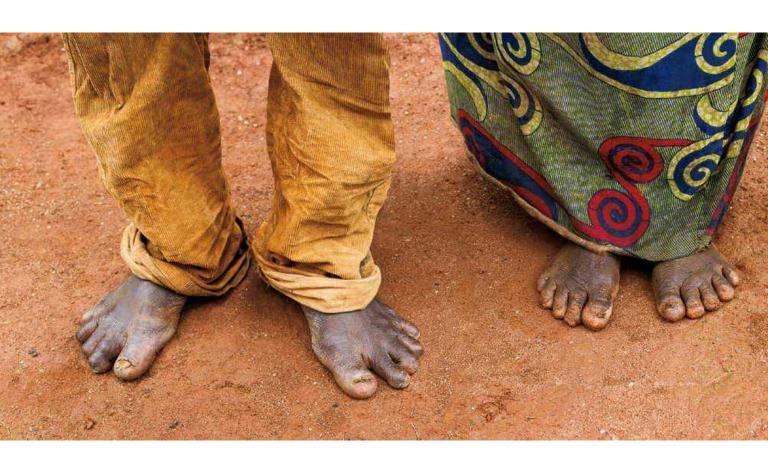






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Amavunja akenshi afota mu birenge n'intonki kandi arababaza Gane, Iyo yakwinjiye, Akungwa amaraso ububabare buga tuma utungurwa, ukagira n'umuriro:

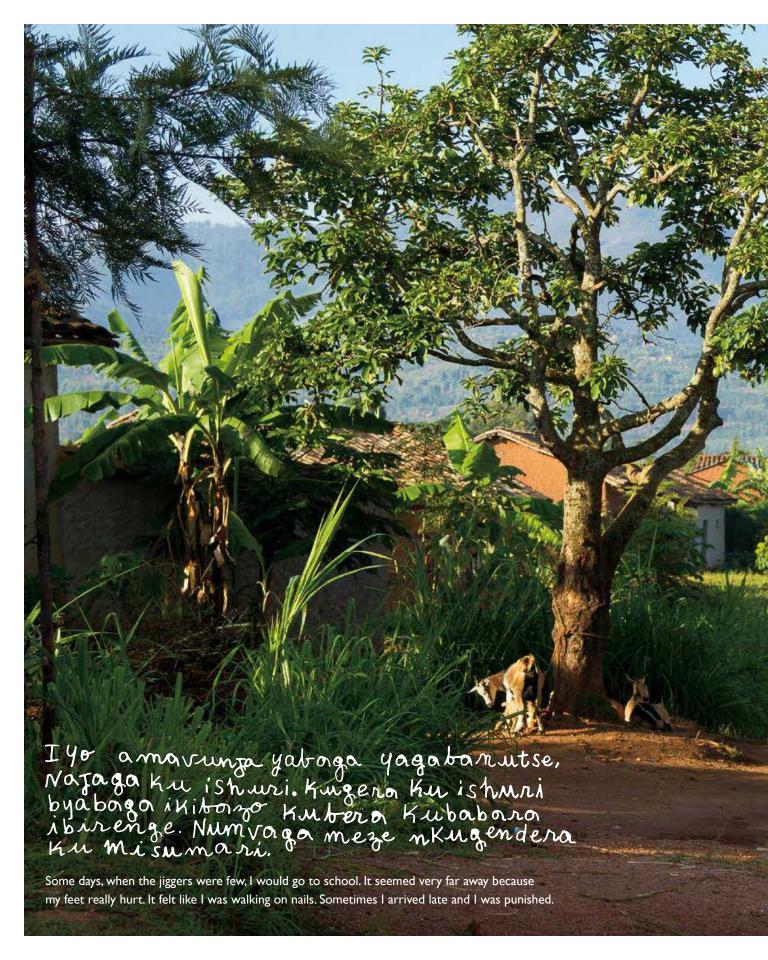


Jiggers are parasites. They attack your feet and fingers and they are very painful. When they are inside your body they suck your blood and the pain causes fever.

Hari jaihe amavunja yabaga menshi cyane. Mama na papa nato babaga bayafite ariko bakihangana bakaja sukora kugira ngo tubone icyokurya. Nge nagumaga murugo nkahandura anayunja barumuna bange. Hari igihe nakareshaga uruenbe kuyahandura ubundi nkakaresha urushinge. Kuyahandura byabaga bibabafe cyane ariko nokuyarekamo byabaga ari ikibazo gikomeye. Kuho yateraga amagi maze ayo magi akavamo andi movunja.

Some days the jiggers were many. My mother and father had them too, but they still had to go to work so we had something to eat. So I stayed at home and removed the jiggers from my feet and from my younger brothers' feet. Sometimes I used a razor blade to remove them, sometimes a needle. Removing them is painful, but you have no choice. Leaving them in is more painful and it only causes the situation to become worse, because the eggs fall down into the sand and they produce more jiggers.







Mu Ishuri, abandi bana ntabwo bashakaga Kwicarana nange. Bansigaga nicaye ngenyine ariko nwarimu akabagarura ngo twicyarane. Byarambabazaga yane.

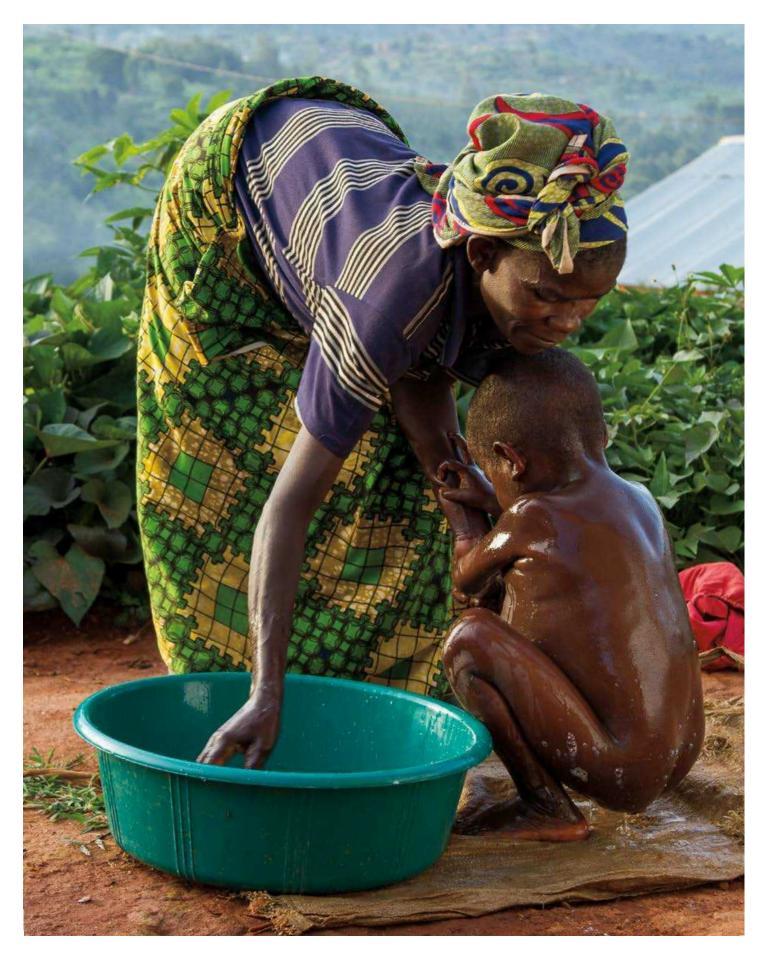


In class the other kids didn't want to sit with me. They left me sitting alone at the desk and the teacher would make them come and sit with me. That made me feel bad and isolated and small.

Iyo nabonaga aborndi boma bakina, Byarambabonzaka Kubera ntashoboraga gukina nobo. Ariko nabwo nashimana imama kuba nageze ku ishuri.

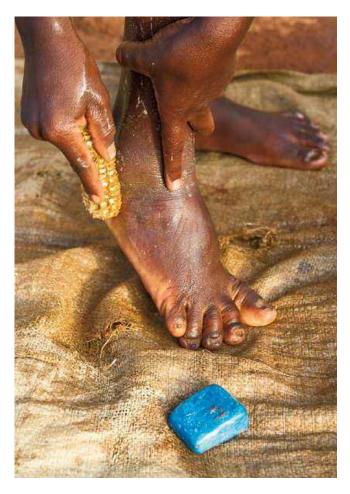


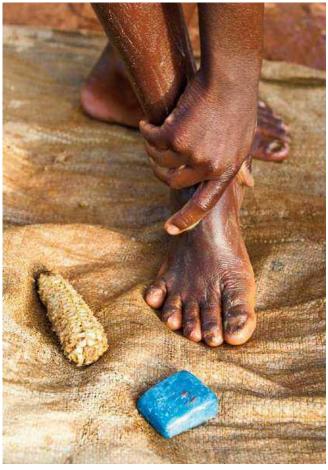
When I saw the other children playing at break I felt sad because I wasn't able to run and play like them. But I would thank God that at least I was able to go to school.



Umwaka ushize, mama yatangiye Kwiga isuku n'isukura mabandi ba mama. Ubu twamenye ko amavun za aterwa n'umwanda. Twamaraga iminsi myinshi tudakarabye bigatuma amavunza yiyongera. Ikibazo nti cyari kubura amazi. Ntitwari tuzi akamaro Kisuku.

Last year my mother started learning about hygiene with other women from my village. Now we know that jiggers are caused by not being clean. We used to go days without washing and that would cause the jiggers to multiply. The problem was not lack of water. We just didn't know the importance of good hygiene.

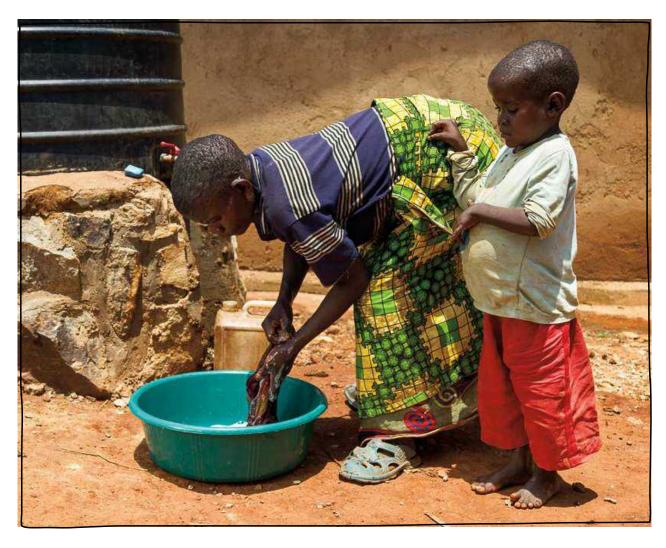




Mama yanyigishize gukaraba intoki, amaboko nibirenge nkoresheze isabune.







