

ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

2020/2021*



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NOTE

This report covers the period between October 2020 and September 2021

A YEAR OF WINS !

2021 was a year filled with wins: we brought safe water and improved hygiene and sanitation services to thousands of people in the districts of Gicumbi, Karongi, Rulindo, and Kicukiro. Thanks to our collaborative efforts with the central and district leaders, businesses and communities, we have seen continuous increase in levels of service across our target districts.

Rulindo, the first rural district to achieve full water infrastructure coverage, continues to enjoy high-level of water service, with water access within its communities rising from 84.7% in 2020 to 87.2% in 2021- and we hope to reach everyone by end of this fiscal year in September 2022. In Gicumbi District, community water level of service increased by 10% to 84.4% up from 74.4% last year. In schools and clinics, there was an increase of 8% in Gicumbi District. In Kicukiro District, the water service level in communities increased by 2.5% between 2019 and 2021, growing to 93.2% of the district population. All these achievements in improving access to clean water across the target districts signal a very positive trend in access to safe water, improved hygiene, and sanitation services for the people living in the target communities.

This year, we also secured a 5-year grant to help improve water, hygiene, and sanitation services as well as WASH governance in 10 more districts in Rwanda. We will share more information about the grant and this project in the coming weeks.

In addition to making water accessible to communities, we also made excellent progress in promoting innovative sanitation approaches, including tiger worm toilets and fecal sludge management. We successfully piloted a new approach to latrine construction in Karongi District, resulting in 160 households either building a new latrine or improving an existing latrine in the two target villages. But we also faced challenges: COVID-19 remains a major hurdle, sometimes imposing a pause in movement of people and goods, and affecting progress in implementing works that aim to bring safe water and sanitation facilities to communities. But in the midst of this pandemic, we kept working hard and moving forward. We continue to respond to the challenges brought by this pandemic by providing communities with what they need to stay safe: clean water and hygiene and sanitation facilities. We've increased handwashing facilities in the four districts and promoted good hygiene practices. And we are winning together.

We are very thankful for all the support from all our partners, stakeholders and donors; and remain faithful about our shared commitment to find lasting solutions to the water, hygiene and sanitation challenges. Together, we shall deliver on our promises.

THE HIGHLIGHT



51,100

new people reached with safe water in 86 villages (communities) in the districts of Gicumbi, Karongi and Rulindo. **16,450** more people were reached in schools and clinics



24

Schools and health facilities reached with safe water



17

New water supply systems constructed in the target districts



\$21m

A new 5 year grant to improve access to water, hygiene and sanitation services in 10 new districts

