AT A GLANCE

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PROJECT TYPE: BOREHOLE / HAND PUMP

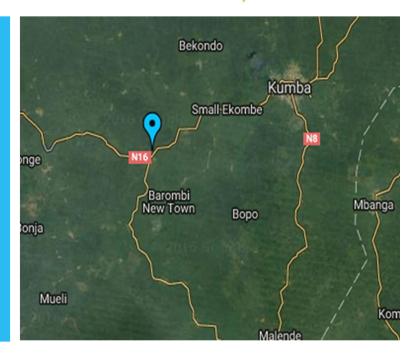
WELL DEPTH: 150FT BELOW GROUND

PARTNERS: ATLANTIC DRILLING COMPANY, LTD

FUNDING SOURCE: PROCEEDS FROM MISSION BALL 2015 GALA

PROJECT COST: \$8,300.00

POPULATION IMPACTED: 1,200 PEOPLE



FINDINGS

Access to clean drinking water here was virtually non existent (except for bottled water sold at a hefty price). Most of the water sources available to this community were dirty streams and rivers. The population, made up of young and old inhabitants, usually travel at least 1 hour to get water from the stream; dirty water. Our team noticed that this water source that the community relied upon was not only used for drinking, but the villagers also used it to cook, bathe, and water plants. It was noticed that the streams that water was taken from was not only used by the villagers to bathe in, but was also where livestock drank from and defecated in.

IMPLEMENTATION

In working with our drilling partners, Atlantic Drilling Company, LTD, we performed a feasability and geological study to assess ground conditions and determine the most suitable location to drill. Unlike past studies where the ground and terrain was very rocky, Bole's ground was made up of mostly soil and sand layers. We decided to position the water point on the grounds of the local primary school (Gov't Primary School Bole) with a goal to have the well primarily benefit the students who attended the school. The drilling team drilled about 150 Ft into the earth's core to reach clean water. We installed a hand pump that was fitted with a filter to ensure the the community is drinking the purest water.

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IMPACT / ASSESMENT

Close to 1,200 people are now benefiting from the only existing clean water access point. Most of the people who had to walk long distances no longer have to do so. Students are now focused on their school work as they are able to spend more time in class than walking to fetch water.

Bole is a very large village. Our assesment is that, in order fo the community to realize all the benefits from our work, we will need to provide another 4-6 water ponts, strategically positioned around the village in order to adequately serve all community members. In addition to these water points, it will be of long term benefit to implement sustainable WASH (Water-Sanitation-Hygiene) program.

Overall, the water project in Bole has certainly helped to enrich the community. Because of the success, neighboring towns and villages have submitted requests for their own projects.



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