



WATER PROJECT IN TANZANIAN SCHOOLS QUATER REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear esteemed Global Giving

We are excited to share our quarter two report of 2024 which highlights our success in the Water Project in Tanzanian Schools. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to establish two more hand washing stations in 2 schools this quarter, bringing the total to 15. We also provided awareness session to 299 students from 14 schools, including boys and girls.



We would like to take this opportunity to convey our deepest appreciation to all of the donors who have generously supported the Water in School Project in Iringa schools. We recognize that the success of this initiative would not have been possible without the financial and in-kind support of our valued partners and donors. Each donation, regardless of amount, has had a tremendous influence on the lives of 23,208 children in Iringa Region.

Finally, we want to thank all of our contributors and partners for their persistent support and belief in our cause. Your contributions are making a real difference in the lives of students and communities around Iringa. Together, we are paving the road for a better future in which every child has access to clean water and a great education.

Thank you again for your generosity and commitment.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzan Yumbe', written over a faint blue line.

Suzan Yumbe
Executive Director

ABOUT AFYAPLUS ORGANIZATION

AFYAPLUS is a not-for-profit organization operating its core development agenda of prevention and control of diseases through the promotion of proper nutrition, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and empowerment of girls and young women. The main goal of the organization is to improve school performance and create a community free from diseases caused by lack of safe and clean water, poor sanitation, and hygiene and empower adolescent girls and young women in a community.

Our mission

Committed to bring behaviour change and build strong community through prevention and control on Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Nutrition and women empowerment

Our vision

A responsible community where children grow healthy, and women are empowered and the community is free from diseases caused by poor hygiene, sanitation and nutrition.

Our areas of interventions

We operate in the Iringa and Pwani regions, specifically within the following councils:

- Iringa Municipal Council
- Iringa District Council
- Kilolo District Council
- Mafinga Town Council
- Mkuranga District Council



OUR STRATEGIC GOALS



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Services Improved in Schools and Community.



Adolescent Girls and Young Women Empowered to Exploit their Potential to the maximum.



Afyaplus Organizational Capacity Improved.



Nutrition



WATER PROJECT IN TANZANIAN SCHOOLS

During this reporting period, the Afyaplus Organization pursued its development strategy of preventing and controlling WASH-related diseases by implementing the Water Project in Tanzanian schools. The project focuses on the construction of hand washing stations in schools, the provision of WASH training to promote behavior change, and advocacy and lobbying for support from decision-makers, other WASH stakeholders, and the general public for improved WASH services in schools and communities.



A completed hand washing station at Isimani secondary school which serves 1057 students ((347 boys and 710 girls).

Recent statistics show that in nearly two-thirds of the districts across the country, only 50% of public schools in rural areas have the required number of drop holes and only 43% have functional handwashing stations. Poor access to sanitation was exacerbated by a cholera outbreak in 2015 where a total of 30,121 cholera cases and 466 deaths (equivalent to a case fatality rate of 1.5 percent) were reported (World Bank Group, 2022). Therefore availability of quality hand washing facilities in schools will increase hand-washing behavior and will help to reduce number of infectious diseases that can be spread from one person to another through contaminated hands and hence improve the health and learning performance of school-aged children.

The project is inclusive for children with disabilities and aims to contribute towards Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 6. So far it has benefited 23,208 school children, teachers, and other school workers in 40 Iringa Regional Schools, by providing 25 storage facilities in 25 schools and constructing hand washing stations in 15 schools



Students at Irole Secondary School in Kilolo District Council are diligently washing their hands, thanks to the efforts of AfyaPlus stakeholders in making this project a reality.

The Water Project in Tanzanian Schools has benefited both the schools and the surrounding communities. By integrating local stakeholders in water system development and implementation, Afyaplus has enabled communities to take ownership of the infrastructure and assure its long-term viability. Afyaplus has concentrated on creating long-lasting water solutions. Through capacity-building projects and community training programs, they have provided local communities with the knowledge and skills required to efficiently maintain and operate water systems.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENT

Preliminary assessment of sanitation and hygiene situation in Iringa schools

in this reporting quarter the Afyaplus organization in collaboration with the school management team, was able to conduct a simple survey to capture and assess the current situation of access to clean water and sanitation facilities, as well as hygiene practices, in two secondary schools of Irole and Isimani.

The following are the findings of the survey conducted at 2 mentioned schools above

01. Irole secondary school.

The situation at Irole Secondary School highlights a critical issue regarding the inadequate provision of sanitation facilities, specifically access to clean and safe water for handwashing. With 681 students in total and only one water tap available, it is evident that the current infrastructure is insufficient to serve the needs of all students effectively. The imbalance in the number of girls (370) and boys (311) further exacerbates the problem, as more students are competing for limited resources.



