

Water Missions International † Safe Water For ASENGO, Kenya



Asengo youth loading a donkey with water at the water kiosk. Currently the water is not treated.

Community Information

- Population served: 3,000
- Location: Asengo is located in the Nyanza Province of Kenya within the Victoria Basin
- Local Partner: Asengo Water Project

Personal Stories

STEVE OTIENO

Steve is a student in Asengo who recognizes that lack of access to safe drinking water is one of the biggest problems in his community. The people of Asengo must travel two kilometers to the Yala River just to obtain contaminated water. Many of the villagers suffer from water-borne illnesses and as a consequence, they miss many days of work and school. The area also suffers from a lack of rain, which exacerbates the situation. According to Steve, "If WMI would assist us, it would be great in terms of time management because we spend so much time fetching water and our studies suffer. We hope you can get us access to safe and purified water."

GRACE OTIENO

Grace is a middle-aged woman who has been walking one kilometer each day for several years to fetch water. She laments that during the dry season, there is little water available at the primary water source, so the people must either wait in line in the sun for hours or walk two kilometers to a secondary source. Grace explains that during the rainy season, the water is dirty and brown in color. "It is especially during this time that the people fall ill with stomach problems and typhoid fever. It is even worse at the source," she explains, "since we share it with livestock, and the people wash there as well. Assistance from WMI will be a huge blessing to the entire community."



Steve carries water from the spring. He and his siblings are eager to have access to safe and clean water.

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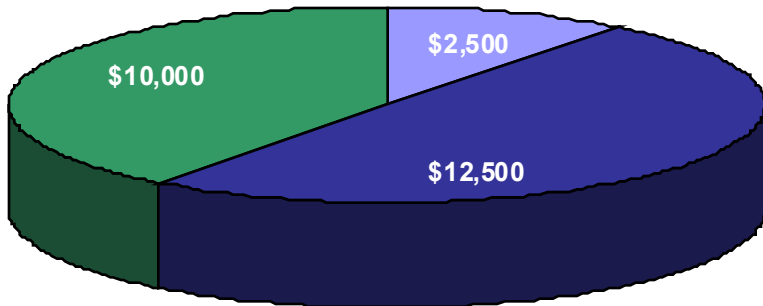
Women and children line up to fetch water and to wash clothes.

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“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”
Matthew 10:42, NIV

Project Expenses

Community Development (40%) Community Assessment (10%)



Equipment & Transportation (50%)

- ◆ **Community Assessment** – The assessment has been completed. A Living Water™ Treatment System will be needed to purify water from the existing water source. The community has established the Asengo Water Committee, which will be responsible for day-to-day operations.
- ◆ **Equipment & Transportation** – Includes all necessary water treatment equipment, associated hardware, overseas shipment, and local transportation to the receiving community.
- ◆ **Community Development** -
 - Initial installation and start-up of the LWTS™
 - Sustainability training (operation, maintenance, and finance)
 - Health and hygiene training
 - 12-month monitoring and evaluation
 - Ministry plan for sharing the “Living Water” message – Asengo Water Committee will work with the resident pastor of the church located within the community.



Project Cost Estimate

\$25,000

* This Project will serve approximately 3,000 people at a cost of \$8.34 per person

Ochieng and his brother carrying water from the river