



Just a Drop

Just a Drop is UK-based international charity which brings sustainable safe water, sanitation and hygiene projects to communities, transforming lives.

We believe everyone, everywhere, should have access to clean water as a basic right. We want to see a world where everyone has clean water, improved hygiene, adequate sanitation, and the increased health and prosperity this brings.

Coronavirus Pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic is affecting all of us, across the globe. Handwashing with soap is the first line of defence against the spread of infectious diseases like COVID-19, yet millions across the world do not have access to safe water, handwashing facilities or soap.

Just a Drop's Response - Uganda

Just a Drop want to deliver a vital programme of activities in Uganda to mitigate the impact of Coronavirus in Uganda – which will reach 130,000 people. Uganda has a population of around 43 million people of which 51% lack access to clean water and 82% lack access to adequate sanitation. Over 5,250 children die every year from inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene.

This work is ready to start immediately. It will help the most vulnerable in the form of clean water, soap and handwashing facilities, and hygiene messaging through leaflets, by megaphone and at a household level and protective equipment.

Just a Drop's Experience

As part of our work, Just a Drop has been promoting the practice of proper handwashing with soap since 1998, through providing hygiene training and access to safe water and soap, preventing the spread of diseases and protecting communities. We know our proposed work in Uganda will literally save lives.

Our Request

We'd like to request your support for this work.

The measures we want to take are outlined in the next page, the total cost of which is just £25,000 and as it reaches 130,000 people, it's also cost effective.

If you need any further information, please contact Fiona Jeffery, the Founder and Chair of Just a Drop at:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Uganda

Just a Drop will reach 130,000 people in Wakiso District through working in 4 health centres (Namayumba, Wakiso, Buwambo and Zzinga) and providing outreach services into the community to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Whilst there are currently only 53 confirmed cases of COVID-19 (9th April 2020), this figure is rising daily and poor water and sanitation facilities and the difficulties enforcing social distancing will make it hard to contain. Having carried out extensive work in health centres in Uganda, we understand the pressures they are already under and the challenges that they will face.

Just a Drop will build on our work in 4 Health Centres, where we have provided piped running water, rainwater harvesting tanks, built latrines with bathrooms, conducted soap making training and provided megaphones with recorded hygiene messages in latrines. We anticipate these Health Centres, which between them serve 7 - 50,000 people, will see an increased demand over the coming weeks and months.

With funding, Just a Drop will immediately strengthen the existing sanitation facilities at the health centres to enable them to be more prepared to deal with COVID-19, through:

- Providing handwashing facilities at the main gates of each centre so that everyone entering can wash their hands as they arrive and leave
- Buying liquid soap that is being made by the health centres to ensure a constant supply – which will provide a small income stream for each health centre to help them buy other vital equipment
- Providing megaphones which play recorded hygiene and C-19 related messages on a loop by the main gates as people wash their hands
- Providing PPE for local partner staff and some health centre staff
- Carrying out soap making training at Zzinga Health Centre

Further, we will deliver community outreach into the surrounding villages in Wakiso District to spread good hygiene and social distancing messaging and information about coronavirus, achieved through:

- Printing leaflets on COVID-19 and how to stay safe and disseminate these into the remote rural villages where we have worked over the last 8 years, including to the islands: Zzinga and Bussi. People in these villages and on the islands are much poorer and have less access to news and public broadcasts. A current falsehood circulating is that you can avoid catching the virus if you drink a specific locally brewed alcohol
- Nurses from the Health Centres will accompany our staff to go house to house spreading hygiene messages whilst maintaining social distancing, to complement the above
- All public transport is currently banned - we intend to boost our partner's capacity to reach more people through buying 2 additional motorbikes. As well as house to house visits we intend to play public health messages from the motorbikes to help spread information

The overall cost to deliver all of the above activities is £25,000 and a full budget breakdown is available.



Just a Drop – Further Information

Just a Drop was founded by Fiona Jeffery OBE in 1998. We have now reached over 1.6 million people in 32 countries and our work meets 12 of the 17 SDGs.

Key to our work is that:

- We provide a variety of effective, innovative solutions, appropriate to the needs of local communities and environment
- It is sustainable - our projects are designed by experts and developed to last for many years, for maximum benefit to the communities they serve – and we monitor all of our projects for at least 7 years
- The community is involved at every level, so as to secure long-term benefit. Our communities own the solutions after completion and are trained to maintain them, further ensuring sustainability
- All of our work is of the highest quality
- We are flexible and able to work in areas many other don't
- We make a positive contribution to the environment - climate change severely impacts those who already have a precarious source of water. Just a Drop is committed to supporting communities with the most appropriate, effective solutions which empowers them to be resilient in the face of climate change and the changing world
- We achieve impact and change people's lives

All Just a Drop's project work is scrutinised by a team of Civil Engineers and Hydrogeologists to ensure solutions are appropriate, effective, sustainable and good value for money.

We have long-term partnerships with local in-country NGOs and we visit all our projects on completion and often during implementation and continue to monitor for a minimum of 7 years.

Just a Drop's Sanitation and Hygiene Work

Just a Drop's sanitation and hygiene work is comprehensive - we provide sustainable latrines to health centres, villages and schools, provide training to improve hygiene practices and to make soap and we also provide menstrual hygiene training for girls to ensure that they are able to stay in school and get a better education to reduce gender inequality.

Further, we establish community Health Clubs in schools, to continue education and ensure that good hygiene behaviours are copied and maintained and are sustainable.

Combined with safe water, improved sanitation facilities and knowledge of safe hygiene practices has a massive impact. It leads to improved health, better education, secure food sources, improved rights for women, income generation and greater prosperity. It completely transforms lives.



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