

UGANDAN WATER PROJECT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT





A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

The ruddy dirt track wound on into the horizon as the crunch of our tires worked out a rhythm with the road surface. The air was heavy with dust and hot from the intense Ugandan sun. Lush green banana trees and brush lining the roads were masked in a haze of rusty dust kicked up by the vehicles bouncing along in the dry heat. My breath caught as an explosion of color and light filled my side mirror. Looking over my shoulder, I was struck with the glory of an East African sunset. Gratitude for a good day of hard work and the satisfaction of lives impacted washed over me . . .

I live in that moment of **wonder and gratitude** as I invite YOU to join me in looking back at 2021.

For you and I, 2021 will be remembered as a year of stunning breakthroughs in our mission to see the end of Uganda's water crisis, once and for all: More than 275 major water projects were funded and through them, over 111,000 men, women, and children in communities across the nation received access to safe drinking water— more than double the number the previous year. More than a million dollars was raised in support of clean water access in a single calendar year for the first time in our organization's history and the resulting transformation in Uganda was, frankly, incredible.

These numbers don't even account for the dozens of communities enrolled in and serviced by our newly-launched borehole well maintenance enterprise, **AquaTrust**; the hundreds of hours spent advocating side by side with local leaders for better national systems and standards for water use and maintenance in Uganda; and countless time spent

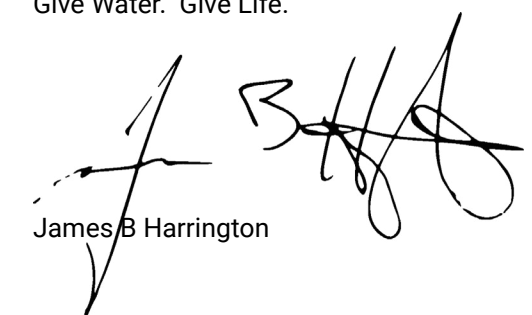
building meaningful relationships with partner organizations, government officials, and people in our **UWP Tribe like you**.

Thank you for joining us in this work and trusting us to deploy your gifts and investments with vision, passion, and strategic expertise. What we celebrate in these pages, we have done **TOGETHER!**

Water projects providing safe water access **TODAY**. AquaTrust providing sustainable maintenance for **TOMORROW**. Systems-change work advocating for water security **FOREVER**.

Find yourself in these pages, you are there . . .

Give Water. Give Life.



James B Harrington



JANUARY - DECEMBER 2021

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



111,050

people in 234 communities across Uganda received clean water access in 2021.



278

major projects were funded in 2021, including 122 rainwater collection systems, 132 borehole well rehabs and 24 borehole well drillings.



508,849

hours of childhood will be redeemed for learning and playing annually because of projects installed at schools in 2021.



853,536

patient visits will be supported with clean water access annually because of projects installed at health clinics in 2021.