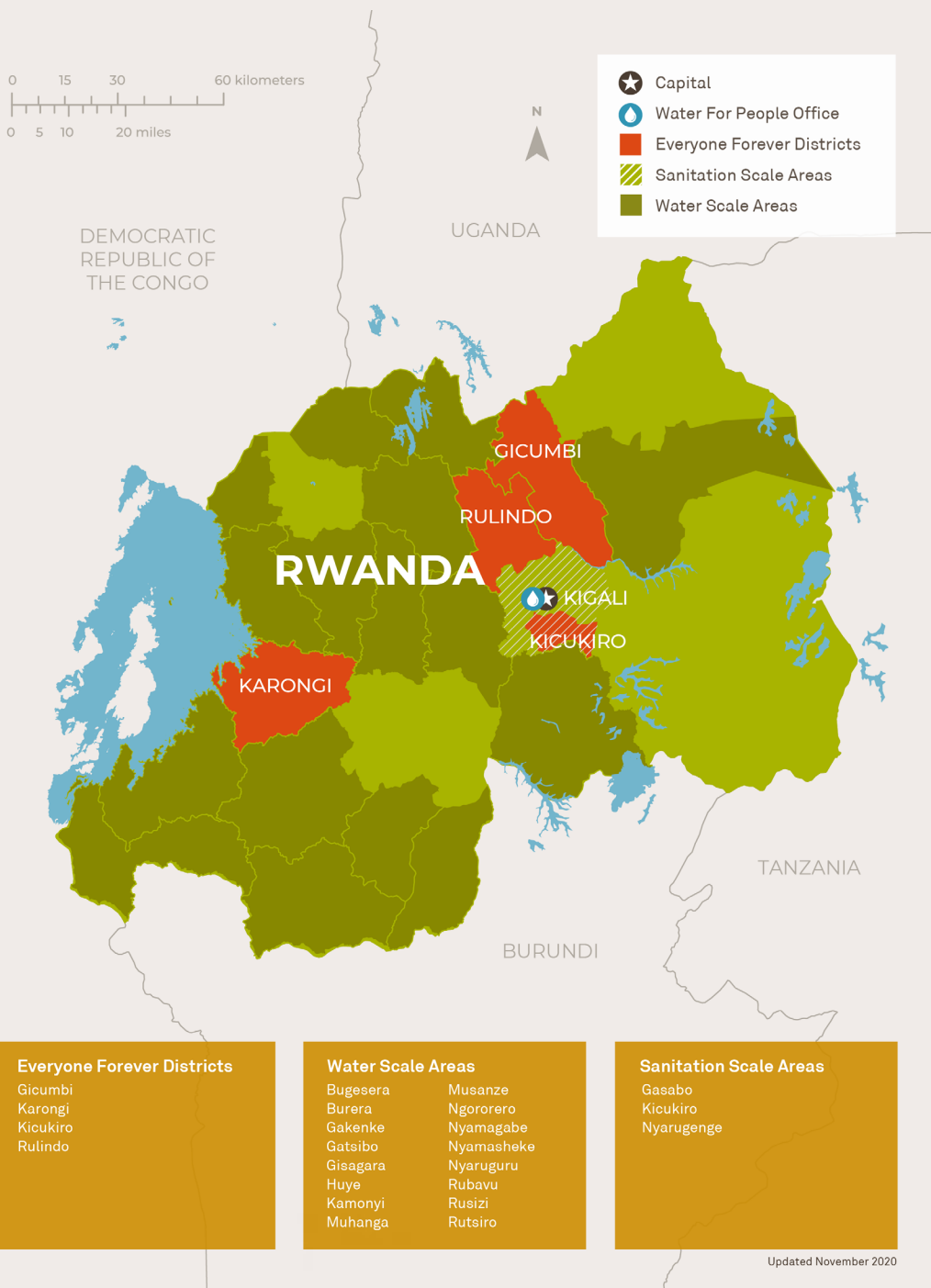
**EVERYONE
• FOREVER**

EVERYONE

means every family, health care facility, and school in a district has safe, reliable water and sanitation services.

FOREVER

means water and sanitation services are sustainable and local partners (districts, communities, businesses) can maintain them for generations to come.



PROGRESS TOWARDS E-MILESTONE

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87.2 %
percentage of the population with access to safe water in Rulindo as of Fiscal Year 2021



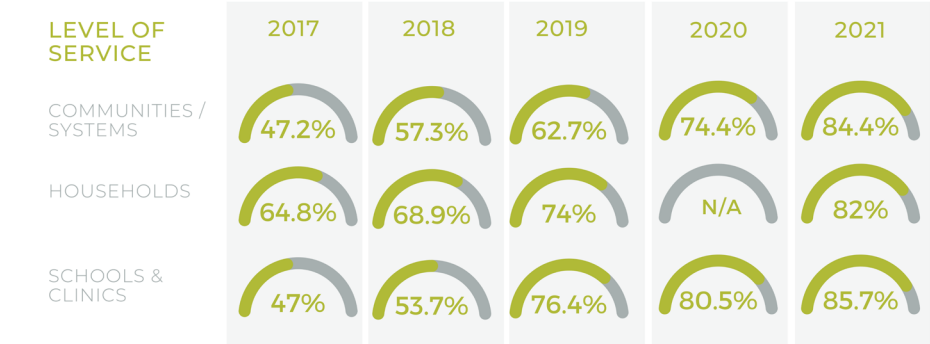


GICUMBI DISTRICT

DISTRICT PROFILE

Gicumbi is a rural district located in the Northern Province of Rwanda, divided into 21 sectors. The steep hills and valleys make construction and operation of water systems very resource intensive. In 2018, Water For People together with the District, the Ministry of Infrastructure and WASAC initiated the Gicumbi WASH Program to respond to growing water and sanitation challenges in the district. At the time, only 47% of the district population had access to water service. Today, the level of access to clean water is reported at 84.4% thanks to the Gicumbi WASH Program. The district is on the path to reach everyone before 2024.

TRENDS IN WATER ACCESS IN GICUMBI (2017 – 2021)



Source: Water For People in Rwanda, Annual Monitoring, 2021

NEW PEOPLE REACHED



38,400

New people reached with clean water in communities +12,400 in schools & clinics



14

New schools served with clean water



63

communities with new or newly improved water supply systems



5

New clinics served with clean water

IMPROVING WASH SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GICUMBI

In 2021, 15 water supply systems were completed in Gicumbi District- bringing clean water to over 38,400 people in 63 villages across the district and serving over 12,400 students and patients in public institutions. Over 3.2 billion Rwandan Francs were invested in water supply projects in Gicumbi alone. To improve access to hygiene and sanitation services, Water For People worked with local leaders, the district, central government, communities, and local businesses to improve access to handwashing facilities, upgrade the Decentralized Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant (DEFAST), and install rainwater harvesting and improved toilets within households, schools, and clinics.