Wou mang asigaye amesa imyenda yacu kenshi. Anakubura murugo n'inzu buri munsi. Kandi ubu byaratworoheye kuko twabonye inzu irimo sima. Amavunja ntakunda sima. Akenshi, akunda ahantu hari umukungungu.

Now she washes our clothes often. She also sweeps the yard and cleans the house every day. This is easier now that we live in a house with a cement floor. Jiggers are not very friendly with cement. They like sand much better.



Ubu twese nta muntu ukirwaye amavunja murugo. Ubu nshobora kwiruka nkanakina nkabandi bana bose. Handwashing alone has been shown in developing countries to result in children growing smarter and stronger.

— Anna Bowen, M.D., Association between intensive handwashing promotion and child development in Karachi, Pakistan, 2012

### **COMMUNITY HYGIENE CLUBS**

World Vision empowers community members to establish hygiene and health clubs where adults, usually women, come together to learn about hygiene and promote positive messages within their homes and communities. Hygiene clubs promote the importance of clean water, good hygiene, and improved sanitation. We work with community health educators and local district governments to train families on best hygiene and sanitation practices through locally developed workshops and community meetings. This messaging emphasizes, among other things, the importance of keeping the home and family clean.

Jiggers are pin-head-sized chigoe fleas that are found on dirt floors in and around many schools and homes in sub-Saharan climates. They burrow into the skin — usually around the toes and fingernails, causing swelling, itching and infection. Long-term infestations result in disfigurement of the affected area and in serious cases, may result in amputation or death.

In Sibomana's community, mothers learned that to control jiggers it is necessary to ensure the family's bedding and clothes are clean, latrines are regularly washed, domestic animals are kept outside the house, and yards are swept and sprinkled with water to keep the dirt and dust down. They also learned that the family should wash their hands, arms, feet and legs regularly with clean water and soap, always wear shoes and keep their fingernails and toenails short. These practices not only prevent the spread of jiggers, but also serve as an example to other mothers and families on the importance of good hygiene and sanitation.

### Miskia



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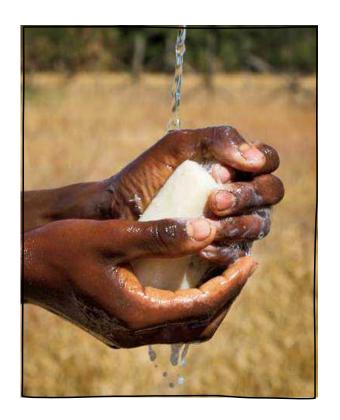












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Two years ago World Vision constructed separate latrines at our school for boys and girls, so now we have privacy. They also established a WASH club, and I decided to become a member. In the WASH club, the boys and girls work together to keep our school environment clean. We clean the latrines and make sure students wash their hands with soap and water after going to the toilet and before eating.



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Today the older girls are teaching the younger girls about their menstrual cycle, and our school provides pads and a room where girls can change their clothes or lie down if they don't feel well. So now the older girls can always come to school.







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Now we are also teaching the rest of our community what we have learned.

Nearly half of all girls in Ethiopia do not finish primary school. Most start school, but when they reach puberty and start menstruating, they stay home, miss lessons, and ultimately drop out.

Plan International, 2015

## MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT

World Vision helps establish extracurricular WASH clubs in primary and secondary schools, which are created to promote education and awareness of WASH-related issues with school children.

World Vision trains two teachers at each school to be patrons of the club. They learn to lead students in WASH activities, including promoting positive messages and helping to maintain school WASH facilities. Club members often create their own songs, dramas, and games to communicate safe water and hygiene messages within their schools and communities. In addition, students are trained and organized to ensure hand-washing stations are equipped with soap or ash (an effective alternative to soap).

While menstruation is a taboo subject, and getting her period can be an embarrassing and difficult situation for a girl, school WASH clubs are sensitized to the issues girls face, especially when there is no water, sanitary supplies, or privacy in schools. Along with creating school WASH clubs, World Vision incorporates a menstrual hygiene management component into our approach. Students and teachers are educated about proper sanitation and hygiene during menstruation. Some of these clubs take this one step further by developing income-generating initiatives that allow the school to purchase sanitary supplies that can be used by all of the girls. Additionally, separated latrine blocks for boys and girls provide girls with privacy, and dedicated changing rooms and facilities provide them with a private space where they can clean themselves.







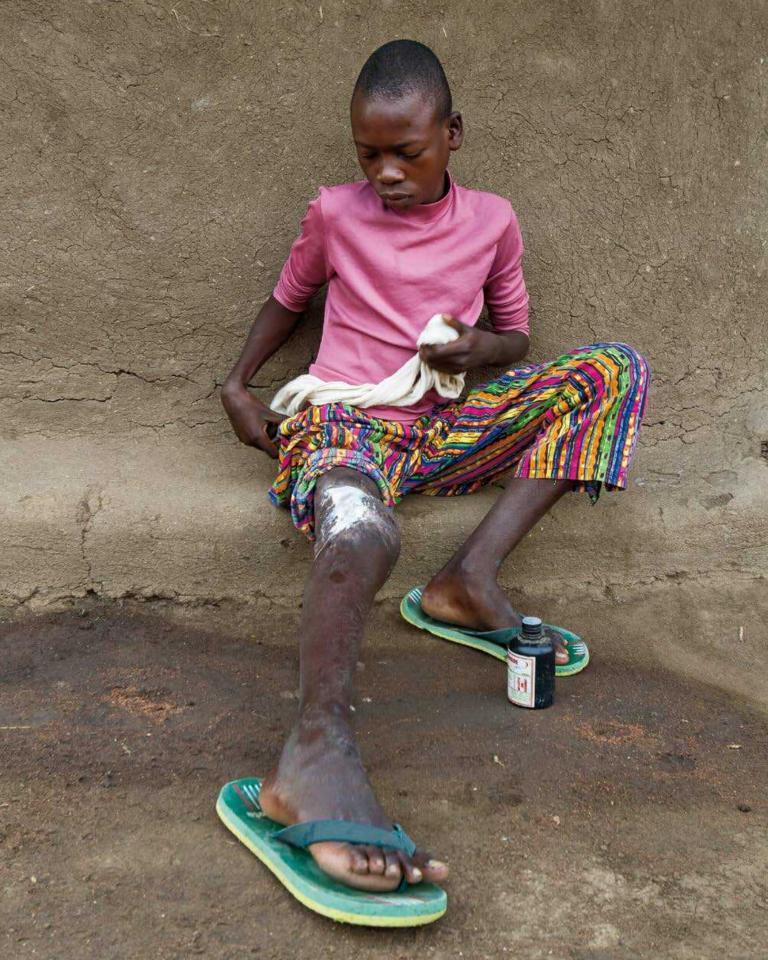
The first thing I remember after the accident was waking up in the hospital. My grandma was with me and I had lots of tubes in me and blood was going into my body. I felt a pain in my leg. I looked down and saw a huge wound and part of the bone was sticking out.

That was two years ago. My friends and I were at the river fetching water. It was raining so we took shelter in a mud cave in the riverbank. The rain soaked the mud and the cave collapsed on us.



I was in the hospital for 7 months. My grandma stayed with me. She had no food to eat so we shared the food they give to patients.







One of my friends died in the accident and one was ok.



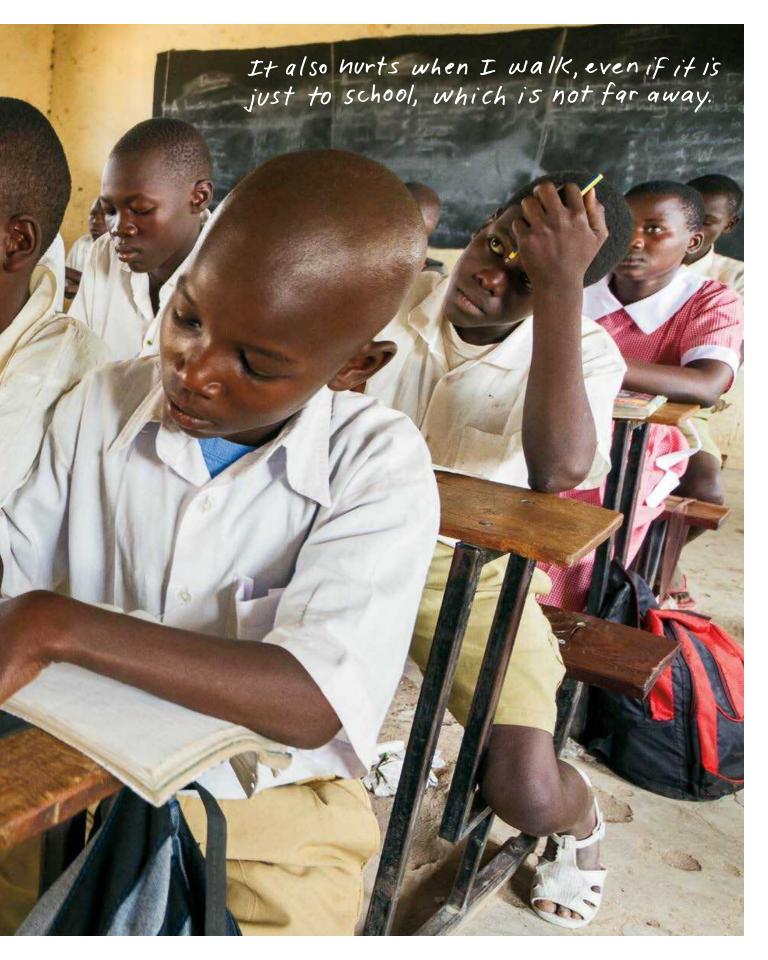
My leg is Still not healed.