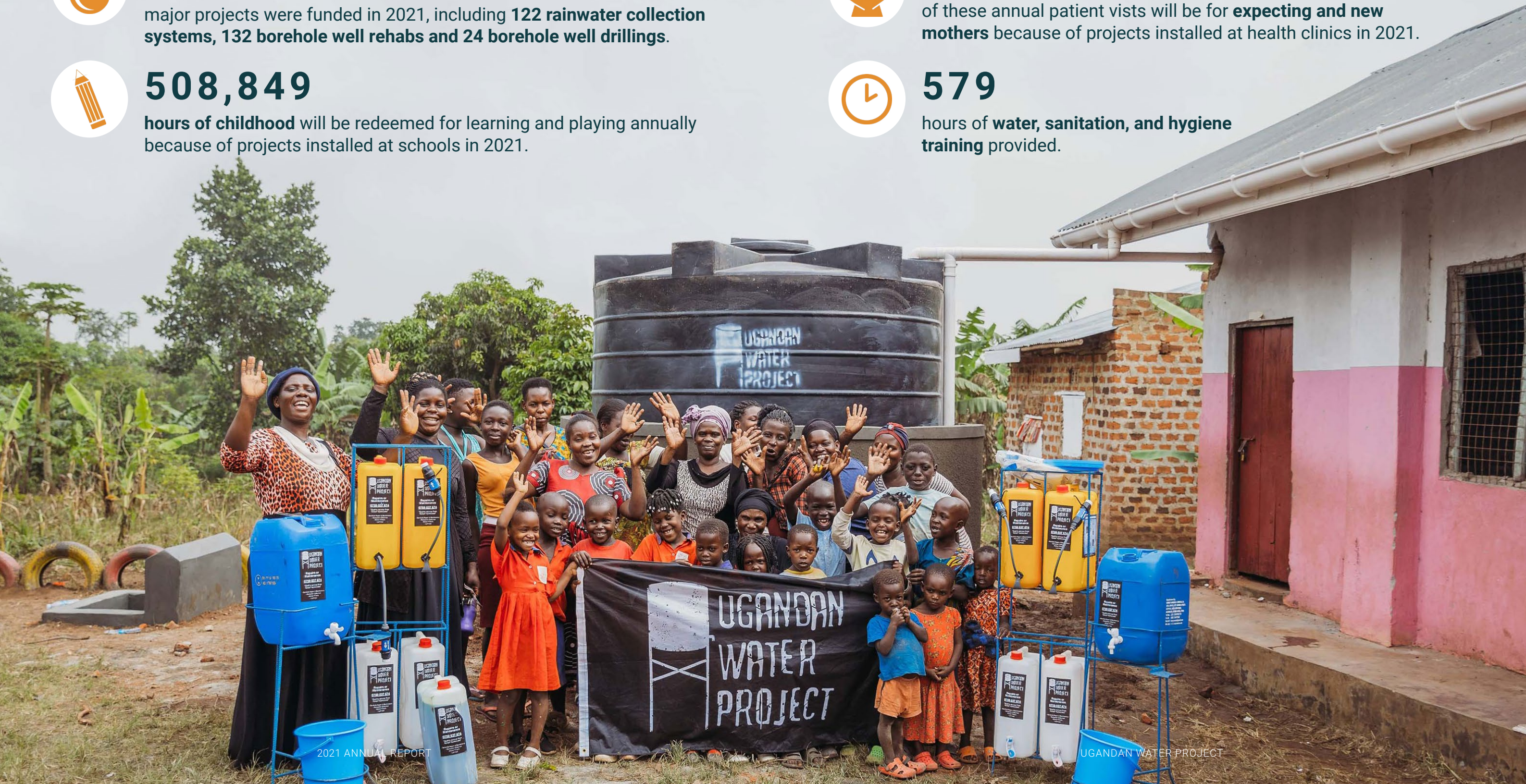
86,400

of these annual patient visits will be for expecting and new mothers because of projects installed at health clinics in 2021.



579

hours of water, sanitation, and hygiene training provided.



TACKLING WATER INSECURITY THROUGH BUSINESS

The Ugandan Water Project has been rehabilitating wells with your help since 2013, but the inevitability of their decline back into disrepair was always an obstacle we knew we had to tackle. AquaTrust became our solution.

After 5 years of dreaming, planning, red tape, setbacks, and slow progress, the official launch of AquaTrust, our subscription-based borehole well maintenance service, was one of our greatest causes for celebration in 2021. Created to bridge the gap between charitable programs that relieve immediate water insecurity today and the national water systems that will one day secure clean water across Uganda forever, AquaTrust is a market-based business solution to one of sub-Saharan Africa's greatest challenges: broken wells.

After a widespread push in the 1980's and 90's to drill wells across the continent, many Ugandan communities today find themselves walking past these once-shiny-now-rusted handpumps on their way to collect water from the very ponds and pits whose water the wells meant to protect them from. The reason? Borehole wells, reaching sometimes hundreds of feet into the earth to draw safe, clean water from an underground aquifer, are complex structures whose parts undergo tremendous stress as men, women, and children line up daily to pump water from it. The natural result is that borehole wells, without proper maintenance, will last only two to three years before they fall into disrepair. Today, it's estimated that 1 out of every 4 borehole wells in Sub-Saharan Africa are broken.

