



water for people  
RWANDA

15

YEARS OF IMPACT

— 2008-2023 —

WATER FOR PEOPLE IN RWANDA

**BRINGING RELIABLE  
WATER AND SANITATION  
SERVICES TO EVERYONE  
IN RWANDA**

December 2023



## ABOUT RWANDA

Total Area: 26,338SqKm

Total population: 13,246,394

Urban-Rural pop. Ratio: 3 to 7

Life Expectancy: 64 Years

Access to water from improved sources: 82%

% of households using unshared improved toilets: 72%

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*Source: NISR, Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022, Main Indicators Report*

## ABOUT WATER FOR PEOPLE

Water For People is an international nonprofit organization originating from United States of America, Colorado, in Denver, working to bring safe water and sanitation services to people by working with community members, governments, and businesses to find out what they need to be healthy, safe, and empowered.

Water For People has been working in Rwanda since 2008 and partners with the Government, local authorities, communities, businesses, and other stakeholders to provide sustainable safe water, sanitation facilities and hygiene education to communities and public institutions in Rulindo, Kicukiro, Gicumbi, Karongi and Gisagara districts.

Water For People is partnering with the Ministry of Infrastructure and districts to support communities, schools and health facilities to ensure that they have access to reliable, sustainable and safe water and sanitation services.

Ten more districts (Nyagatare, Kayonza, Rwamagana, Ngoma, Kirehe, Nyabihu, Ngororero, Ruhango, Nyanza and Nyamagabe) are supported under the five-year, USAID-funded Isoko y'Ubuzima Project. The purpose of this project is to enhance the institutional strengthening and improve service delivery of water and sanitation services and products.





## OUR VISION

A world where every person has access to reliable and safe water and sanitation services.

## OUR MISSION

Water For People exists to promote the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services, accessible to all, and sustained by strong communities, businesses, and governments.

## OUR VALUES

**Accountability** to communities, partners, and each other.

**Courage** to innovate, to risk, to lead

**Empowerment** of citizens, families, and local institutions

**Partnership** on the ground, in the sector, and at all levels of government

**Transparency** in what we do, what it costs, and what is working



*Alphonsine, a resident of Gicumbi District, collects water from a tap near her home. Photo./ Water For People.*



# EVERYONE • FOREVER

## OUR WASH IMPACT MODEL

Everyone Forever means reliable and lasting water and sanitation services to every family, school, and health clinic in the districts where we work. We partner with local governments, businesses, and individuals, providing the training, tools, and financial support they need to ensure reliable water and sanitation services to current and future generations.

Rwanda is the birthplace of the Everyone Forever Model which was born out in Rulindo District in 2010 and adopted by the government of Rwanda under the "District Wide Approach" banner. The model is also implemented by other Water For People Country Programs<sup>1</sup> across the globe.



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<sup>1</sup>Water For People has interventions in 9 countries: Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Bolivia, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Tanzania, and India.



Over the past 15 years Water For People reached over one million people with access to safe drinking water services. The investment made over this period in Rwanda is over 46.7 million US dollars.

As a result of that investments, three of the 5 target districts (Kicukiro, Rulindo and Gicumbi) have water infrastructure in all communities, schools, and health care facilities. Over 1,020,000 people in five districts have now access to clean water and sanitation services. We continue to work with the Government of Rwanda and other partners to address sustainability-related challenges.





*Decentralized Faecal Sludge Treatment plants - like this one in Nyamagabe (Left) - offer opportunities for proper management of sludge. Sludges are transformed into high-quality compost (Right) .  
Photo/ Water For People*





# 15 YEARS OF IMPACT



Since 2008, Water For People has brought clean water to over a million people in 1,297 villages (communities), schools and health facilities in the target districts of Kicukiro, Rulindo, Gicumbi, Karongi and Gisagara.