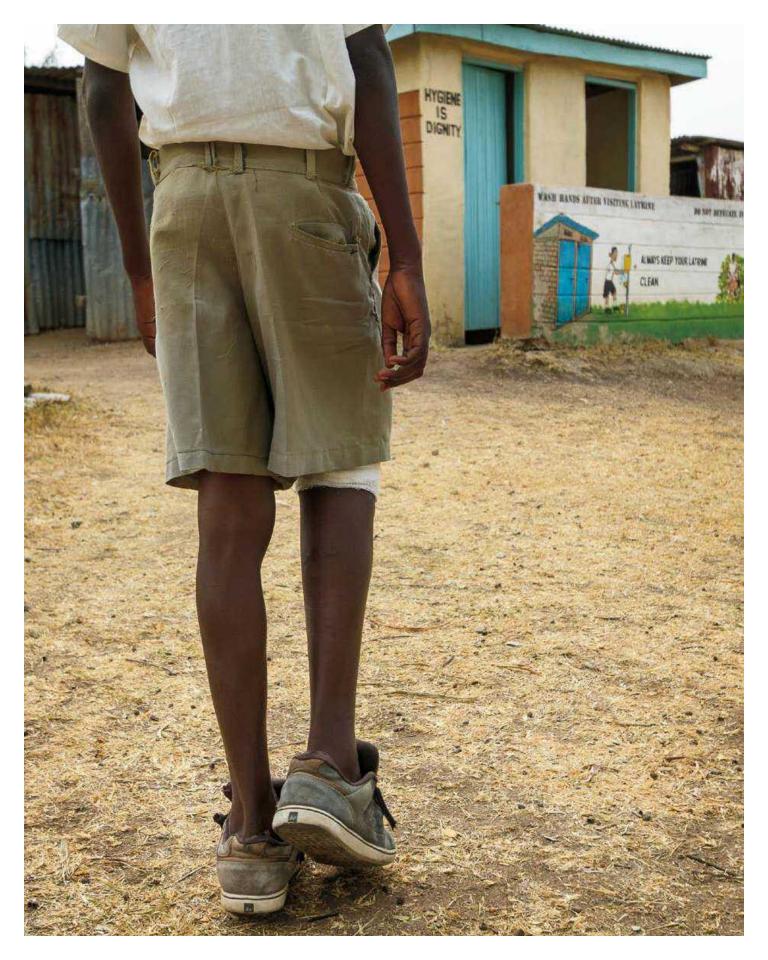
It hurts when I work in the field, and right now there is a lot of work to do. We don't have a plow and we can't afford to hire one, so we prepare as much of our land as we can with our hoes.











Before my accident I had no difficulty using a latrine, and maybe one day I will be fine again. But now there is a Serious problem. I can only bend one of my legs. The other One has to remain straight. To support myself I have to put my hands On the dirty floor. And Sometimes there is no soap and water to wash My hands. A toilet where I could sit down would really help me.









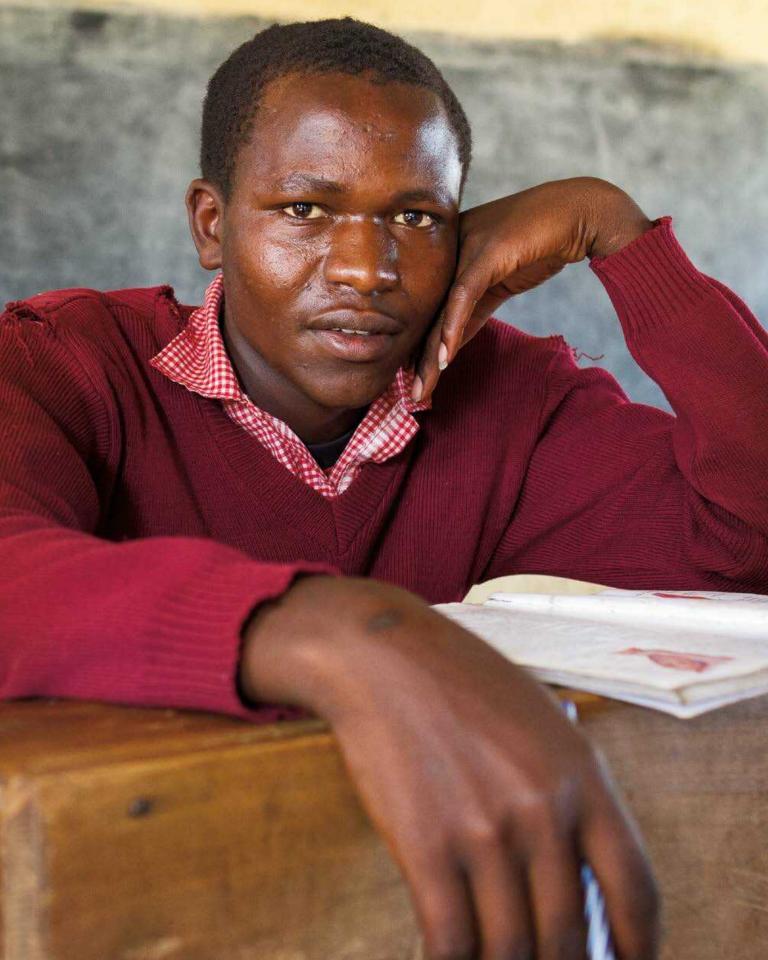
The 2.5 billion people in the world who lack access to adequate sanitation include a high number of individuals with disabilities, probably hundreds of millions, since access for them is often so difficult.

—WHO/UNICEF, 2014 and Satterthwaite and Winkler, 2012

## WASH AND DISABILITY

It is widely recognised that disability and poverty are intricately linked. The onset of disability may increase the risk of poverty and poverty may increase the risk of disability (World Bank, April 2011). Providing disability inclusive sanitation facilities and water points, as well as aiding in water access, provides not only dignity, but also a future for children like Henry.

World Vision programmes aim to assist people with disabilities with improved, accessible latrines and water points through-out the community — including homes, schools and health facilities. In addition, World Vision is working with Messiah College (Pennsylvania, USA) to develop assistive technologies such as latrine chairs — adapted seats that enable people with disabilities to safely and hygienically use the latrine. Similarly, the East Africa Learning Centre, in partnership with Messiah College, has provided training on how to ensure inclusiveness in WASH services. The representatives — from seven countries — who attended the three-day training met individuals with disabilities and learned about new inclusive technologies.



## Leackey

Jina langu ni Leackey Leina. Nina umri wa Mika kumi na Sita, na niko darasa la nane. Nilipotimu umri wa miaka tatu, nilianza Kuchunga kondoo na mbuzi. Nilipofika umri miaka nne, nilianza kuchunga ng'ombe. Nilipofika umri wa kwenda Shule, nilitamani kwenda shule lakini Singeweza. Kwa sababu nilikuwa nikiwachunga ng'ombe wetu na Zaidi masi Yalikuwa mbali.

My name is Leackey Leina. I am 16 years old and I am in class eight. I started looking after the goats and the sheep when I was 3 years old. When I was 4, I started looking after the cattle. When I was old enough, I wanted to go to school, but I couldn't — partly because I was looking after our livestock, but mostly because there was no water.

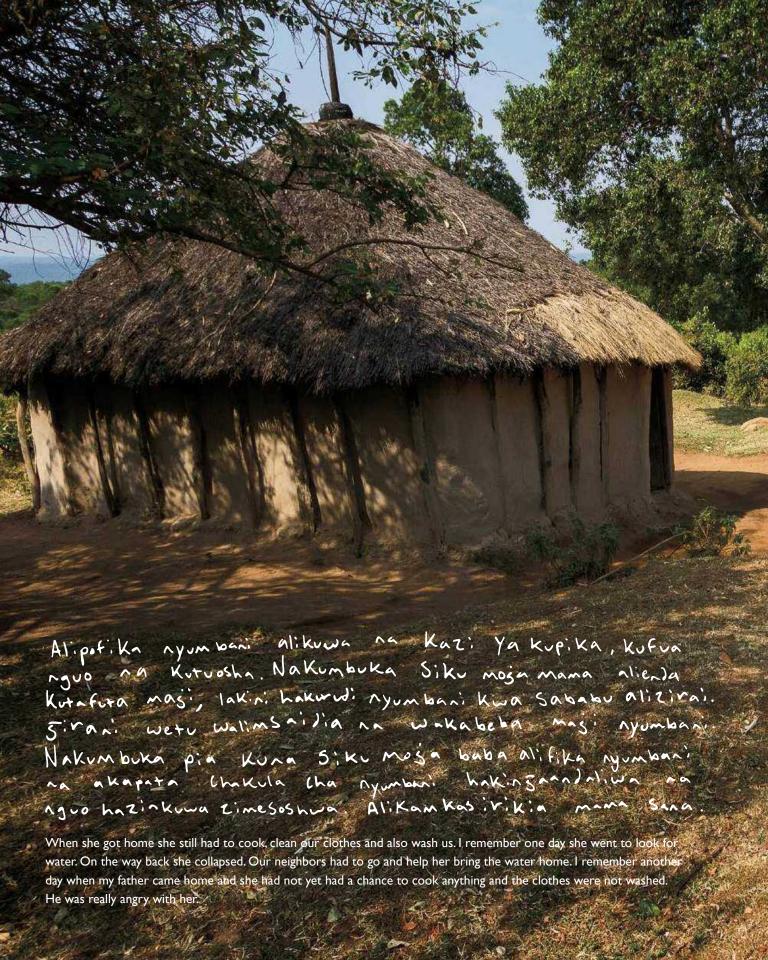


Baba yangu alikuwa anaenda mbali Kuwatafutia njombe maji. My father used to go far away looking for water for our livestock.



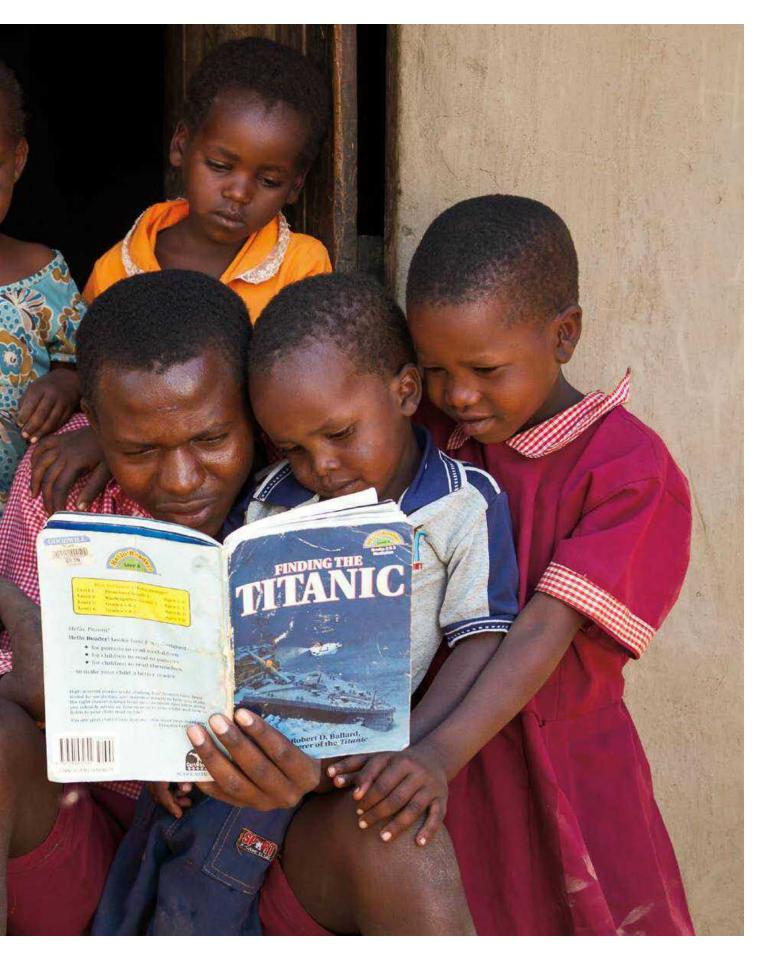


Mama yangu alikuwa akienden masi mbali kwa matumizi ya nyumbani. Alikuwa anabeba mtunoi wa lita ishirini mgongoni, na alikuwa akienda Siku nzima.





