

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	WATSAN Uganda - UK Support
Name of the project TFN funded:	Ms Kate Parrinder
Date Funded by TFN:	22/01/2020
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	The amount raised (over £9k) enabled us to build a five-cubicle pit latrine and changing room serving girls at Kihhi High School (£5k), who were previously using squalid and dangerous facilities. It also paid for a further five-cubicle block to be built in church grounds (£5k), serving the wider community, whose facilities were even worse (and for some families, non existent). This is available for people from all backgrounds to use. Wrapped up in both of these building projects, and also funded by TFN, was the health and hygiene promotion in both the school and the community: teaching people about the importance of hand washing, good hygiene within homes, understanding how diseases are spread. Also included in this process is a formal handover of the project to the local community, via an Operation and Maintenance Committee. In their report from the field, the Ugandan team told us: "In addition [to the latrines], there is a provision for a ramp for the disabled girls, a provision for emptying the pit latrine once it fills up, a 300liters Rain Water Harvesting facility (tank) where girls wash their hands immediately after accessing the facility, and a front curtain wall for privacy purposes of the people using the latrine. We are happy to report that the above facility has so far been of a great help especially in the reduction of congestion for girls accessing latrines within the school." These sanitation facilities were provided as part of a wider and more holistic project in Kihhi Hill, where WATSAN had already built much-improved water sources. This has helped in particular within the school, as a more ample water supply means they are happier to use some of it to keep the school clean, as well as for drinking water.

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	The commissioning ceremony and official handover of Kihiki Hill Project took place on Tuesday 30th June, 2020 with Rt. Rev Dan Zoreka - Bishop, Diocese of Kinkiizi as the chief guest. At this ceremony the project's funders were formally thanked. Pictures of the facilities being formally opened are enclosed.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	32%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	453 (female pupils at Kihiki High School)
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	1,321 (rest of school, wider community)
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?	Yes
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	Yes
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	The main change or challenge has been the COVID-19 pandemic. In Uganda very severe lockdowns, including the longest school closures in the world, have meant that this project and others were delayed, and in particular the 'software' elements (education), which require face-to-face training. We were unable to carry out our biggest fundraising event in 2021,

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	the biennial Walk for Water, in the usual way (a residential weekend for a large group of supporters to gather and do a sponsored walk). However, we instead ran a series of dispersed walks across the UK, with walk leaders from our supporter base. This ended being the most successful walk ever in terms of fundraising, as it allowed new supporters to more easily join in and more money was raised than ever before. A key community leader in our area in Uganda died of COVID, as did one of WATSAN's most significant supporters. We also lost our Treasurer to a heart attack in 2020. He has been replaced by a new volunteer who is doing a brilliant job of ensuring WATSAN's finances are in good shape. During the lockdowns our trustee meetings were moved to Zoom, but this has had the unexpected benefit that staff members from the team in Uganda have been able to join us for a small part of our meeting, bringing us closer together. And we now have two extra trustee meetings per year, both on Zoom, with the other two in person, meaning that we make more progress throughout the year.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	It has been wonderful for WATSAN, as a small volunteer-led charity, to have the opportunity to pitch at such a fruitful event. Both times we have done this we have raised significant contributions towards concrete, life-saving projects. The support from the TFN team, in particular the pitch training, has been absolutely excellent. Thank you so much!
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	Asiimwe Allen, Deputy Headteacher at Kihhi School, says: "We got a chance to protect our students. The environment is clean because we can clean our school as well as our bodies. We have a changing room where girls are very comfortable when it comes to their period. Good health means a good mind - so we thank WATSAN so much." She and pupils from the school can be seen speaking in the second half of this video, which was used to inspire people to give to a similar project in Bwanga Hill: https://youtu.be/UUht8lhZrOU. I can supply individual clips of the speakers from Kihhi if you would like them.