

MUTULANI PRIMARY SCHOOL THE FIRST BENEFICIARY

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Damaged Gutter; ineffective in collecting water

MUTULANI PRIMARY THE FIRST BENEFICIARY OF THE PROJECT

The people of Mutulani have been preparing and finalizing logistics of receiving a water tank to harvest roof catchment water to be used for drinking by the children and teachers while in school. The community and the school fraternity met and agreed that, with the resources available through global giving account they can install a water tank in Mutulani primary school that carries a representative from every household within the area. The primary school has over 400 children and the significance of the project would be felt by the entire community through their children.

The school currently has two other water tanks which empty up very fast once filled. The gutter system is also damaged and hence not able to carry enough water to the tanks. The addition of one large 10,000 liters water tank will greatly increase the amount of water the school can harvest from the rains especially this being the heavy rain season in Kenya.

The community has mobilized the locally available materials to be used in the installation work which include bricks and ballast to be used in constructing a base for the water tank; they have also identified a local supplier of the hardware materials plus the water tank by collecting three quotations from three different suppliers and discussing on different terms and conditions. During the installation work the community members have agreed to provide the unskilled labor and water to be used for construction. The project will also renovate the damaged water gutter system to allow for efficient rain harvesting.

Both the community and the school fraternity can't wait to see the tank serving them. During an interview with the Mutulani primary school head teacher Mr. Caleb Nzomo, he expressed great appreciation for the entire community seeing the need to give children the first priority to access clean and safe drinking water. He reported *"I welcome this idea and project in our primary school and assure MAWE group (the local group coordinating the project on the ground) and the community at large that their children will complete a month without ferrying drinking water from home with gallons. For almost a month our children will have peace of mind and this will have a positive impact to their academic improvement"*

Yvonne a student at the same school also reported with excitement that *"I am very happy and thank the initiators and sponsors of this project. We the children of Mutulani primary will save the time that was to be used in fetching water to class work. I also believe that water borne diseases cases will go down because this water will be safe for human consumption compared with the current water that we get from the earth dam near the school. Drawing water from a common point will ensure safety measures will be taken to guarantee water safety to the students. We are very happy and wait eagerly for the project to be installed in our school"*

We shall keep you updated on the progress of installation of the new water tank. Thanks to all who have helped bring smiles to the children and community of Mutulani village.

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Mutulani Primary Headteacher pleased with the news



School kids displaying empty containers of water