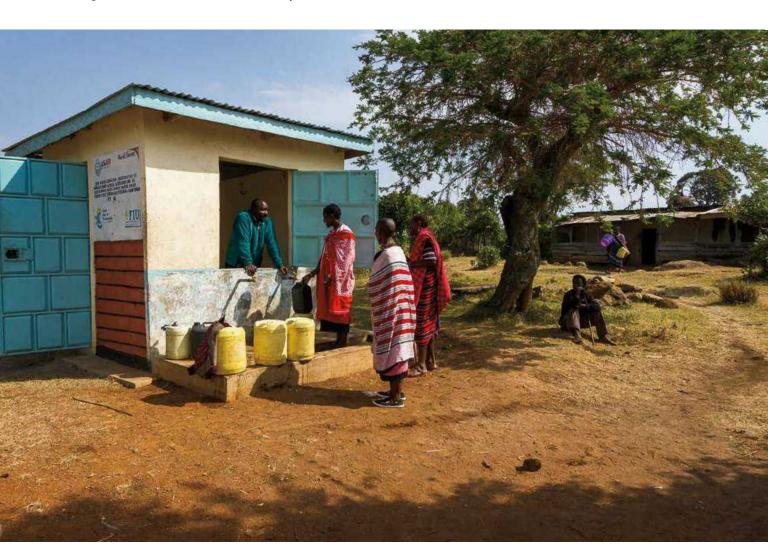








Wakati world vision walinjenga mradi wa maji maisha Yalibadirika na Yakawa Yakufurahia. Sasa tunayo masi menzi karibu na nyumbani.



Iran (hu kua mama dakika kuni na tano kuchota masi, na huwa nyumban: Siku nzima kutushughulikin.



## Sasababa anachunsa ng'ombe karibu na nyumbani, na inamaanisha



And my father can look after our livestock closer to home, so our animals are healthier and they give more milk.

Kwamba wanyama wetu wanan fya Zaiji na wanatoa Maziwa Zaiji.



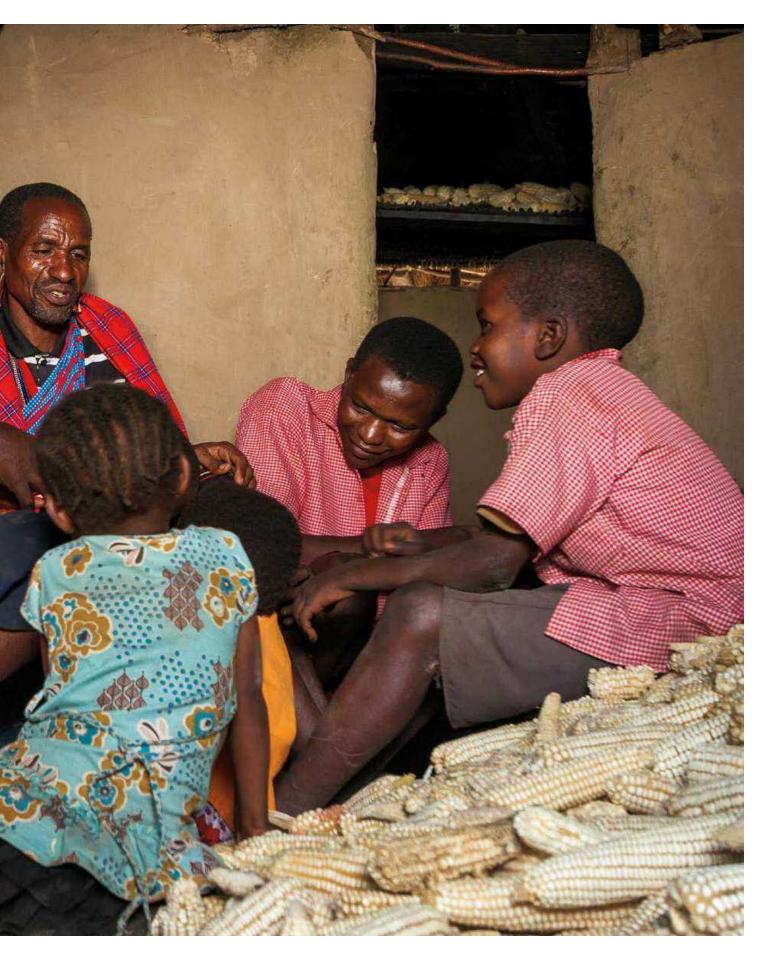


Sisi wote tunnenda Shule Sasa...



Now all of us can go to school ...





In Africa people spend 40 billion hours every year just walking to collect water. Women carry two-thirds of the burden in drinking water collection, leaving less time for other socioeconomic activities.

— UNICEF, 2014

## WASH AND FAMILY TIME

When families have safe water and basic sanitation facilities, and practice good hygiene, their quality of life improves. WASH contributes to harmony in the home because family members are not so worn out from gathering water and they have more time to spend together.

Children have time to study and attend school, and parents are able to put more effort into income-generating activities. Children and adults are healthier since they do not suffer from water-related diseases. And when there is sufficient water for livestock to drink and for gardens to be irrigated, nutrition improves, and children grow at a good rate.

Families contribute to the repair and maintenance of the water point by paying a small fee, either monthly or each time they draw water. These funds, as well as the water point, are managed by a community water committee, trained by World Vision.



## Nyawech



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My name is Nyawech Gach. I am I7 years old. I am from Nasir, South Sudan, but now I live with my three brothers and three sisters in Kule refugee camp in Ethiopia.

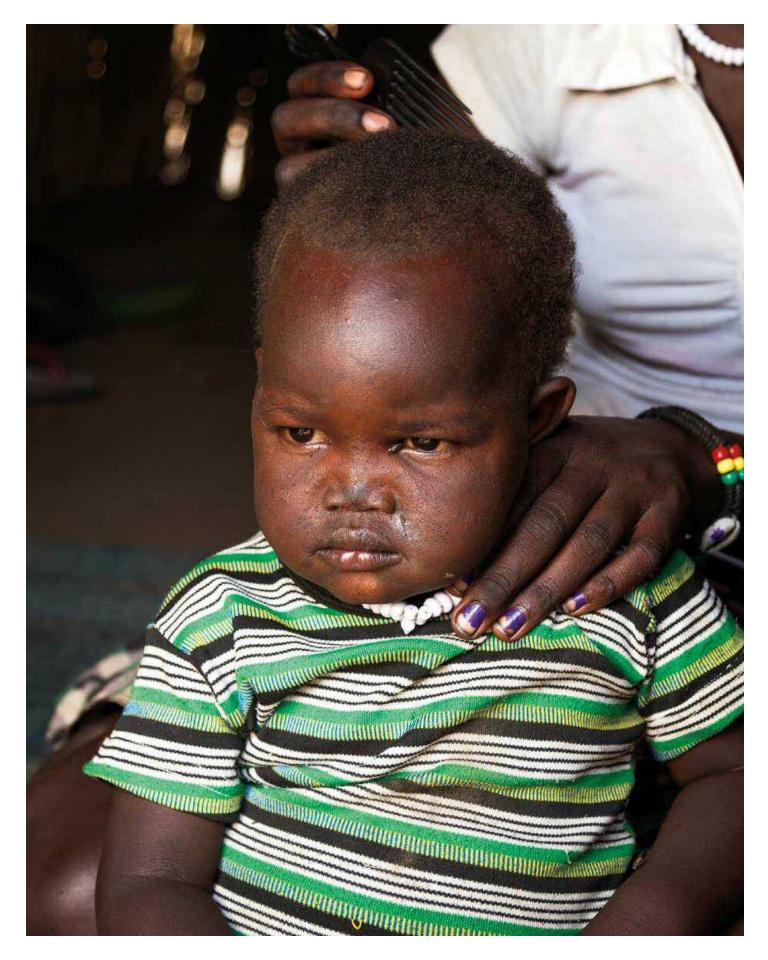


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We first heard by phone that the conflict was happening in other areas and that our enemies were advancing toward us. My father grabbed his gun and his spear, and he and the other men ran to protect our village. That was 4 May 2014. It was the last time I saw him. My mother grabbed the small children. She told the rest of us to leave everything where it was, and we all ran to the next village. We thought the trouble wouldn't last long and we would be back home in a couple of days.

Two days later we heard that the enemy had taken over our village and they were still advancing. We could hear the sound of their big guns. Again we ran, and the enemy followed.





KE göö jal ney keel ke gaat ti tani, ci ney jäl elon. Cu ney cop rey ciën mi thiëëk ke ney ni ke thiaan. Ke kan ney tinuan elon mëë bar ney roda. Cu ney cop wec in thiëëk lee ney ni ke thiaan. Cu ney diaal tin kon cop ke nhiam a ken neyni cop ka cua ke moc guath tooca. Ken dher dial tin te rey wec cike thiaan ke naath, ka cu ney nien a thiel kuan.

EE runwan, cu ney we ke we nhiam rey duzpda. Cu dämar rec we may ke kuida ke söö de ney ben mith kä de ney cu math ke piw mi ci ney piw jek. Ke wäär Emz, cu ney te rey tzrä. Kä ke jen wäär Emz bz, cu jitër we ke mi böke koz. Ke gnath mi tzt, cu tek te wanz, kä cu ney eret piny.

Because we were traveling with small children, we could not move fast. We arrived at the next village in the evening. There were many of us who were fleeing. Everyone else had arrived before us and they had been given shelter. Every house in the village was full. We slept outside without any food.

The next morning we moved on. On the way my brother caught a fish for us to eat and we drank water wherever we could find it. That night we stayed in a swamp, and all night long the enemy shelled us. As soon as there was enough light to see, we moved on.



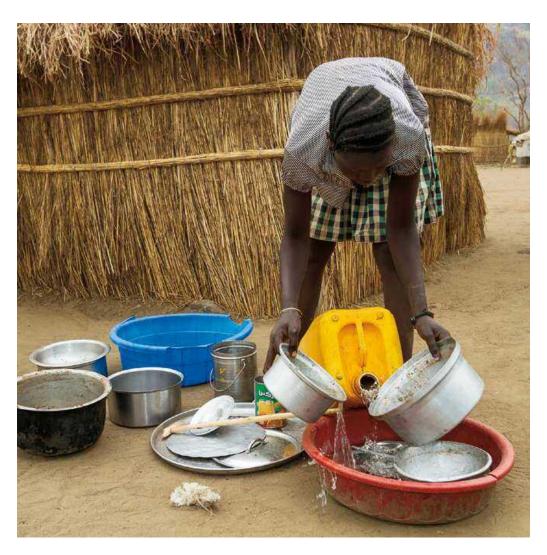




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After several days it was so hard to keep going. Everyone was hungry. My mother and some of the other women saw a village. They said, "We have to go there. Our children are starving to death. Maybe they will give us some sorghum and maize." My mother left us with all of the other people and went with those women to the village. Even though we were worried about her, we could hear the enemy's guns, so we had to keep moving. That night, we walked through the night. Still she was not back. We were so glad when she found us the next day. We were also glad she had some food for us.