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Simple and secure, AquaTrust's subscription service makes it easy to get and keep a

community's well in working order so its members can have clean water flowing from it each and every day. AquaTrust begins by partnering with a Ugandan local water user committee to subscribe its community to our service, then installs all new hardware in the community's borehole well to minimize the risk of future breakdowns. As the community honors its fixed monthly payment, we then do everything in our power to prevent their well from breaking down. If it does, we will fix the problem at no additional cost to them!

In November 2021, AquaTrust was officially launched in partnership with Uganda's Luwero District, where the program will become the exclusive service provider for all wells in five sub-counties. We ended the year with 40 communities officially enrolled in AquaTrust and expect to see that number jump to 240 in 2022! In Uganda today, charitable water projects are still a much-needed element in releasing the country from waterborne illness and poverty today, but we are thrilled to see the launch of AquaTrust as an exciting step toward empowering local communities to sustain their clean water access tomorrow.



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12TH ANNUAL 5K

In April, more than 175 people in 33 states and 2 countries came together virtually to walk and run for clean water access with spectacular results.

Based on 2020's success, our team set our biggest fundraising goal ever for the event: \$50,000. And yet weeks before the 5K's official kickoff, our community of clean water advocates and supporters

had already rallied so strongly that we crossed that threshold with ease! And so, we went back to the drawing board and set a new audacious goal for ourselves: \$65,000.

When the actual event weekend was upon us mid-April, our UWP Tribe celebrated together and apart as families went on hikes, friends walked around parks and lakes, runners completed actual 5K's (or more), and the less-athletically inclined among us simply shared their love for water, Uganda, and UWP online to invite others from their communities into a cause that mattered to them. Marilyn Drake shared online that she was walking for water in our 5K because, "As a preschool teacher, I love all the small moments that I share with the kids throughout the day. Them telling me about their weekend,

watching them discover something new, encouraging a friend, laughing together. These small moments of time are gold. Bringing clean water to communities all across Uganda gives children this time. Time to be kids- to adventure to explore and discover. Time to share their hopes and dreams and creativity."

By 11:59pm on the final evening of the weekend-long event, more than 850 people worldwide had donated and brought our grand total to a record-smashing \$94,970 raised for clean water!

Mark your calendar: The Ugandan Water Project 13th Annual 5K will be held virtually Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2022!

Bottom left: the Levendusky family prepares to walk for water in Avon, NY. Bottom right: Emily Brown completes her 5K in Lancaster, PA.



River member Sarah Eager (above, right) visits UWP #406 at Revival Changing Church in February 2021.

THE RIVER

In 2021, our community of monthly supporters, collectively known as the River, grew to 120 individuals and families from across the globe who all share one passion: seeing people experience the freedom that only clean water can bring. In a year of unprecedented financial and programmatic growth for our organization, their monthly financial support was the dynamic force that kept our mission to end Uganda's water crisis once and for all flowing.

Some members of the River gave larger amounts that allowed us to make strategic steps forward. Others provided the smaller, steady funding that kept our vehicles

"Seeing the joy on the faces of community members who were getting clean water for the first time in over a decade is a moment in life I will never forget. I love partnering with UWP because I know that even when I'm not physically present, that joy is what they're producing every day through sustainable, community-run projects across Uganda." - Sarah Eager

bouncing down the red dirt roads. But every single member of the River became connected to all 200+ water projects we installed and all 111,000 people we equipped with clean water access in 2021. Several members even used their monthly support to progressively fund water projects over time— over the course of 12 months, 7 rainwater collection systems, 3 borehole well rehabs, and 2 new boreholes were sponsored by members of the River!

