

Report back to The Funding Network

1. Name of your organisation and date funded by TFN:

Pump Aid
Funding awarded May 2015.

2. What was the project you sought funding for from TFN?

The aim of the project was to build 6 Elephant Pumps in 6 communities in rural Malawi so that they could have access to clean water. In addition to this Pump Aid wanted to carry out improved sanitation and hygiene behaviour change so that water borne illnesses within these communities would be reduced.

3. Were you able to do this work as you described it in your application and presentation?

Yes. The project was a success and completed on time:

- 6 pumps built in 6 communities
- Provided clean water to 367 people
- Each community has contributed between £1.20 and £16 which is to be used for any maintenance and repairs the pump will need going forward.
- All villages now declared Open Defecation Free (to do this households must build their own latrine and handwashing station).
- Improved our work at a district level with government extension workers so they too can promote Pump Aid's work and approach.
- All communities have access to water within 500 metres.

4. Can you measure, assess or describe the change that happened as a result of this work?

Funding received from The Funding Network was also match funded by a charitable Trust. This total amount of funding (£10,452) enabled us release the same amount of funding from The Department for International Development, giving us £20,904 (against a budget of £18,000).

5. As a result of presenting at TFN, did you experience any of the following;

New subscribers to your mailing list – 1

An introduction that benefited your organisation (e.g. to an individual, business or other organisation) – 1, at the event we were informed about a business called BPEC who provide grants to charities around water issues through the BPEC Award and so we applied. We won the award and with that a grant of £15,000.

Other benefit (please describe) – By working with BPEC we were subsequently invited to three Rotary talks which have raised £800.

6. Could you give us an estimate of how many people have been reached by the TFN funded project/work and by how much?

367 people have been reached.

7. Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of funding from TFN?

EVENTFUL SUMMER DAY FOR MTSIRO VILLAGE BY KISTY KAMANGA

Entering Mtsiro village a mixture of noises could be heard coming from the centre of the village where young children are playing, boys and girls relaxing after an end of mid-term test at school and reminding each other on what to prepare for the next paper the following morning. Mid-term tests, which all government schools administer before Christmas break was the reason, a large group of

primary school children were present in the village during mid-day since school days are shorter than the normal learning periods. At the same time the adults were busy cracking jokes and resting after a hard days' work in the field. Reaching the place where most people were gathered, a warm welcome came from the Chief of the village, Positani Pitilosi.



Mtsiro village lies in the far eastern part of Dambe Traditional Authority about 15km from the main road that joins Kasungu and Mchinji. Chief Pitilosi is a married man with 7 children. Two girls are now grown-ups and have their own families, 4 children are in school whilst the last born stays at home with his mother. He relies on farming tobacco, soya and groundnuts for his daily upkeep and grows maize for food. For a long time, the future on his children and village was very dark due to constant water problems and they could not find a lasting solution to the problem. One eventful summer day cleared all the future fears for water in the village. A community facilitator from Pump Aid visited the village to enquire about the water situation. The chief explained all the water problems he was facing in his village and how difficult it was for his people to walk 10km to the nearest stream to get water. Clearly, the facilitator saw the village need for a water pump to address the water problem.

Figure 1 Chief Positani in green trousers



Within a short space of time, bricks and sand were organised by the community with support from the chief. Once the resources were organised, Pump Aid with support from The Green Room Charitable Trust prepared a well right in the middle of the village. Since the installation of the pump, the village has enough water for every household and they no longer have to cover a long distance to get water. *"We are able to wash or bath anytime we want"* smiled Lucy Ganizani.

The water quality is very different from what we used to drink, adds Malita Basitoni. There are now fewer cases of diarrhoea and time spent drawing water has been reduced. Malita further explains that when she gets the water, she first cleans her water bucket and the lid with soap and then she stores the water in a clean bucket. In addition, Malita uses a two cup system to get water for drinking, one cup is used for getting water from the bucket and the other cup is the one she uses for drinking. Every time the cup is used, it is cleaned for the next user.



Lucy Ganizani holding her son

In terms of hygiene and sanitation, Lucy Ganizani is someone who has really got behind the campaign. Lucy has 2 younger children who are not able to use the pit latrine unsupervised due to the size of the hole and so when unsupervised they defecate

outside the latrine. When this happens, Lucy clears the area with a hoe and dumps the faeces in the pit latrine to avoid flies running between the toilet and the houses.

Pump Aid has set up a Water Point Committee in the village of 10 members, 7 men and 3 women. The committee has been trained on the maintenance of the water pump. Each household normally makes a monthly contribution of K100.00 every month.

The money they raised totalling MK1150.00 (approx £1) has been used to buy grease for the pump. As a way of raising money for the running of the water pump the committee has a vegetable garden and the sale proceeds from the garden goes into the maintenance fund. In addition to this, during the rainy season the village has a club which participates in fundraising for the Water Point Committee by carrying out temporary works in bigger farms.

Children are now very active in school because a lot of time is spent in school work rather than fetching water. On the other hand adults have more time to concentrate on earning a living from things like making doughnuts which are sold at schools and looking for casual jobs to support their families. All these things contribute to happy families and happy lives and it has all being possible because of the provision of clean water, sanitation and hygiene.



8. Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any significant change(s) which our donors would be interested to know about (these changes do not need to be related to the experience of presenting at TFN).

We have expanded our programmes of work and as well as looking at Pump building we are also helping set up businesses to provide clean water and sanitation and are also working with children in pre-schools to improve nutrition.

9. Do you have any other comments regarding TFN funding?

A really enjoyable experience.