LE KOR juokni, kả thile mi camke, kả thile mi luâk ney to ke je, cu ney e lin i teë ke wec mi de ney we goar thin kả topiji kêm. Cue ney nan nin nuan En jöö bì ney cop thin. Ke cânkà 10 kà Pay 6, 2014, cu ney cop lca kêm.





After another week without food or anything else to support us, we heard about a village where we could register to go to a refugee camp. It took us four days to walk there. Two weeks later, on June 10, 2014, we arrived here.







Thile rami la doraar, yan yaca je. Jiëke elzn en göö ba tëë dial tëë ci tuszk tim. Ke kuic em, ci/ gan e gor en göö ba je a tiema ni cian. Mi ci ciëëmari jien, thile mi dë lel, ka ci/ gan ke de luzzc raar a bike tëk. Min de latni je e göö gan ba gaatmar kene nyiamari rom ke min jek ney e ka këm.

No one can live forever. I know that. It isn't good for me to remember all that happened, so I don't allow myself to think about it much. If my parents are gone, there is nothing I can do to bring them back to life. The only thing I can do is take responsibility for raising my brothers and sisters with what this camp provides.



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I jerrycan

Cooking pots

**Bowls** 

Spoons

Mosquito net

#### ARRA / UNHCR PROOF OF REGISTRATION **Household Number** 664-14H04037 Registration ETH Gambella Zone 1W Family size SSD - Latjor 29-Jul-2014 Ration Card # 2794041 Individual Number DOB/YOB Relationship to HR1 Place of Birth 664-00015247 01 V GACH WAL, NYALUAL Female 01-Jan-1977 Household Representative 1 NASIR 664-00015249 02 V GACH GATLUAK, NYAWECH Female 01-Jan-1999 Daughter NASIR 03 ✓ GACH GATLUAK, NYABOTH 664-00015253 01-Jan-2004 NASIR Female Daughter 04 V GACH GATLUAK, BOL Male 664-00015254 01-Jan-2008 Son NASIR NASIR 05 S GACH CATLUAK, BORDOANG Male 664-00015255 01-Jan-2009 664-00015257 01-Jan-2010 Daughter 05 V GACH GATLAUK, NYABOT Female NASIR 664-00015259 01-Jan-2012 Daughter NASIR Female OF MY GACH GATLUAK, NYAGEMA 08 09 10

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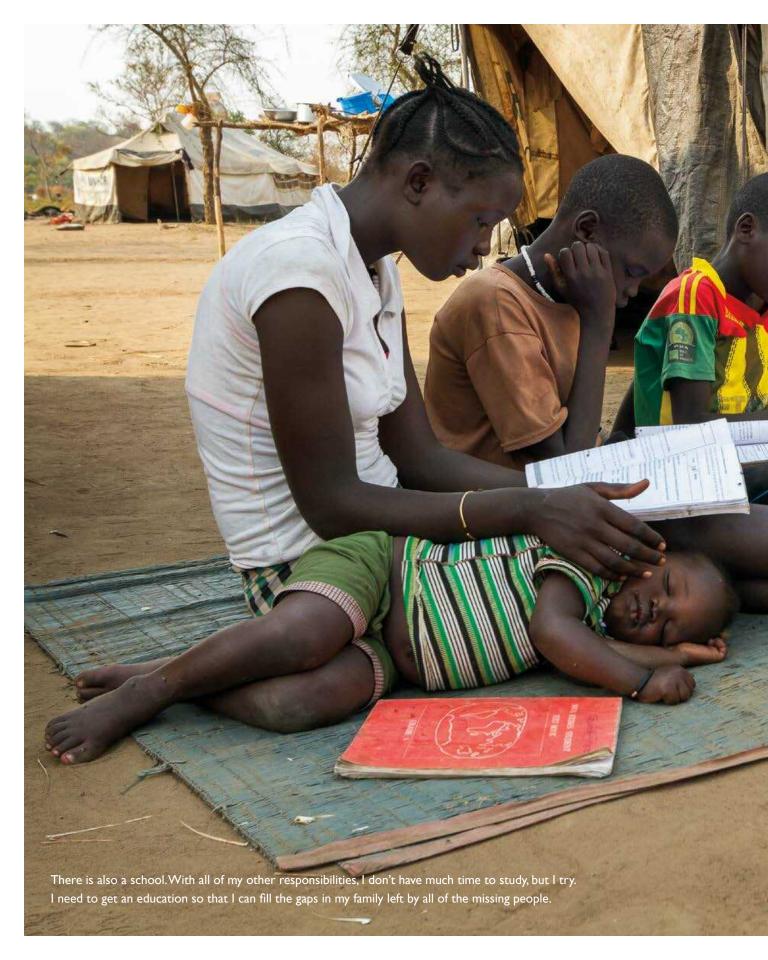
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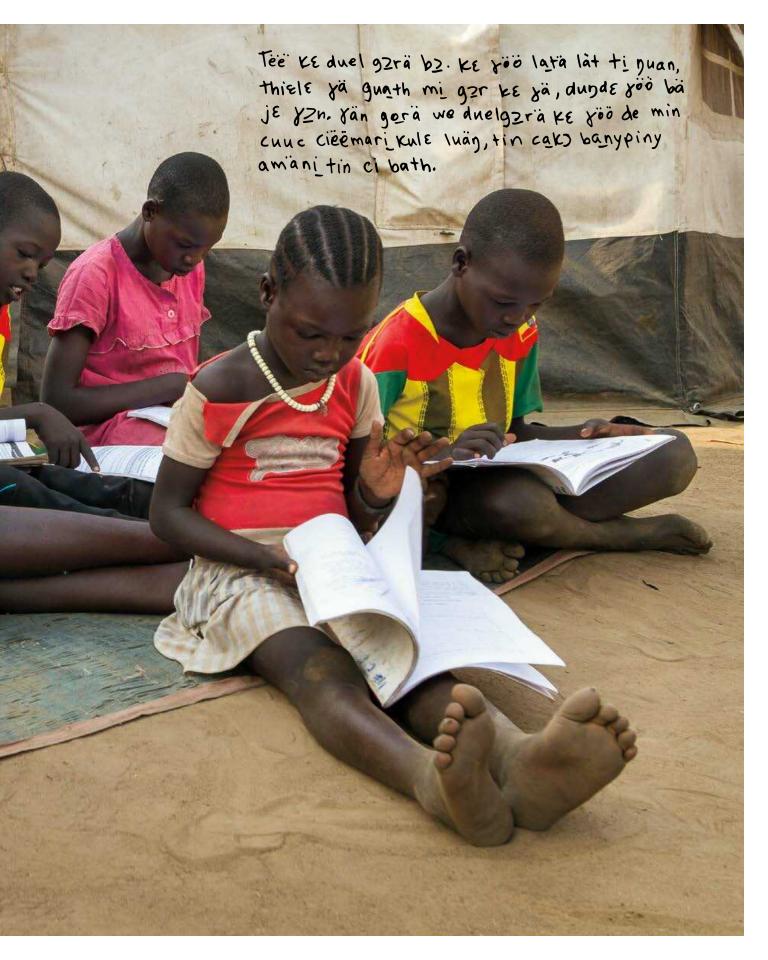






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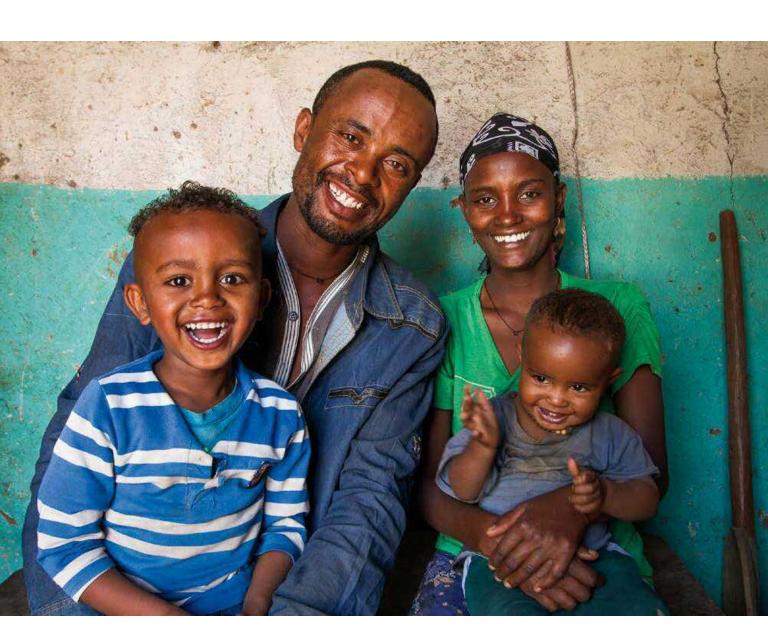
World Vision is working with partners to plan for the future by establishing a permanent, sustainable water source for South Sudan's refugees. It is not clear what the future holds, but for nearly two-thirds of refugees in the world today – over six million people – the average length of stay in these states of virtual limbo is now approaching 20 years.

### THE EMERGENCY WASH PROGRAMME

There are more than 260,000 South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia — 90 per cent of them are women and children. In addition to establishing schools in the camps, World Vision's WASH teams are helping children like Nyawech and her siblings by meeting their immediate needs for clean water and sanitation facilities.

The rapid provision of suitable WASH facilities in disaster contexts is a critical life-saving intervention. The goal is to provide an effective disaster response that saves lives, meets needs, protects the most vulnerable, and reduces suffering. Our early response prioritizes basic needs, including access to improved sanitation facilities, the promotion of good hygiene practices and the provision of sufficient, safe and affordable water for personal and domestic uses.

For Kule camp, where Nyawech and her siblings live, clean water is trucked in each day to ensure that each of the camp's 46,000 residents has 15 litres of water each day. While trucking water was a good immediate solution to the crisis, the cost — \$0.38 US per person per day or a total of \$17,480 each day — makes it highly unsustainable over the longer term. World Vision and its partners are currently building a large scale water supply system that will pipe sufficient clean water into the camp for the benefit of all of the refugees, as well as members of the surrounding host community, over the next 25 years.



