



Chief Chibabani Nyambose shaking hands with Dennis during the commissioning of the well on 25th December 2023

Dear Friend,

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support of WorldHope Corps during the fourth quarter of 2023. Through your deep commitment, consistent financial gifts, invaluable guidance, and volunteer services, you have positively impacted numerous lives.

In this issue, we document the fourth quarter of 2023 to share insights from our leadership, showcase program successes, and highlight future activities. From projects providing clean water to initiatives focused on education and the well-being of communities, your backing remains instrumental in the success of WHC's endeavors.

We are delighted that you are with us on this journey as we mobilize assets and connect resources with needs for sustainable change in our communities.

Sincerely,

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As we look back on 2023 and anticipate new projects in 2024, I invite you to behold and celebrate what the Spirit of God is doing through dedicated community leaders, international team members, and extraordinary citizens who learn how to work together to mobilize assets and connect resources with needs in Malawi, Uganda and in the USA.

This fourth quarter Newsletter 2023 highlights our mission outcomes and executive oversight of three related entities: WHC US, WHC Uganda, and WHC Malawi. The success stories in this newsletter are best told by country directors, team members and volunteers, with the help of our communications coordinator in Uganda, Ivan Nsereko.

Dr. Michael J. Christensen
Founder and Director

Dear Supporters and Friends,

In the fourth quarter of 2023, WorldHope Corps (WHC) Malawi and Uganda remained steadfast in their commitment to empowering communities despite the busyness of the festive season and ongoing economic trials in both countries. In Uganda, we witnessed the promising progress of the women's micro-lending group and the transformative skill empowerment for young girls. This quarter also tracked progress of the Shalom Coffee project, which completed the harvest season on its way to becoming a sustainable income source for many families.

In Malawi, amidst economic hardships and currency depreciation, WHC Malawi stayed focused on enhancing the quality of life through water and sanitation initiatives. The completion of the Thofu Primary School well (Braden's well) is a highlight, expanding access to clean water for over 900 people and laying the groundwork for a future health clinic, set to serve thousands more.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support, which has been instrumental in our accomplishments this quarter. Our journey together continues to uphold the dignity and well-being of the communities we serve, one project at a time.

Warm regards,

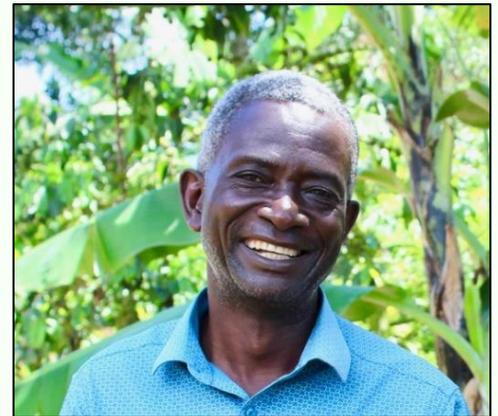
Pastor Dennis Singini
Mzuzu, Malawi

Pastor Moses Baamu
Ssesse, Jinja, Uganda



Pastor Dennis Singini

We want to wish Pastor Dennis a very happy Feb. 13 birthday!



Pastor Moses Baamu

Message from Gale Gieg,



Gale Gieg, Board Treasurer and Finance Coordinator. Portland, Oregon

WHC Uganda Journey: Reconnecting and Empowering

In June 2023, the WorldHope Corps team and I embarked on a journey to Uganda. Joined by Reverend Dennis Singini from Malawi and hosted by Pastor Baamu Moses, our team immersed itself in the local culture and community. One of the trip's highlights was a unique worship experience in Pastor Moses' church, where sermons were shared in both local language and English.

Our mission involved conducting Shalom training with Ssesse farmers, collaborating with the Mbale coffee cooperative, and empowering women through practical skills training in making malaria soap and reusable sanitary pads. Beyond these activities, the core of our journey was reconnecting with the

local community. Our team, accustomed to distant communication via email and WhatsApp, found immense joy and fulfillment in personal interactions, breaking bread, and sharing experiences with our Ugandan partners.

A special moment was meeting Agness Nyangoma, the communications coordinator for the Community Boarding School in Katikara. Together, we have supported the school with essential resources, but meeting Agness in person and visiting her clothes boutique business was a testament to the power of face-to-face encouragement and support. Witnessing the tangible impact of our work, like children wearing new shoes and having adequate boarding facilities, was profoundly gratifying.

Our visit to the Hope Tailoring School in Ssesse revealed the pressing needs for infrastructure improvement. This realization led to immediate fundraising efforts, enabling us to revamp the school and support its journey towards self-sufficiency.

The journey was not just about delivering aid but about learning and sharing. We engaged with coffee farmers who demonstrated the effectiveness of cooperative efforts in agriculture, a principle central to the 'Shalom' philosophy. Observing their dedication and unity was inspiring. We also gained insights into the interconnectedness of community projects, from pig farming to jewelry making, all contributing to a self-reliant community.

This trip reaffirmed our commitment to working hand-in-hand with local communities, understanding their needs, and supporting their aspirations. It was a journey of mutual blessing and inspiration, and a vivid reminder of the impact that direct engagement and understanding can have on our shared mission.

Gale Gieg,
Board Treasurer, Finance
Coordinator, WorldHope Corps

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023 (Q4)

WORLDHOPE CORPS MALAWI

- **Thofu Primary School Borehole (Braden's well), Malawi**



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WorldHope Corps (WHC) Malawi recently accomplished a significant milestone with the drilling and commissioning of the Thofu Primary School Borehole in Chiawani

Nyambose Village, Mzimba North, Malawi. This well is now a lifeline for over 940 residents, potentially expanding to serve 4000 people, including 615 villagers and 325 pupils, offering access to clean water throughout the year.

