

Keeping Girls in School Thro Water and Sanitation Program (Project 1609)– Update

This program whose aim is to **KEEP THE GIRL CHILD AT SCHOOL** and provide a clean/healthy learning environment has successfully completed water and sanitation works at Getembe Primary School in Nubia Village, a slum village within Kisii Municipal Council with support from a partnership between the European Community (through the Community



Rain Water Harvesting for Safe Water at Getembe Primary School

Development Trust Fund) and local community. 850 school children including 387 Muslim girls benefited. This is in addition to earlier pilot projects in 3 primary schools including Ikobe and Sasati Primary Schools with support from Oak Foundation - UK and Nyambaso



New Toilets with Hand Wash Facilities at Getembe Primary School

Primary School with support from The Rainwater Charitable

Trust Funds-USA. Health and Water Foundation expanded the program to include poor low income urban and perri-urban areas of Nyamira and Kisii Districts.



Providing Sanitary Towels to Ibucha Primary School with support from donors through Global Giving



Training Primary Girls on Sanitary Ware Use and Body Hygiene

Funds so far received by Health and Water Foundation from donors through Global Giving have been used to provide participatory hygiene training and providing sanitary ware to girls in three primary schools. A total of 322 school girls and 23 female teachers/staff benefited.

The big program plans to cover over 50 more needy primary schools and we are continuing to source financial assistance on this (*see project details*), but faces a number of challenges. The main challenge is getting funds fast enough to cover the schools at US\$ 21,000 per school. The program continues to receive urgent requests for assistance. In some schools the situation is desperate; the toilets have collapsed and schools face the prospect of being closed down on health grounds. ***Continued assistance from donors is highly appreciated.***



Collapsed Toilets Facilities at Rirumi Primary School