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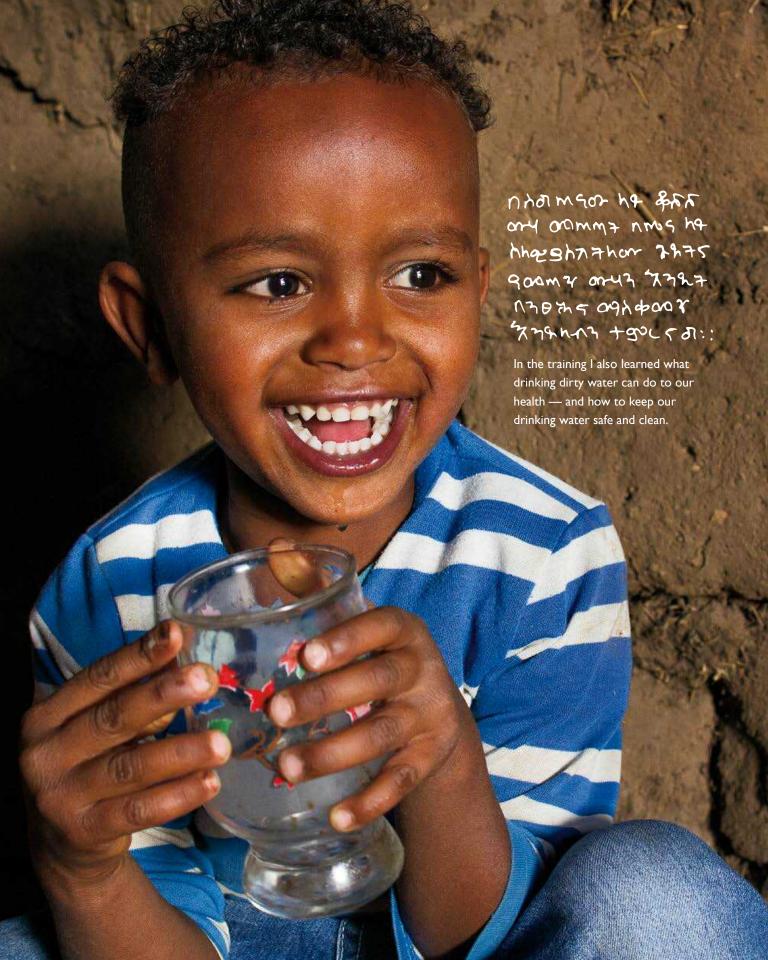


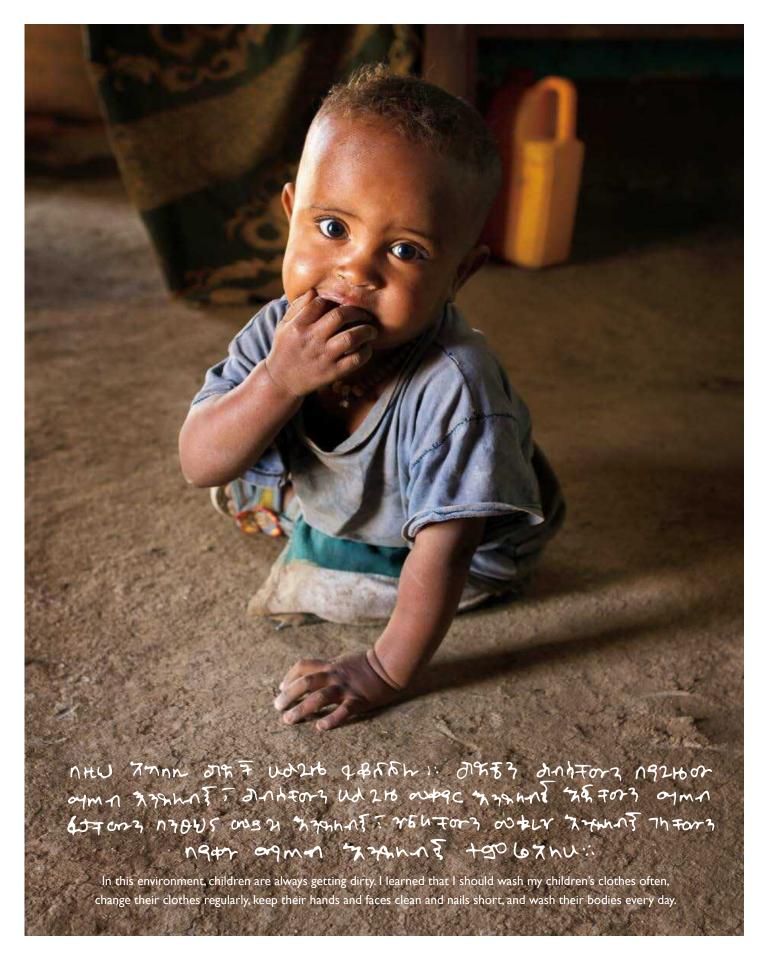
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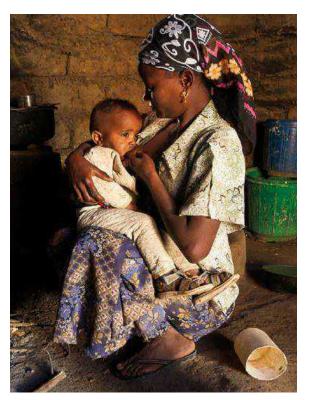


We learned how to properly clean our dishes, spoons, forks and knives.





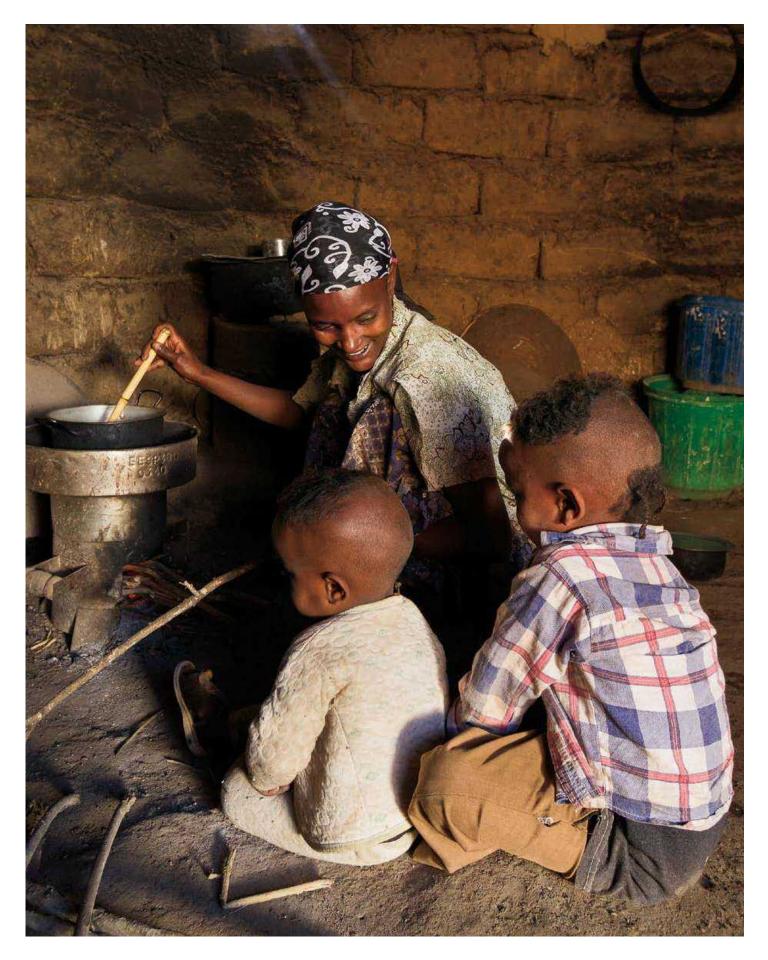






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I already knew that children should have only breast milk for the first six months. I used to hear that after six months they need to eat a variety of food, but before the training, I never thought it was that important. I fed my first child only porridge. Now I give them a variety of food. I can see that Dawit is more active and stronger than his brother was at that age.

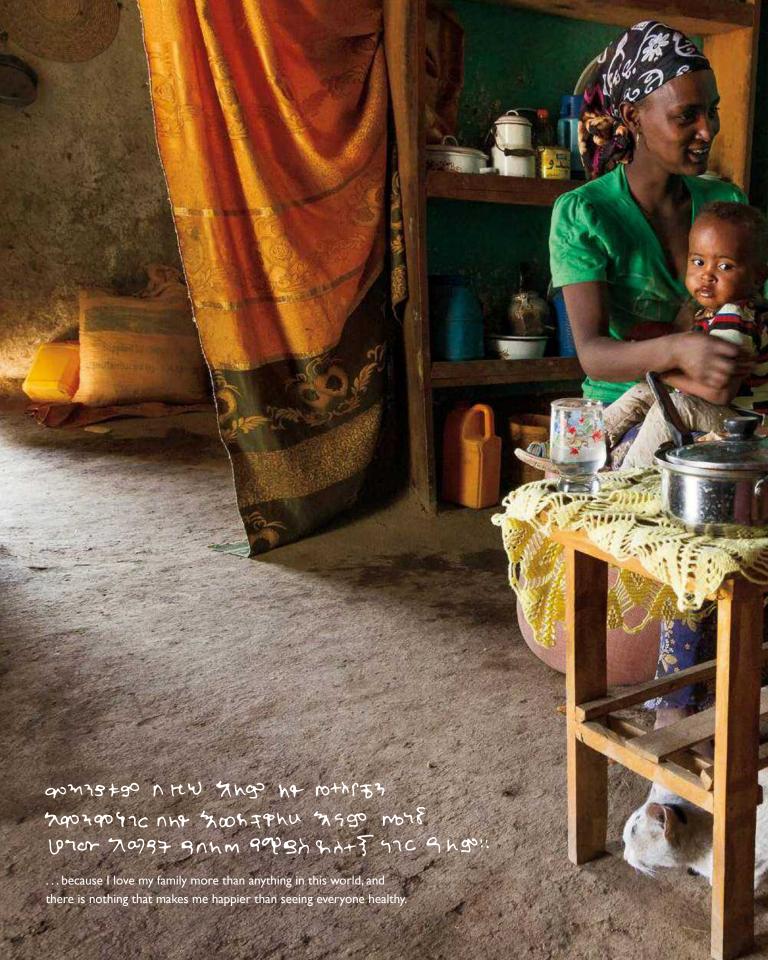


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I try to put everything I learned in the training into practice. However, due to the shortage of water here, it isn't possible to implement all of it every day. We fetch water from a place that is four kilometres from our house. It takes five hours to go, wait in line, and come back home. There are days when we don't have enough water even to cook. On those days I don't wash our clothes, I wash only some of the dishes, and we don't wash our bodies. But I make sure we always wash our hands with soap and water after using the latrine, and before preparing food and eating — even if I have to ask our neighbours to give us a little bit of their water . . .