## 1,020,000

people in the target districts have access to safe, reliable water services since 2008



## 296

Schools and health facilities reached with safe water and sanitation services



## 48,400

jobs created through interventions in the water, sanitation and hygiene between 2018-2023



## 195

New water supply systems constructed in the target districts



## 1297

number of villages/communities that were served with piped water since 2008



## 3

Feecal sludge treatment plants constructed in three districts (Gicumbi, Nyamagabe and Rulindo)

Source: Water For People data



**24**

Districts supported to develop water, sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Investment plans



**13**

districts supported to develop water resources management plans for sustainability of water services



**1**

National WASH Monitoring Information System (MIS) developed and operated by MININFRA



**11**

District Sanitation Centres (DSCs) Established and supported by 70 Sanitation Marts to ease access to hygiene and sanitation services/products, mostly in rural areas.



**27,000+**

SATO Products distributed through DSCs to promote access to safe and innovative sanitation technologies



Supported capacity building for government staff and partners, local masons, water service providers/operators and supported development and piloting of new sanitation technologies both in rural and urban areas



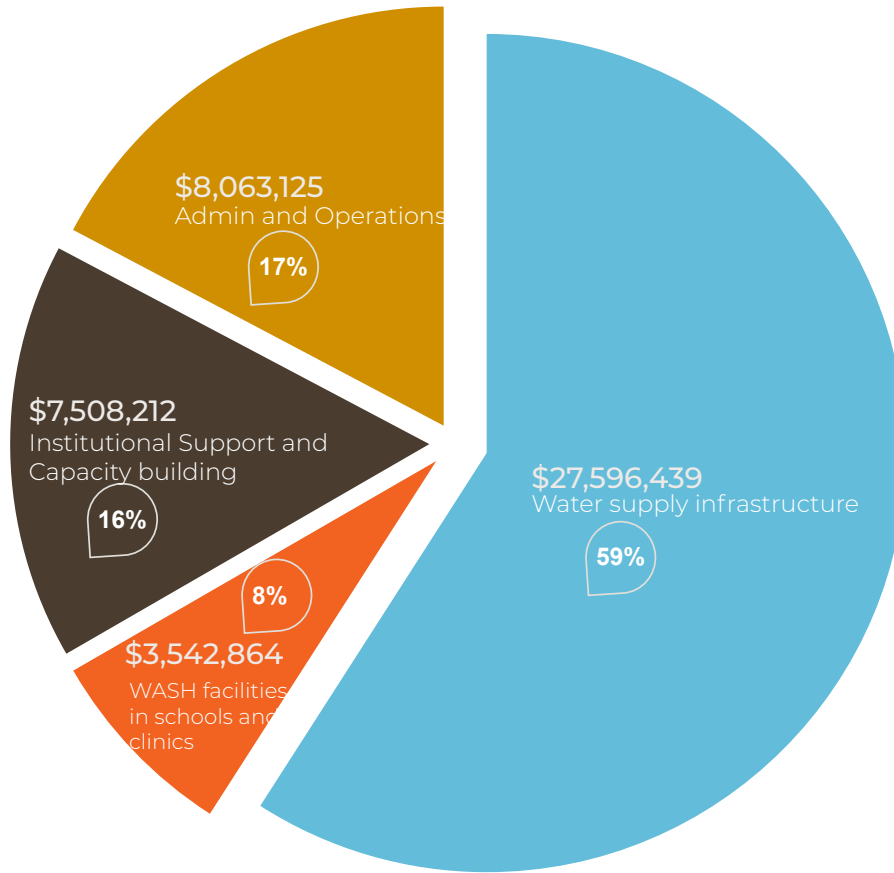
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MONEY IN US DOLLARS INVESTED  
IN IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLEAN  
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE  
(WASH) SERVICES BETWEEN 2008  
AND 2023 IN THE TARGET DISTRICTS