Hand washing station observed during the baseline survey. The station has two water taps, but only one is functioning, serving 681 students and other staff in the school.

02. Isimani Secondary School,

The water infrastructure is severely inadequate, with only one water tap available for 1067 students and their teachers. This situation poses a significant challenge as the limited water supply is insufficient to meet the needs of the school population. The disparity in the number of girls (724) and boys (343) further exacerbates the issue, as it indicates a higher demand for water facilities among female students.



Hand washing station observed during the baseline survey in Isimani secondary school. The station has one water tap, serving 1057 students and other staff in the school.

Promoting good hygiene practices in schools can have a significant impact on public health outcomes. By teaching students proper hygiene habits early on, schools contribute to reducing the spread of infectious diseases, improving overall well-being, and fostering a culture of cleanliness because schoolchildren will carry and share the acquired knowledge with their families and the community as a whole.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENT

To construct two more hand washing stations in two Iringa Regional schools to make a total of 15 hand washing stations constructed

In second quarter of 2024, the Afyaplus organization was successful in constructing two hand washing facilities in Kilolo DC and Iringa DC, specifically at Irole Secondary School and Isimani Secondary School, respectively. These facilities will benefit 1747 students, as well as teachers and other school community members. Out of 1747, Irole Secondary School has 690 pupils (311 boys and 379 boys), whereas Isimani Secondary School has 1057 students (347 boys and 710 girls).



Students at Isimani Secondary School in Iringa District Council are happy to wash their hands, thanks to the efforts of AfyaPlus stakeholders in making this project a reality.

The completion of this hand-washing facility makes a total of 15 facilities constructed in 15 schools that will serve 10,325 students (4575 boys and 5750 girls), and allow them to wash their hands frequently and reduce the chance of WASH-related infections that can be spread from one person to another through contaminated hands. We extend our deepest gratitude to stakeholders from various sectors for supporting WASH services in Iringa Regional Schools and we look forward to continuing our work with you in the future.

Facilitated the Establishment of Afyaplus SWASH Clubs in 12 Schools present at Iringa Municipal Council

In this quarter, Afyaplus has managed to establish Afyaplus SWASH (school, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) clubs in 12 Schools located in both primary and secondary schools within the Iringa Municipal Council area. These clubs aim to instill lifelong habits and foster a culture of cleanliness. By targeting multiple schools, we strive to maximize our impact and provide young individuals with essential education on sanitation and hygiene practices.



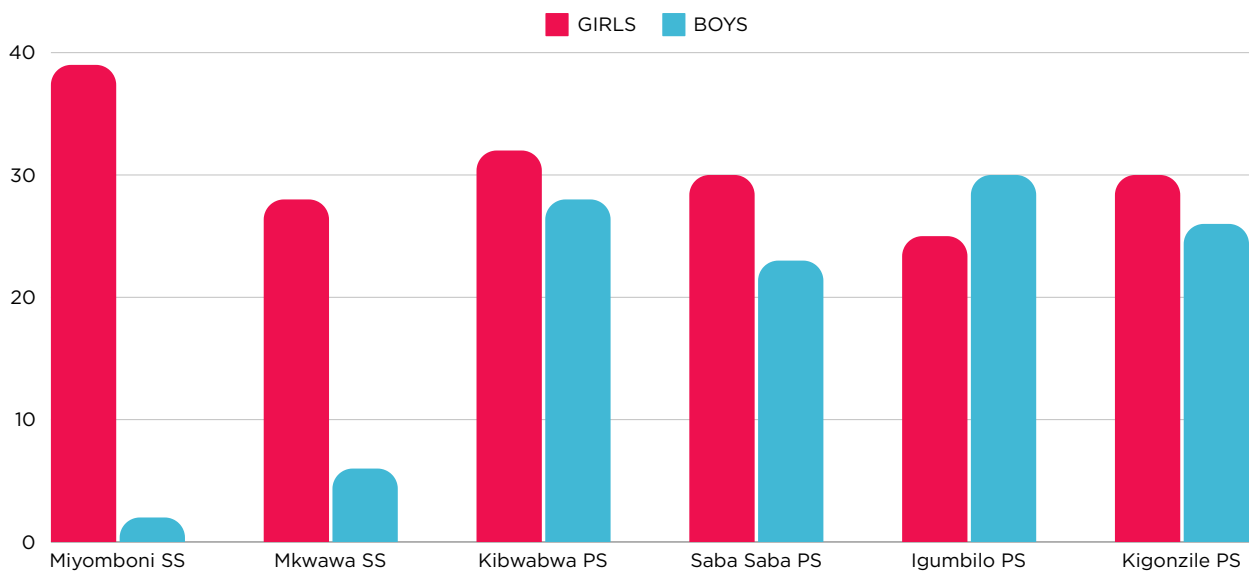
Pupils in Kigonzile primary school in Iringa Mc practicing proper hand washing procedures during a SWASH Club session