Every day, nearly 1,000 children under five die from diarrhea caused by contaminated water, poor sanitation, and unsafe hygiene practices — more than die from AIDS and malaria combined.

— UNICEF, 2013/2014

### **BABY WASH**

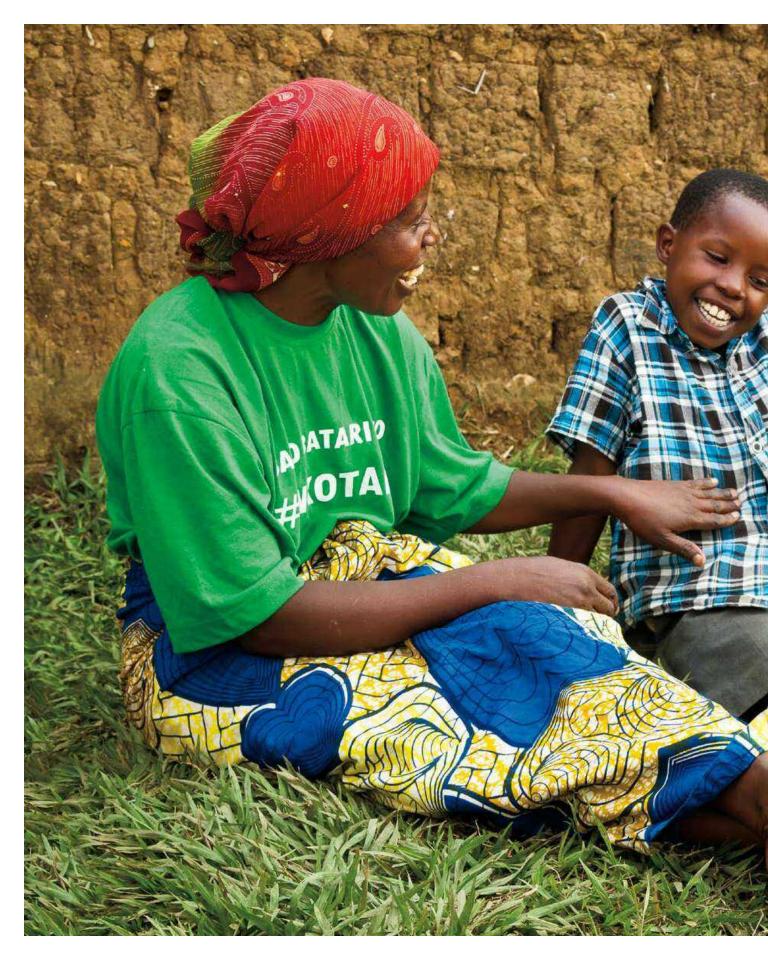
Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene are critical and life-saving for children younger than five, and especially for babies in their first two years of life. When parents are equipped and empowered to properly care for their babies in a clean, hygienic environment, there is growing evidence that children are better nourished and have stronger overall health. If babies start strong, they grow up to do better in school and beyond.

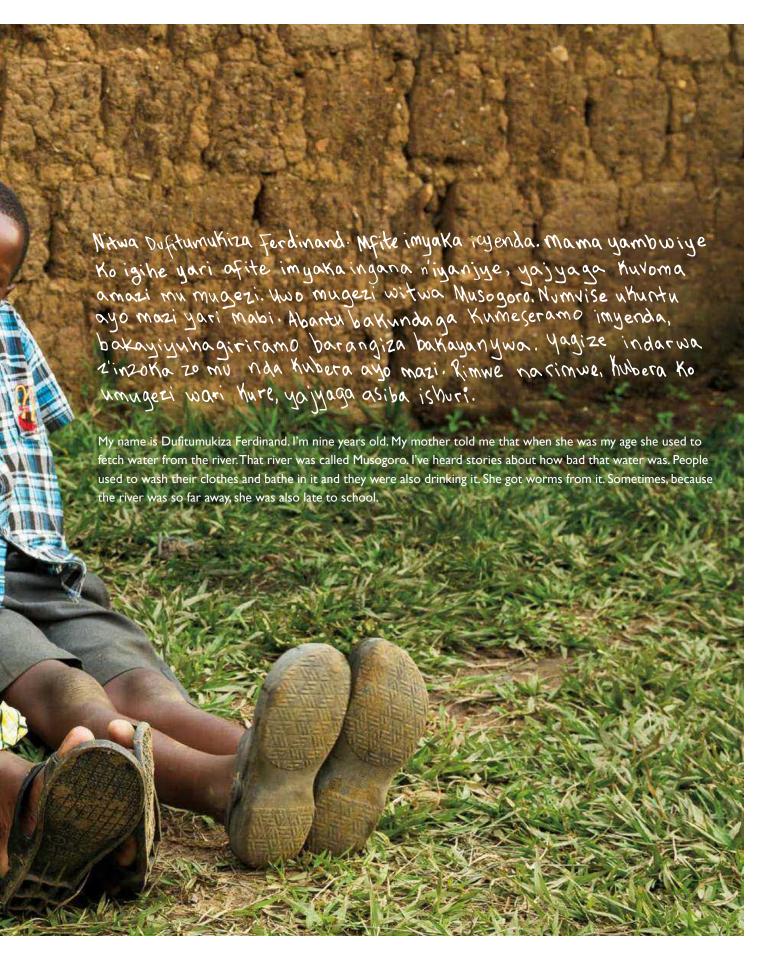
When clean water is brought close to the home, parents, especially moms, are better able to provide and care for their children without the long, difficult, and often multiple treks to get water each day. With the time they gain, mothers can focus on making sure that their young children are better cared for, bathed and fed.

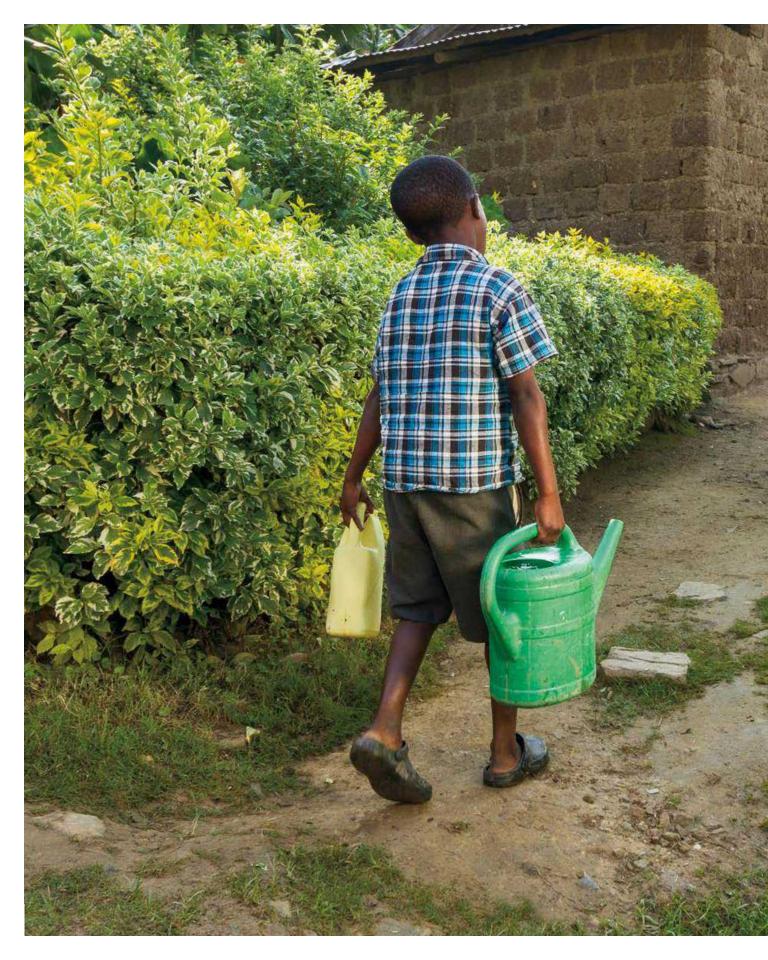
World Vision works with parents to educate them that clean water is only the first step. Through hygiene and sanitation trainings, parents learn that water storage containers should be kept clean and covered, children's hands should be washed frequently, and homes must be kept clean and tidy. When these practices are followed in families, children lead healthier lives and child death rates dramatically decrease due to a decline in diseases caused by unclean water, poor sanitation, and lack of hygiene.



## Ferdinand







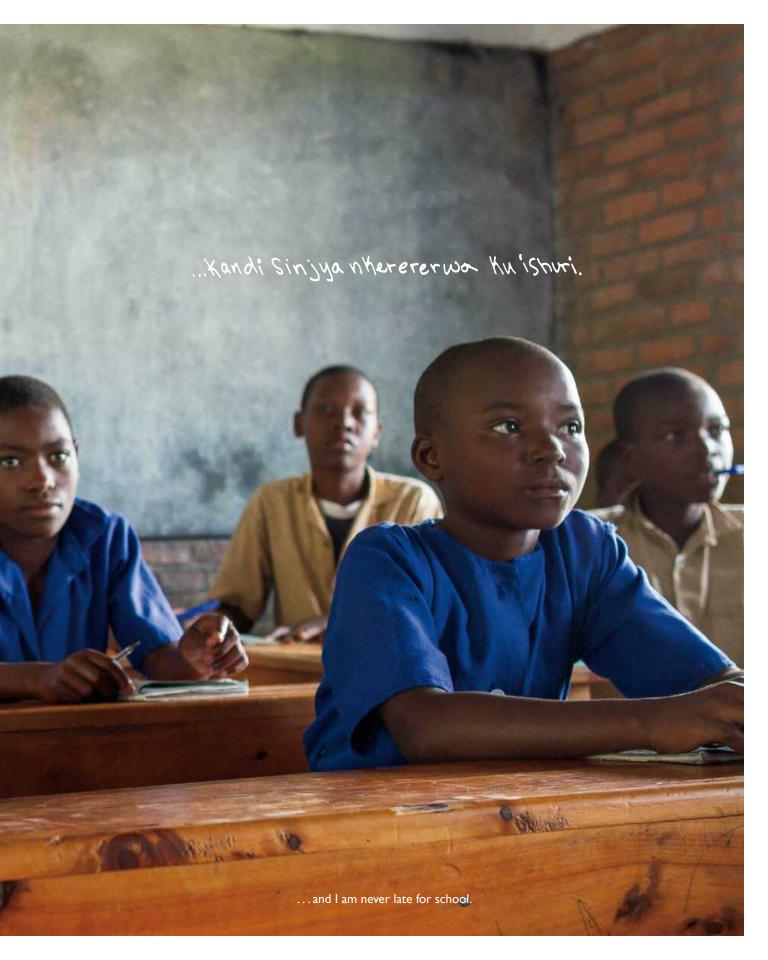


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I'm glad we have water near our house.

We drink clean water so we don't have worms ...

