

The Doris Rosen Water and Sanitation Program Stories

Stacy is from Othora Village in a remote western part of Kenya. She faces an exhausting 5 hour journey for water, putting her and others in danger. She risks predators, difficult terrain and loss of many hours just for basic survival.

From the **Doris Rosen Water and Sanitation Program**, women will be able to get rainwater cisterns for clean water harvesting; Stacy's family may receive 50% of the cost of a rain water harvesting tank, freeing her from this grueling task.





Water is an essential commodity for survival, but it is very hard to get in this remote area. They may have to rely on water being harvested from underground. First, someone digs through the sand until water begins oozing from below.

Life in this area is extremely hard for women; they wake up early and take many hours while fetching water which oozes from small holes dug in sand. Here is a close up of the water hole.

Getting Water

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Two young girls aged 14 years selling water to ensure they survive in the community. Through water vending, their parents can put food on the table



Above is a woman getting water from a sandy pit. This is after she woke up early and waited in line.

It is extremely dry, with no water nearby. Since the queue is long, young children are left to hold their parents' spot, while their parents go back home to do other chores. As they wait, they move the empty water collection cans forward.

Once their parents return and they get the water, children will carry small containers of water while their parents carry larger containers and/or push a wheelbarrow.

This makes life much harder for the girl child; empowering girls through education is the only way to help them have a better life.

Waiting in line and transporting water

Two young girls walking several kilometers to fetch water which is hard to get. Many of these girls come from poor families which forces them to walk barefooted.





Local Efforts to Solve the Water Problems

Here, community health workers are taken to a seminar as they prepare to carry out deworming of residents and spreading awareness of the need for safe drinking water and methods to secure it.

As you can see from the previous pages, this is a serious problem.