In addition to sustaining our core operations, members of the River

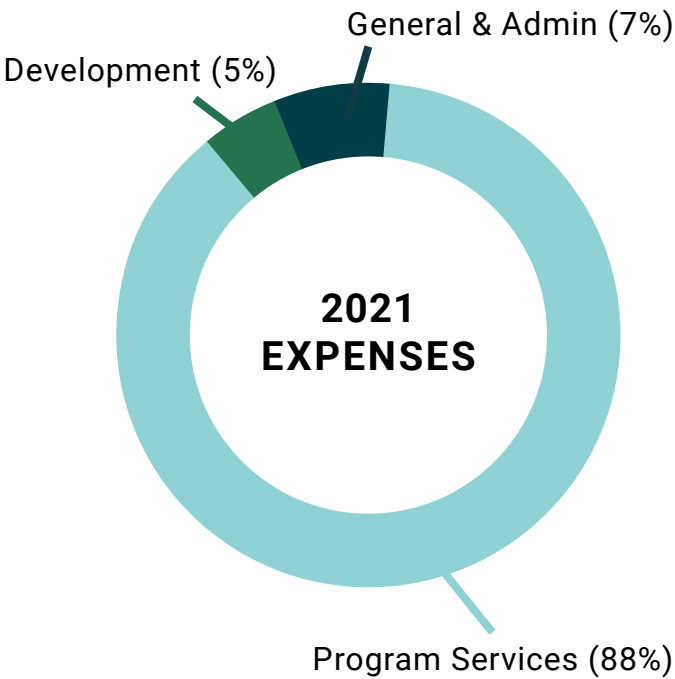
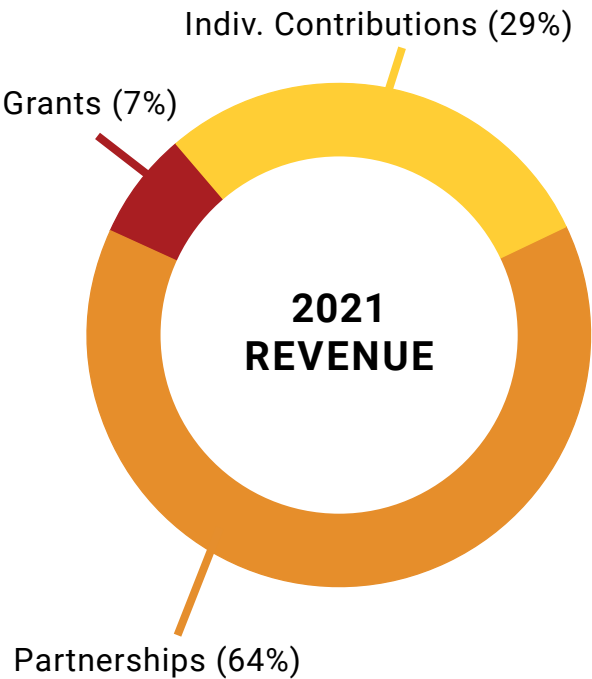
also played a critical relational role for our mission to end Uganda's water crisis once and for all! By registering for our Annual 5K and inviting their friends and family to do the same, coming out in support of Three Tanks Tonight in December (our first in-person event since 2019), and connecting us with other people in their networks who would share our passion for the transformational power of clean water access, members of the River had a huge hand in our explosive growth over the past year.



FINANCIALS

SUPPORT & REVENUE	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019
Individual Contributions	463,438	412,056	354,956
Partnerships	1,008,335	380,817	353,201
Grants	108,200	86,801	15,000
Total Support & Revenue	1,579,973	879,674	723,157

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019
Program Services	1,273,710	720,105	534,747
Development	74,300	51,531	44,735
General & Administrative	107,476	75,810	85,563
Total Functional Expenses	1,455,486	847,446	665,045
Change in Net Assets	121,505	85,385	67,213
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	405,248	309,827	179,248



“We thank God because when we came to the Ugandan Water Project for one rainwater tank, they came with two. Now, water usage has increased at our clinic because it is always available for bathing, washing, and scrubbing wards properly.”

- Betty Nalukwago, Head of Bombo Health Center III



KEY STAFF

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