Project Overview:

- **Location:** Chiwawani Nyambose Village, Mzimba North.
- **Beneficiaries:** Initially over 940 users, potential expansion to 4000+.
- **Key Dates:** Drilled on December 21, 2023; Commissioned on December 25, 2023.
- **Specifications:** 46 meters deep, yielding 15 liters per 30 seconds at peak times and 25 liters per minute at night.
- **Sponsor:** Braden's family

Water Challenges and Solutions:

The village previously depended on a shared stream with animals, posing health risks. The borehole, strategically positioned near a planned health center, is set to broaden its impact.

Survey and Selection:

A hydrological survey identified five suitable drilling sites, with the top three chosen for their water table depth and year-round water availability. The pre-rainy season accessibility facilitated timely project completion.

Celebrating the Commissioning:

The community celebrated the commissioning of "Braden's Well" on Christmas Day, marking a victory against waterborne diseases and enhancing the village's health standards. The village headman,

Chibabani Nyambose, expressed immense gratitude for this project. He highlighted the dire past of cholera outbreaks and gender-based violence due to water scarcity.



Chibabani Nyambose, the village headman (center)

Future Steps:

A local committee underwent training in January 2024, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge for effective borehole maintenance. This initiative ensures the long-term sustainability of this vital water source.

Key Engagements

Meetings with Key Stakeholders:

- The WHC Malawi team held strategic discussions with Mzimba District Health Office (DHO), Standard Bank, and National Bank of Malawi. These meetings fostered partnerships essential for the community's progress.
- In a meeting with the Nyambose Chiefs Council, WHC Malawi received a request to aid in constructing a community clinic. This initiative, already backed by the government through the deployment of a Health

Surveyor's Assistant, is a significant step toward enhancing local healthcare infrastructure.

Engagement with Shalom Trainees:

WHC Malawi met with the 'Shalomers' in Doroba, individuals who had previously benefited from WHC's Shalom training. These sessions were pivotal in evaluating the impact of past training initiatives and exploring avenues for further support and development.

WORLDHOPE CORPS UGANDA

Loan Reimbursements by WHC Uganda

In the fourth quarter of 2023, WHC Uganda made significant strides in its micro-lending program. Since disbursing loans to a women's group on September 19, 2023, repayment commenced in October. Remarkably, by the end of the quarter, the women had repaid three out of six installments of the 7,700,000 UGX (USD 2000) loan. This progress sets a solid foundation for the forthcoming fourth phase of the loan cycle.





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An income-generating activity that a lady ventured into since she started getting loans from WHC Uganda.

The successful repayment rate is a testament to the effectiveness of the micro-lending initiative, showing promise for future expansions. The interest accrued on these loans is set to bolster the credit fund, allowing for more extensive outreach and support to a larger beneficiary group currently limited by funding constraints.

- **Empowering Young Women: Skill Development and Community Engagement in Uganda**

WHC Uganda also made commendable progress in empowering young girls and women in the quarter 4 of 2023. The organization has transformed a once far-fetched dream into reality, offering skill empowerment programs for young girls. Traditionally limited to domestic roles and early marriage, these girls, aged 16-20, now have the opportunity to acquire valuable skills that enable them to earn a living and contribute to their family's needs.



Students in the tailoring school displaying part of what they had accomplished that semester.

Significant appreciation goes to WHC USA and the donors who made this possible, particularly through the renovation of a building that now serves as a tailoring shelter. This facility not only provides a space for skills training but also offers employment for a tutor who imparts valuable knowledge to these young women.

Additionally, WHC Uganda has been conducting regular women empowerment meetings. These gatherings, held at various intervals, are crucial for ensuring the practical implementation of planned activities. Most of these initiatives have been successful, though some have faced challenges leading to rescheduling. These meetings play a vital role in the smooth operation and continuity of women's activities, contributing significantly to the empowerment of women in the community.

- **Shalom Coffee Visits/ Inspection**

WHC Uganda, in collaboration with Dr. Michael Christensen and a team from the USA, has successfully transformed the perception of coffee cultivation in local communities. By promoting coffee as a valuable cash crop for both domestic and commercial purposes, the initiative has led to substantial economic benefits for numerous households. Today, many families in the region are experiencing increased income from coffee sales, enabling them to afford educational expenses for their

children and improve their overall standard of living. This shift marks a significant step towards sustainable economic development in the area.



The director of WHC Uganda and his wife set the leading example with their coffee gardens

- **Strategic Meetings and Monitoring**

WHC Uganda effectively conducted several staff and board meetings during the quarter to enhance the organization's operations. These meetings focused on addressing challenges, brainstorming solutions, and improving the day-to-day running of activities. A key decision made was the establishment of a separate account for loan management, as recommended by the USA team. Notable signatories to this new account include Nanyombi Justine, Sanyu Anna Mary, and Pastor Baamu Moses, ensuring better tracking and management of the credit fund.



Additionally, WHC Uganda undertook diligent monitoring and assessment of women before the disbursement of the third-phase loans. This process involved evaluating the eligibility of borrowers and determining appropriate loan amounts. The organization also focused on monitoring the women's activities to ensure the effective utilization of loans. Furthermore, they assessed the impact of these loans on households and gathered feedback, contributing to improved service delivery and more significant impact on the community.

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Closing remarks

Thank you for reading this issue of our team's newsletter. We hope you have found it informative and useful. Please check out the previous issue of our newsletter [here](#).

We value your feedback and suggestions, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any thoughts or questions [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to connecting with you.

WorldHope Corps Uganda, WorldHope Corps Malawi, and WorldHope Corps USA work together in a spirit of Shalom. We are committed to local and international partnerships to mobilize assets for the common good.

Please continue to partner with us to connect resources with needs.

You can support the work today by donating [here](#).