Over this period, handwashing facilities were built in 12 schools and three health centers in Gicumbi; 5 schools benefited from improved toilets while three others were supported with rainwater harvesting systems. Capacity building programs were also conducted, targeting communities and local committees (Water Users Committees, School Hygiene Committees known as HAMS Committees, and Community Health Clubs) as well as supporting the operationalization of the District WASH Board. These interventions cost over 390 million Rwandan Francs. The district's first-ever Sanitation Centre was also established, allowing citizens of Gicumbi to access hygiene and sanitation products & services nearby and at affordable rates.



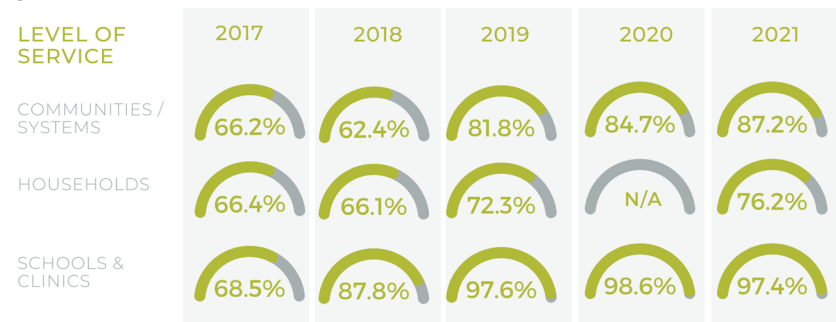


RULINDO DISTRICT

DISTRICT PROFILE

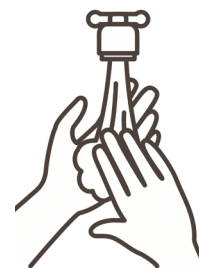
Rulindo is a rural district in the Northern Province of Rwanda with steep hills and valleys, divided into 17 sectors. Rulindo was the birthplace of Water For People's [Everyone Forever model](#). The Rulindo Challenge Program, started in 2010, was a novel and ambitious plan to reach Everyone (every household, every community, every school, and every healthcare facility) in a district with safe drinking water and sanitation services, and to develop the institutions and local capacity so this lasts Forever. At the time, only about 29% of the district population had access to safe water while half of schools and clinics lacked access to hygiene and sanitation facilities. Today, the people of Rulindo are celebrating achieving 100% water infrastructure coverage and improved hygiene facilities for everyone.

TRENDS IN WATER ACCESS IN RULINDO (2017 – 2021)



Source: Water For People in Rwanda, Annual Monitoring, 2021

ENSURING SUSTAINABLE SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF RULINDO



13

Schools benefitting from new handwashing facilities in Rulindo District

IN RULINDO,...

Most infrastructure work was completed under the Rulindo Challenge Program, bringing the entire district to 100% water infrastructure coverage in 2019. This means ensuring that all 337,820 residents in 494 villages and all 100 schools and 33 health centers have access to clean and safe drinking water. It also means ensuring that appropriate sanitation facilities exist so that human waste is correctly managed, preventing water contamination and increasing personal hygiene and health. Today's Rulindo demonstrates a journey of deep transformation that concludes access to water, improved sanitation, and better health.

Between October 2020 and September 2021, most efforts focused on sustainability work: putting in place systems that ensures that the facilities built and services provided can last forever. Hardware work completed in Rulindo over this period is related to the rehabilitation of 3.836 km of an existing water supply system to improve water service for over 2,000 people in five villages, and over 1,000 people in one health centre & one school, as well as the installation of 28 PH regulators/stabilizers to improve the quality of water supplied to communities across the district; establishing a District Sanitation Centre (DSC), construction of handwashing facilities in 13 schools and 4 clinics, girls rooms in ten (10) schools, and rainwater harvesting systems in 7 schools; as well as monitoring of WASH services. Other efforts focused on encouraging communities to improve their toilets, as well as capacity building and mobilization interventions for communities, supporting the District WASH Board. All these interventions cost a total of 386,925,345 Rwandan Francs.





KICUKIRO DISTRICT

DISTRICT PROFILE

Kicukiro is one of the three urban districts that make the City of Kigali, Rwanda's capital. It is divided into ten sectors, with a total population of 348,000 people. In 2019, Water For People together with the district and WASAC completed the "Reaching Everyone in Kicukiro District", a project that brought clean water to more than 123,000. Currently, Water For People in Rwanda supports the district to put in place systems that guarantee sustainable service and is no longer involved in any infrastructure work.

