



# Clean Water Fund

## How did it begin?

The Clean Water project was founded around the year 2000 by the late Marjorie Thomis, who wanted to do something to help communities in Africa deprived of access to clean water.

Marjorie began by selling bags of lavender which she brought back from Provence.

Initially Marjorie and her team raised £500 through Church sales and the help of local Rotary Clubs. Later on, a good deal of money was raised through coffee mornings.

For the last few years, the range of wonderful jams and chutneys prepared by Chris Watcyn-Jones and Sally Davies has taken over as the main source of income.



## How has it helped?

Over the years many vital projects have been supported:

All of the taps and the toilets in the Church have been twinned.



A large contribution was made to a well in Mika, Tanzania in 2012.

Two schools in Nyagidha, a deprived part of Kenya, near Lake Victoria have been supported: Bishop Ochiel Nyagidha Girls' Secondary School (BONGGS), and the Nyagidha Primary School, both of which are Christian schools, set up with support from the Anglican Diocese of Southern Nyanza. BONGSS offers a Secondary Education to girls from this deprived area who would otherwise have no prospects other than an early marriage, child-bearing and domestic duties.



Latrine block built for BONGGS in 2017, using £2,500 raised by the Church



Latrine block built for the Primary School in 2021, using £2,000 raised by the Church



In 2021/22, two huge 10,000 L tanks were bought, each using roughly £1,000 from the Clean Water Fund, with the School using its own money and volunteers to install them.

In 2024, a latrine block is being built for BONGGS to replace one which is no longer serviceable, using roughly £1,500 raised by the Church



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## What is it doing right now?

The Clean Water Fund is currently supporting the UNICEF water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes.

UNICEF's WASH programmes are working to uphold the basic human rights of access to clean water and proper sanitation for every child. Almost half of the world's population lack safely managed sanitation. UNICEF's goal is to support 1 billion people access this by 2030.



For children to grow up healthy and happy, they need access to clean water, proper sanitation, and good hygiene. A lack of access to safe water systems has caused diseases that kill over 1000 children under five every day and each day women and girls collectively miss out on over 200 million hours every day getting water. This disproportionately impacts the education of girls. Without access to safe water systems, they are unable to spend essential time learning, playing and connecting.

UNICEF is working with governments in more than 100 countries worldwide to build WASH systems that last. They are helping communities be prepared for the future challenges that climate change presents. In emergency situations, UNICEF coordinate with humanitarian organisations to provide life-saving WASH support.

Further details on the UNICEF WASH programmes can be found at <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/water-and-sanitation/>

Thanks to the wonderful efforts in making and selling jams and chutneys, we can help support this work. Contributions are gratefully received.

