GHANA

“I have water at my doorstep,” says Nmonili

Thanks to a new mechanized solar water system constructed by World Vision and its partners, Nmonili, a wife and mother of four children, now feeds her family from her vegetable garden.

Nmonili lives in Zokurli B, a suburb of the Zabzugu area in Ghana. Water is now readily available to her through a stand pipe.

Like Nmonili, other members of her community used to walk for almost two miles to draw water from a neighboring community’s borehole. Zokurli B could not meet the global water standard of being within 30 minutes round-trip of access to water.

World Vision and its partners supported the people of Zokurli B and its neighbors by constructing a solar mechanized system that pumps water into overhead tanks in the community. The water is then dispensed to households through stand pipes.

Nmonili recently talked about the struggle her family endured while trying to walk such a long distance to transport water from Zokurli B to Zokurli A.

“There used to be long queues at the borehole because of the number of people who depend on it for water,” Nmonili said. “We could not make enough time to care for our households.”

Other women in the community have also recently established similar gardens. “Our families can now have fresh vegetables,” Nmonili said.

Nmonili added, “We now have water at our doorstep! The time we used to spend looking for water is now used to support our households and take good care of our children.”

Household members can easily collect water for drinking, cooking, and bathing. Community members are charged with keeping the solar panels in good working order. They regularly clean the solar panels to support the steady flow of fresh water into their homes.

For households in Zokurli B, the solar water system has transformed their lives, and provided them with a more balanced day, affording them time for important responsibilities to be completed at home and in the community.
MOZAMBIQUE

Disaster survivors gain access to clean water

In Mozambique from October 2018 through March 2019, World Vision provided 9,821 people access to clean water through the construction of 44 wells and water points, and through training in water-treatment techniques to disinfect drinking water. This included 15 wells in communities affected by a devastating cyclone that impacted 1.8 million people in March 2019.

On the Mozambique coast, Cyclone Idai made landfall in the city of Beira and struck the provinces of Manica, Sofia, and Zambézia, killing 602 people and injuring 1,600. World Vision was one of the first nonprofit organizations on the scene, bringing lifesaving support to four villages, including latrine kits, solid-waste management, emergency water treatment, and emergency water supplies. This also included construction of five new wells, rehabilitation and disinfection of 10 wells, distribution of 60,000 bottles of water treatment products for use at the household level, and distribution of 10,000 hygiene kits.

Thank you for helping make it possible to support survivors of Cyclone Idai during a time of urgent need.

NIGER

Fetching water is no longer life-threatening for Djamila

The arduous chore of fetching water not only consumed excessive amounts of time and energy for Djamila, 15. Dangerous water collection practices nearly took her life.

Like other girls in her community, Djamila, 15, was used to waking up early to make a two-hour trip to gather 50 liters of water from the village’s only well. After school each day, Djamila and her friends, made the journey at least once more.

Djamila calls the day an accident occurred her “black day.” As Djamila was pulling up the bucket from the open well, she lost her balance and fell nearly 200 feet.

Everyone there assumed Djamila was dead. After much effort, they were able to pull her, unconscious, out of the well. Although she had a broken leg and was in a coma for some time, she was alive. But a long road to recovery awaited her.

Understandably, Djamila was afraid she would have to return to the open well once she recovered. Thankfully, while she was recovering, World Vision built two new wells in her community.

“I am happy I no longer go to the [open] well,” she told the water technicians installing the new wells. “World Vision has put an end to the risk of falling in the [open] well in my village.”