TRENDS IN WATER ACCESS IN KICUKIRO (2017 – 2021)



Source: Water For People in Rwanda, Annual Monitoring, 2021

SUSTAINABLE WASH SERVICE IN KICUKIRO

Water For People in Rwanda continues to support efforts to sustain access to water, hygiene and sanitation services in Kicukiro District through regular monitoring of WASH facilities and services, capacity building, community awareness/mobilization and WASH education campaigns. Other interventions also focused on supporting the construction of handwashing facilities to improve handwashing practices amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting the District WASH Board, construction of girls hygiene rooms in schools that were in need of these facilities, and installation of smart water filters in seven schools for safe potable water. For all these activities, Water For People spent over 46 million Rwandan Francs.



KARONGI DISTRICT

DISTRICT PROFILE

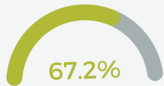
Karongi is a rural district in the lakeside Western Province. The district is characterized by steep hills and valleys, with communities scattered across the high and lowlands: its altitude varies between 1470 and 2200 meters. The district is divided into 537 villages across 13 sectors, with a total population of 366,068. Majority of this population are rural farmers. Karongi is the 4th and newest Water For People's Everyone Forever District – after Rulindo, Kicukiro and Gicumbi. Water For People WASH interventions in Karongi started in 2020.

LEVEL OF ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER IN KARONGI

2021 (BASELINE)

LEVEL OF SERVICE

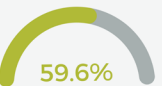
COMMUNITIES / SYSTEMS



HOUSEHOLDS



SCHOOLS & CLINICS



Source: Water For People in Rwanda, Annual Monitoring, 2021

NEW PEOPLE REACHED



10,700

New people reached with clean water in communities + 3,050 in schools & clinics



4

New schools served with clean water



18

communities with new or newly improved water supply systems



1

New clinic served with clean water

IN KARONGI...

In the period between October 2020 and September 2021, two water supply systems were completed in Karongi District and served over 10,700 new people living in 18 villages. The two systems also supply clean water to four schools and one health center, serving approximately, 3,050 individuals. Other activities implemented within the same period include monitoring, support for software activities, supporting communities to improve their toilets through capacity development programmes and construction of toilets and rainwater harvesting systems in different schools. A pilot program to help communities improve access to basic sanitation facilities and handwashing with soap using their own financial resources was successfully implemented in partnership with local leaders, and led to the improvement of 160 toilets in two target villages. This program is now being replicated in additional villages of Karongi District and in other Everyone Forever districts. Water For People invested about 497 million Rwandan Francs in the provision of water, sanitation, and hygiene services in Karongi.



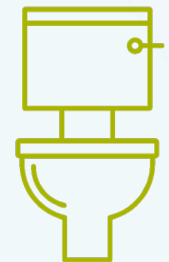
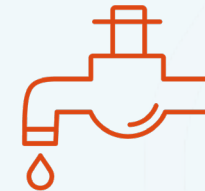
SECTOR STRENGTHENING

Water For People is involved in activities aimed at strengthening the WASH sector in Rwanda to ensure sustainable water, hygiene, and sanitation services to communities across the country. A Sector Building Blocks Analysis was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Infrastructure and is part of a continued efforts to assess sector gaps and make a plan to addressing them.

Other activities completed during the period under review include supporting the development of 5 district WASH Plans, supporting the collection of baseline data on access to water service in 11 districts, providing support to sanitation businesses, and financial contribution to the sector coordination.

NYAMAGABE DEFAST

The construction of a new Decentralized Fecal Sludge Treatment plant (DEFAST) in Nyamagabe District was completed following the successful construction and operationalization of such a plant in Gicumbi District a few years ago. The Nyamagabe District was built as part of a partnership with the World Food Program, the UNHCR and Nyamagabe District. It supports the district's efforts to improve the welfare of the population, particularly those in Nyamagabe town and the refugees in Kigeme Camp, through access to safe sanitation, proper disposal and management of fecal sludge, as well as producing cooking briquettes as eco-friendly and safe alternatives to biomass, and bio-fertilizers for use in agriculture.





ABOUT WATER FOR PEOPLE

Water For People is an international nonprofit organization that aims to improve people's quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities, and health and hygiene education programs. We envision a world where every person has access to reliable and safe water and sanitation services, and we work with community members, governments, and businesses to find out what they need to be healthy, safe, and empowered. Our approach – The Everyone Forever – seeks to ensure that reliable and lasting water and sanitation services are brought to every family, community, clinic, and school in a district. Water For People was registered as an INGO in Rwanda in 2008, and works with both central and local governments, communities, civil society and private sector organizations to bring safe and reliable water and sanitation services to the population of Rulindo, Gicumbi, Kicukiro and Karongi districts. 10 more districts will be supported under our new project – details of which shall be unveiled in the coming weeks.

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