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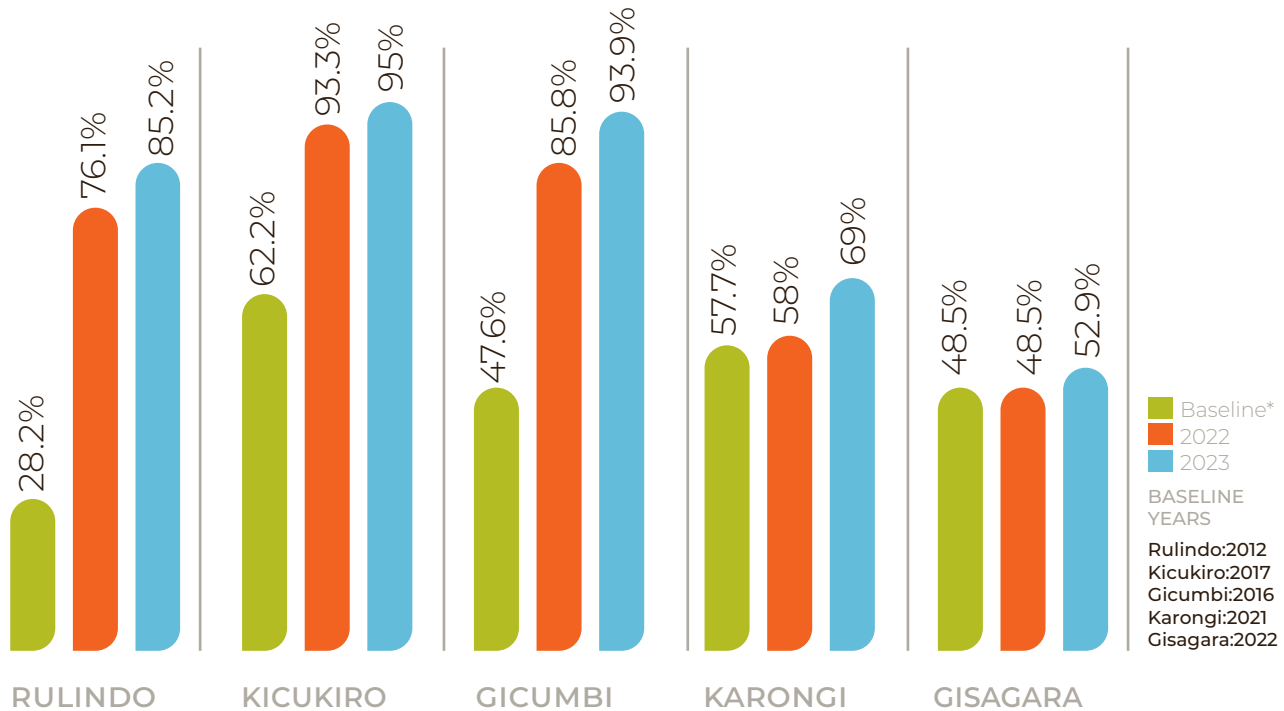
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## TRENDS IN WATER LEVEL OF SERVICES (BASELINE VS 2023)



Source: Water For People Monitoring Data, May 2023



*Immaculee, a resident of Karongi District, says she is happy that her community now has access to clean water. Photo/ Water For People*





I am proud of having a modern toilet. It has improved our health, and we have not gotten sick anymore."

**FOLOMINA**

Resident,  
Rulindo District





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Photo./ Water For People*



*Water For People Co-CEO Samson Hailu Bekele (Far right) and Muyange School headteacher Mukundabantu Martin wash their hands at a handwashing station built at Groupe Scolaire Muyange in Kicukiro District. Water For People supports the construction of the handwashing facilities in schools and other public places to improve hygiene practices. Photo/ Jean Bizimana for Water For People*





# WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING



The distance to fetch water was a two-hour journey, round trip. The water was not clean, but it was the only option we had. Going to fetch the water everyday meant we lost precious time that should have been dedicated to other activities. But all that changed when we got piped water. The cost of water has dropped ten times [and] we are safe from illnesses. We also dedicate more time to activities that make our lives better. I have seen that clean water brings so many opportunities."

**ALPHONSINE MUKANOHERI**  
Resident, Gicumbi District

The day we got water, everybody [in our community] was overjoyed. That day, we saw change coming to us: No more long walks to get water, no more wasted time, and no more falling sick from using dirty water. It is good to see that we have clean water and that people are using it. Life is better when you have safe water."

**ISMAEL YAMBABARIYE**  
Resident, Karongi District





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We believe that improved water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services are the foundation for sustainable human development, and enhanced economic, health, and education outcomes.



Members of a Community Health Club (CHC) in Rulindo District celebrate after one of their regular sessions. Photo/Water For People





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