



# Report From the Farm

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## The Well at Jezza!

Our well at the Jezza Farm has been approved and is in line, waiting for the contractor to schedule the drilling. It should not be too long until we have a well at the farm. What a blessing it is to bring clean water to this area. We want to thank our partners who donated to make this project possible. Our farm and the people who live around it will forever be blessed by this initiative. This report is the current water status of the area.

Ross & Jennifer

Here is the report:

“Thank you for your determined dedication and open heart to restoring villages around the world with the gift of safe water! With your support, together, we'll be able to save thousands of lives from dysentery and other preventable diseases, all due from the contaminated water they currently drink.

We would like to introduce to you the village you are restoring with safe water.

Village Profile: Jezza (Damba) Farm, Uganda

Current water source: Open Spring

Population: 4,500 Children; 3,000 Adults

**JEZZA FARM (Damba Village)**, is located in the Central Region, Mpigi District in the subcounty of Muduma. The current water source of Damba is an open spring that is located 7 kilometers from the village. This source is surrounded by large, dense brush and poses considerable risk of rape or abuse for women and children approaching the spring, adding to the hazards of this water source and to the spread of HIV/AIDS in this country.

The large forest encircling this area is home to wild animals like monkey, mongoose and wild dogs that also access this spring for water. All of these animals pose a very real danger to the people fetching water, in addition to adding to the contaminants that pour in to this source when rain is abundant and trash and waste products are picked up by water running over the open ground.

Villagers have to try and navigate up the hills surrounding this source while carrying heavy jerricans full of water. This is particularly treacherous when the ground is wet and slippery. This water has a repulsive stench associated with it, in part due to the decomposing organic and inorganic items in it. Water-borne diseases are common due to the contaminants found here and effective



medications are too expensive for these poor people to obtain. One villager who has lived here for 36 years and has 2 wives and 9 children confirmed that this village has never seen a borehole. The man who introduced Pastor



Hilary Malo, Water4Kids Project Manager, to this village is called "Pastor Deo." He has a farm and a school and his hope is that a safe water source can also be used to set up an overhead irrigation system for the farm that will provide corn to help feed the children in the orphanage.



The sweet people of Damba endure the dire consequences of fetching and drinking this contaminated water every day. They have simply never known the benefits of readily accessible clean water.

The situation for life and health are desperate and often hopeless in the village of Damba. But the lives of these precious villagers will soon be radically changed for the better with your gift of a borehole. This deep well will provide fresh, pure water for these villagers and their surrounding community. They will simply have to pump a small handle on their new well to receive clear, clean, life-giving water. Health, safety and abundant life will no longer be a dream for the families of this village, they will be a reality. Spar-



klung, untainted water will be readily available to them year round. The number of people impacted by your generosity includes 4,500 children and 3,000 adults including the people from the surrounding villages and the precious school-

children from the nearby schools. Access to clean water will enhance the growth of every child in this area thereby helping build up a nation and our world at large.

Thank you for bringing this unsurpassed gift of healthy, wholesome water to the village of Damba and its' surrounding community. The people of this society, particularly the children, will be blessed with abundant life and hope for generations to come. Pastor Hillary Malo sums up the thankful hearts of villagers everywhere as he prays, "Let the favor and blessings of Almighty God be upon you for making a difference in the Kingdom of God."

Thank you for restoring Jezza Farm (Damba), Uganda."



For more pictures of the water source and some of the villagers who live in the area, copy and paste this url into your browser

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/w4ki/sets/72157644812914655/show/>

We want to thank each of you who has joined with us to help the children and people of Uganda. We can't help every one but we can help some. Your support and partnership with SMPI is doing just that

Thank you, from the bottom of our heart!

Ross and Jennifer Gerber