

### Saving a life

Learn about the water cycle and clean water and complete 4 of the other activities within the Clean Water resource including raising some funds (suggest £5 per person) to enable African Scouts to install another a water well.

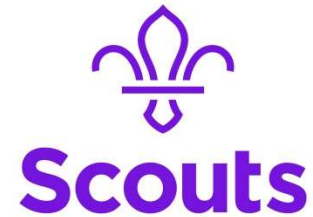
In this way you might well save a life and will have earned the *Global Issues Activity badge*.

### Resources

Providing clean water to villages in Masindi District of Uganda

<https://youtube/nQuBqy5mxFM>

<https://www.hampshirescouting.org.uk/international>



### Accessing clean water

Without water there can be no life as it is a fundamental human need for people, their animals and species. Of all the available water sources, rain fall is the most important as it is the one on which most people depend.

Too little water can result in drought conditions and crop failure unless water can be stored. Conversely too much water can result in flooding and washing away of the top soil in which most nutrients are located.



Though the number of people who lack access to clean water has halved in the past 20 years, there are still one billion people who lack access to clean water. So, one of the main reasons for limiting climate change is to maintain progress with access to clean water sources.

It is also essential to prevent contamination of clean water sources in order to limit exposure to water borne diseases like typhoid, cholera and dysentery and exposure to open water sources in which mosquitos can breed, all of which can have fatal consequences, particularly for young children.

### **Hamindi project.**

Hampshire Scouts have been visiting the Masindi District of Uganda at regular intervals since the year 2000. Shared experiences and cultures have enabled UK Scouts to learn about clean water and to raise funds to finance the construction of 45 spring wells.

Dirty water from water sources like spring wells is cleaned by flowing water through a series of filters to remove contaminants. and then to ensure that the water source remains clean by providing a tap and fencing off the area to restrict the entry of cattle.

The Ugandan Water Board has supervised the construction while Masindi Scouts have been responsible for educating villagers about the importance of accessing and maintaining clean water supplies. As a result more than 25,000 people now have access to clean water.



An unexpected outcome of this collaboration has been increased attendance at schools which are close to the water wells. Children go to school with empty water bottles, fill them up at school and take home the filled bottles so that their families can have clean water.