Through the SWASH Clubs students were capacitated in the following topics/issues: The best use of water, The Importance of hygiene at school, Diseases caused by dirt, Times to Wash Hands, Correct Steps to Wash Hands, Cleanliness of toilets, Starting environmental projects, Visiting water sources, Plays/ Games/ Environmental mapping. The sessions are intended to provide children with the knowledge and skills they need to practice excellent hygiene at school and at home by engaging students in activities and interactive discussions, we assist school children to realize the need of basic sanitation for their health and well-being.

Out of 12 SWASH clubs established in 12 schools ; 6 schools were primary schools which are Kigonzile, Ukombozi, Igeleke, Mtwivila, Igumbilo, and Kibwabwa and 6 secondary schools which are Mkwawa, Mivinjeni, Miyomboni, Kleruu, Ipogolo, and Mtwivila. Out of 12 SWASH clubs established a total of 299 students (184 girls and 115 boys) from 5 schools were reached with the sanitation and hygiene sessions.



The following graph shows the sex-disaggregated data of students reached per school by Afyaplus SWASH clubs



These sessions were led by Afyaplus community trainers, who play an important role in moderating the activities of these groups. We are fortunate to have received positive feedback from both school management and students.

Provision of education on good sanitation and hygiene practices in two schools of the Iringa region

After successfully handing over the newly constructed hand-washing, Afyaplus has managed to conduct awareness of good sanitation and hygiene practices among 1747 students, as well as teachers and other school community members. Out of 1747, Irole Secondary School has 690 pupils (311 boys and 379 girls), whereas Isimani Secondary School has 1057 students (347 boys and 710 girls).



Student at Isimani Secondary School in Iringa District Council demonstrating hand washing procedures to his fellow students during awareness session.

The major aim of these sessions was cultivating behavior change among school boys and girls in the Iringa region whereby students were trained on proper hand-washing skills and the significance of maintaining proper hand hygiene to preserve cleanliness and prevent the spread of germs and diseases



A STORY FROM IROLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Water Project in Tanzanian Schools, which was implemented at Irole Secondary School in Kilolo District, aims to address the issue of access to clean and safe water, which has an impact on the population's health. In 2024, the hand washing station with eight water taps to serve 690 children (311 males and 379 boys) was installed. This effort not only provides students, teachers, and other school personnel with access to clean and safe water, but it also allows them to wash their hands regularly and prevent themselves against infections associated with handwashing.

“Before our intervention, many pupils suffered from stomach illnesses and diarrheic due to a lack of access to clean and safe water. This project not only addresses the health concerns associated with limited access to clean water, but it also encourages better hygiene among students by providing them with consistent access to clean water for drinking and hand washing. Said by a School health teacher at Irole Secondary School.”



The project's success is seen in increasing school attendance rates, as children are no longer need to stay at home owing to health issues caused by a lack of access to clean and safe water.



MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN THIS QUARTER

- ▶ Afyaplus Organization has successfully constructed two hand washing stations in Irole Secondary school, and Isimani secondary school. The handover of two hand washing stations in Irole secondary school, and Isimani secondary school marks the completion of 15 hand washing facilities constructed in 15 schools of the Iringa Region.
- ▶ Through the water in schools project, 8553 students (3956 boys and 4597 girls), from Irole Secondary School, and Isimani Secondary School, were capacitated on good sanitation and hygiene practices.
- ▶ Facilitate the establishment of 12 school WASH clubs in 12 Iringa schools and train a total of 299 students (184 girls and 115 boys) across these schools.



FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Start Date	01 April 2024
End Date	31 June 2024

Budget	USD
Quarter Budget	1624.17

Expenses Report

Expenses Name	USD	TSH
Hand Washing Station	695.28	1,897,800,
Transportations cost	39.57	108,000
Meetings	43.96	120000
Total expense's	778.81	2,125,800





Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Global Giving team for their invaluable support and partnership in our Water project in Tanzanian schools. We are immensely grateful to Global Giving and all stakeholders for making this possible. Your support has been instrumental in improving wash services in the Iringa region and enhancing the well-being of our community. We look forward to your continuous support in the upcoming quarter as we continue to champion our mission. Together, we can make a significant difference.



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