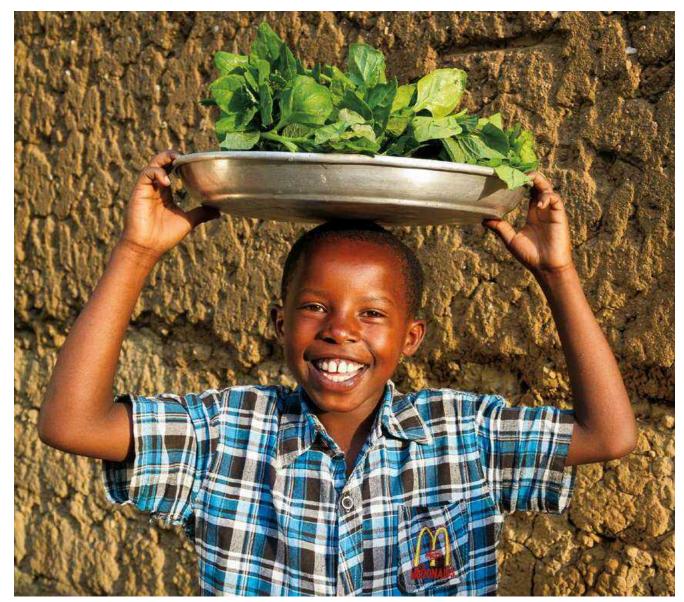




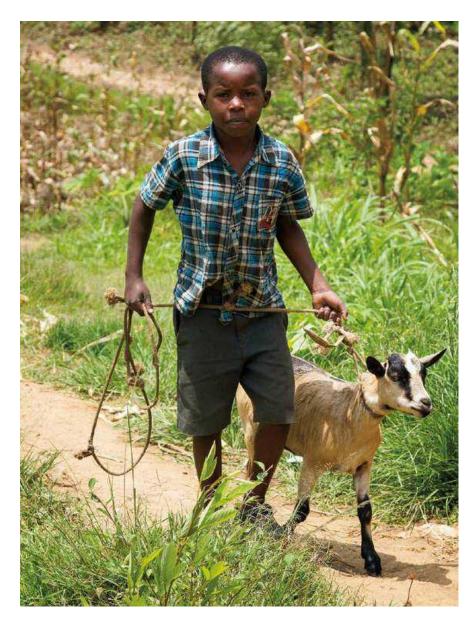


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With this water we grow vegetables all year long. We eat them and my mother also sells them. With the money she makes she buys fish and potatoes . . .



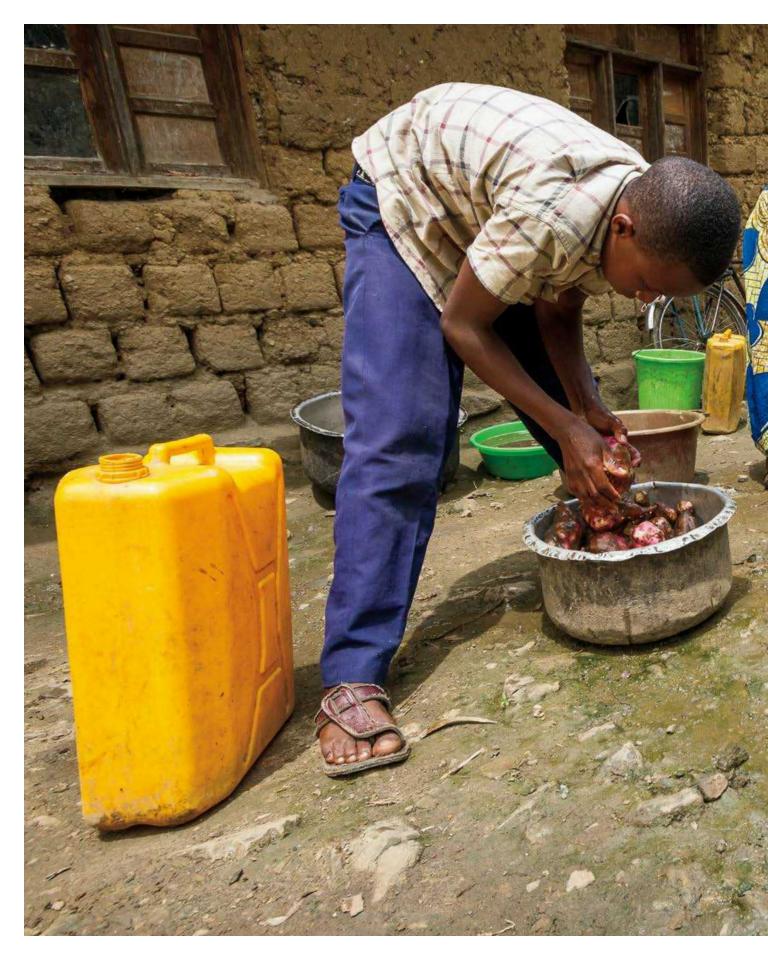


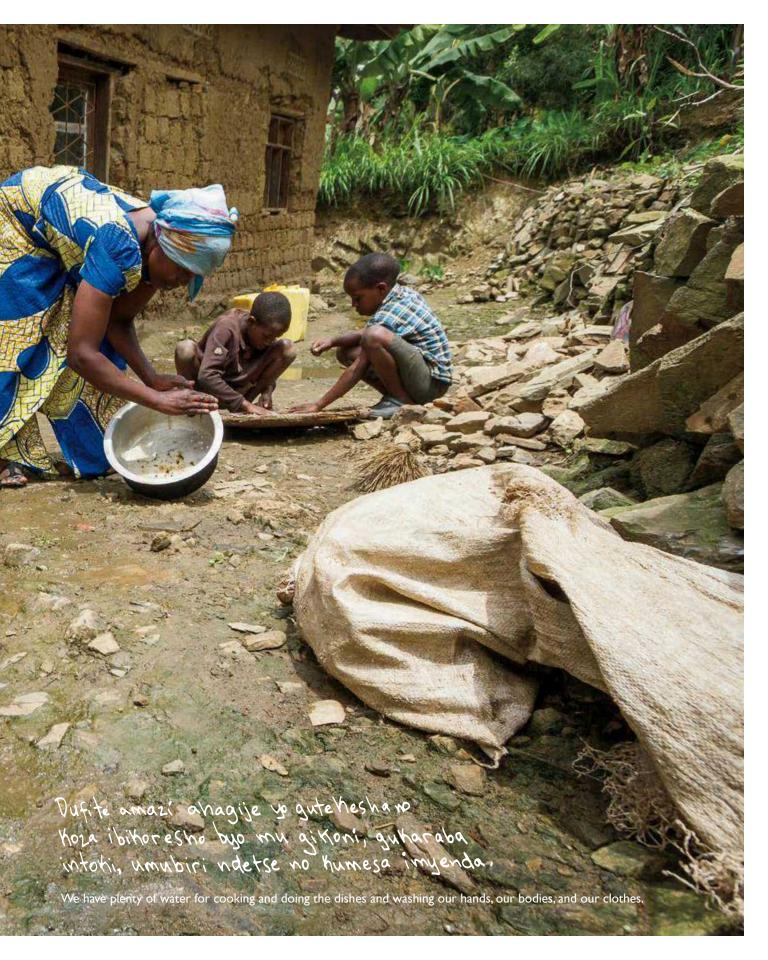
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Ubu dufite inta. Mama yambwiye ho inshuti ye yayimvragije hubera Ko dufite amazi bugufi. Iyi nka inywa amazi menshi! Inka iduha amata yo hunywa ndetse n'ifumbire yo gushyira mu murima bityo Mama agahinga imboga.

We also have a cow. My mom told me that a friend of hers asked her to take care of his cow because we have water nearby, and it sure drinks a lot of water! The cow gives us milk to drink and manure for the garden, so we can grow more vegetables.







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But the best thing about having water so close to home is that I can fetch water, help at home, study — and still have time to play.

Every \$1 spent on improving water supply and sanitation produces economic gains of between \$5 and \$28 respectively. These gains greatly affect children, as families can use the additional money to pay school fees, buy nutritious food, and pay for medical care.

— UNICEF. 2012

## WASH AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Water is foundational to development, but it is only one piece in the complex puzzle of poverty. Children also need nutritious food, essential healthcare, basic education, and protection; their parents need sustainable livelihoods; and everyone needs the opportunity to learn about and respond to God's love for them.

Having safe water available in a community encourages economic development that transforms families. For example, when women do not spend so much time fetching water, they have more time to spend on economic pursuits. Children can attend school, which contributes to future economic progress for families and communities.

World Vision works with communities to support improved livelihoods, such as building animal troughs for livestock and educating families on how to diversify their gardens. When water is available, additional avenues open up for generating income. For example, people may use water from the new borehole to water gardens to grow food to sell, or to produce items such as bricks, which require adequate water to make.

When basic sanitation is available and people practice good hygiene, disease rates decrease, which results in fewer days that people are sick and cannot work, and in less money spent on visiting the health centre.

## OUR VISION FOR EVERY CHILD, LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS, OUR PRAYER FOR EVERY HEART. THE WILL TO MAKE IT SO.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. We serve all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

World Vision provides emergency assistance to children and families affected by natural disasters and civil conflict, works with communities to develop long-term solutions to alleviate poverty, and advocates for justice on behalf of the poor. World Vision serves millions of people in nearly 100 countries around the world. Our work is evident in approximately 1,600 community development areas, where we join with local people to find lasting ways to improve the lives of impoverished children and families.

Our passion is for the world's poorest children. The ability of these children to reach their God-given potential depends on the physical, social, and spiritual strength of their families and communities. To help secure a better future for each child, we focus on lasting, community-based transformation. We partner with individuals and communities, empowering them to develop sustainable access to clean water, food supplies, healthcare, education, and economic opportunities.

For more than 60 years, World Vision has served as a bridge between those who have resources and those who need

them, changing lives on both sides. We are also responsible to both sides. We carefully monitor and review programmes and costs, use donations and grants for their intended purposes, and look for ways to leverage the funds entrusted to us.

World Vision offers its donor partners a number of powerful ways to impact the lives of children around the world and help break the cycle of poverty. For instance, World Vision's WASH partners invest in the building blocks of child wellbeing. World Vision lives and works in communities for an average of 15 years to assure that communities are equipped and empowered with what it takes for children to survive and thrive.

World Vision monitors project progress and evaluates performance to ensure its work is making a positive and lasting impact on the people we serve. Project outcomes are measured against objective standards to continually improve the quality of our programmes.

Ninety per cent of World Vision's nearly 44,000 staff members come from the region or area where they work, including some of the most difficult places in the world. World Vision's local presence and community partnerships enable us to create sustainable and effective solutions to chronic poverty. Grass-roots participation in and ownership of programmes have proven to be the most effective ways to tackle the underlying causes of poverty.



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