

CURRENT SITUATION OF OUR SHALLOW WELLS, KWIRO PARISH

Dear Winfried, Tanzaniahilfe, and our precious benefactors and benefactress,

Praised be Lord Jesus Christ!

Thanks and prayers are sent to God and to you for your continued support of Kwiros Parish and Mahenge Diocese as a whole. After more than six months since the drilling of the shallow wells and handing over to you the report and the calculations, I want to let you know that we still appreciate your support. I am proud to say that the people, especially the mothers in all places where we have put the shallow wells, still remember and say thank you for bringing them back their happiness. The shallow wells are still in a good shape, good condition, and full of water.

1. CONTRIBUTION OF THE PEOPLE

The villagers or small communities surrounding the shallow wells make sure that the wells are not vandalized by bad people. Small communities have put a policy that every person is the guard or protector of the shallow well in that particular area. Again, they make sure that the environment and the surroundings of every particular shallow well is clean, no one is allowed to take shower or wash at that particular place, but just have to fetch water and go to clean their utensils, wash clothes, and take shower at their home places, or somewhere a bit far from the well. Every small community has to clean, weed, slash around the well ones per month. In case of minor damages, the community contributes some money and call one who is working at the engineers' office and fix it. But if it is a major damage and a major repair is needed, the government village office has to fix it.

2. CONTRIBUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

The government is collaborating very well with the church, and the people in these small communities. Since we started the searching of the good site for drilling (in which the mothers were of big help) up to now, the government through the office of the water engineer has been helping with the materials for repair, and the repairing itself of the major damages. They have been giving education to the people on the proper use of the shallow wells, taking care of it, and even boiling of the drinking water.

Again, we thank you all and we assure you that the shallow wells are going on well and people enjoy and thank you all. We keep you in our prayers and do not get tired to continue helping us.

God bless,

Fr. Filbert Mhasi