



Kunya's only water supply is unsafe & life-threatening



"It's only by the luck of the draw that we were born in the US and that our friends in Kunya were born to the deprivation they face. We feel extraordinarily lucky in our lives and want to make a difference to those who are not. There are a lot of needs in the world and we can't solve them all - but we can solve this one and make a life-saving difference for thousands of people."

*Joanruth Baumann
& Dick Coffey*



How Can You Help?

We need about \$23,000 more to complete the water system. You can:

- ✘ *Tell your friends, help spread the word*
- ✘ *Make a direct donation*
- ✘ *Become a major sponsor*

Make a Donation:

Make checks payable to "Village Volunteers", write "Clean Water for Kunya" on your check.

To make a donation by credit card visit www.FriendsofKunya.org

All donations are tax deductible.

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CLEAN WATER for KUNYA

Save lives: Build a clean water system for this African village



The Problem:

When we turn the tap in our home, we never suspect that what comes out might kill us. In Kunya Village, Kenya, hundreds die each year because of diseases caused by the only water source they have.

This area of southwestern Kenya, on the shore of Lake Victoria, has received little help from outside agencies, even though residents have the highest HIV/AIDS rate in the world - 40%. For this community of 5,000 people, the only water available is from the lake, and it is polluted with sewage, parasites, industrial waste, cholera, typhoid, Bilharzia, and other diseases.

Women and children spend hours each day walking as far as four miles to the lake, often needing to hack an opening in the water hyacinth overgrowth that covers large portions of the surface of the lake, to fill a five-gallon can, and then to walk the miles home (five gallons of water weighs 40 pounds).

Crocodiles and poisonous snakes lurk among the water hyacinth, so wading into the lake to fill a water can is also dangerous. And the school day in Kunya runs until nearly sundown, so young women whose chore for their families is to fetch water after school must do so in the dark. Fishermen at the beaches prey on the young women, infecting them with HIV.

Boiling the water could of course make it safer to drink, but little fuel is available or affordable.

The villagers need a permanent healthy solution. They can't solve this problem by themselves, but we together can.

The Solution:

Kenyan engineers designed the system to pump water from Lake Victoria, filter and treat it to remove pollutants, store it in a large tank, and distribute it to six taps at kiosks in the community, including at the school, the clinic, and the day-care center. Water users will pay a small charge for the water, to meet the costs of operating and maintaining the system.



What Is Already Done?

Villagers built a pump house on donated land at the lake shore, and were given a pump.

Since October, 2007, our San Juan Island, WA community has donated over \$22,000 toward completing the water system - about \$23,000 more is still needed.

What Are We Doing Now?

In order to raise the remaining needed funds we are:

- *Speaking to organizations, community groups and churches.*
- *Planning fund-raising rides and events.*
- *Selling Gift Cards, so that you can share your donation as a gift with loved ones.*

Every penny you contribute will go for the water system.



Why the Village of Kunya?

1. The problem is clear and deadly, and it affects everyone.
2. There is almost no outside help, but the villagers are working very hard to help themselves.
3. They are well organized and have a track record of succeeding in self-help projects; including a health clinic, a high school, and a day-care center for AIDS orphans. Villagers volunteer for as many as 50 hours a week, and many have adopted AIDS orphans.
4. We lived there and know the people to be honest, hard-working and deserving of help.



Our Organizational Partners:

Mama na Dada Africa, a Kenyan NGO, provides organization and leadership in Kunya Village. They have a design for a system to purify and distribute water from the lake. They have built part of the system, know what they need, and have done all they can to provide it for themselves. What they still need is money to finish their system.

Village Volunteers is a Seattle, WA, non-profit partner to Mama na Dada Africa. Through Village Volunteers contributions are tax-deductible, they pass on 100% of contributions, so all of your contribution will go to help build the water system.