



## Running for water

### Keeping girls in school in Uganda

Imagine an average 14 year old school girl in Uganda. Let's call her Kobusingye. She lives with her mother and two brothers in a village. In the village there are two hand pumps that have not been working for over a year. Every morning, before she goes to school, Kobusingye and her mother walk two kilometres to the next village to collect water. Kobusingye is not alone. It is a daily reality for many girls like Kobusingye who have to walk more than one kilometre carrying 20-litre containers of water on their heads. That means that Kobusingye and girls like her miss school.

In August 2016, IRC's office in Uganda received a request from the Government to support the repair of 15 hand pumps in Kabarole district to provide 4,500 people with sustainable access to safe water. With available funds, IRC was able to support the repair of 10 hand pumps supplying 3,000 people with safe water. At the same time local mechanics were trained on how to repair the pumps. A minimum fee was also set, together with the communities, that each household from now on will pay for their water to ensure continued services and repairs in the future.

To provide the remaining 1,500 people with clean water, IRC is organising a fundraiser. With your help we can reduce the distance girls in this community have to walk to collect water so that they can spend more time in school.

### SPONSOR OUR RUNNERS AND SUPPORT KEEPING THE GIRLS OF UGANDA IN SCHOOL

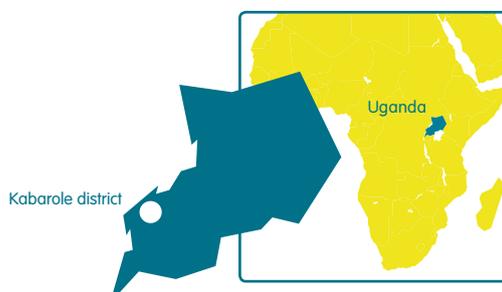
On Sunday 12th of March, IRC staff, family and friends will participate in the Hague's City Pier City run. We will raise funds to reduce the distance girls have to walk to collect water so that they can spend more time in school. And it will ensure that 1,500 people will get sustainable access to safe water. Our goal is to raise € 10,000. You can contribute with a donation for the initiative – or by sponsoring one of the individual runners.

Go to <https://onepercentclub.com/en/projects/running-for-water-keeping-girls-in-school-in-uganda> to make your donation.

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**Supporting water sanitation  
 and hygiene services for life**





## €10,000 EUROS TO REACH 1,500 PEOPLE WITH CLEAN WATER

What do you do when something is broken? You call someone to fix it and pay him or her for their services. In Kabarole District, and many other districts in Uganda however, there is a problem. There is a lack of funds for repairs and continuous water services. What is also lacking are the right mechanisms to raise these funds. IRC is planning to address this issue in a way that the access to safe water will be sustained:

- IRC partners with the right people. The men and women of the Hand Pump Mechanics Association of Kabarole District. Technically skilled people who can fix hand pumps and provide operation and maintenance services to keep the hand pumps going. Together they will:
  - make an assessment of the technical problems of the five broken down pumps
  - repair and upgrade the hand pumps so that 1,500 people are reached with safe water
  - talk with the families and come to an agreement on a minimum fee that they will have to pay for their water, so that continued services and repairs by the Hand Pump Mechanics can be paid for in future.
- Together with the local government authorities, IRC will carry out joint monitoring activities – to check the functionality of the hand pumps in the district and to avoid situations where hand pumps break down and remain unattended for months and year on end.

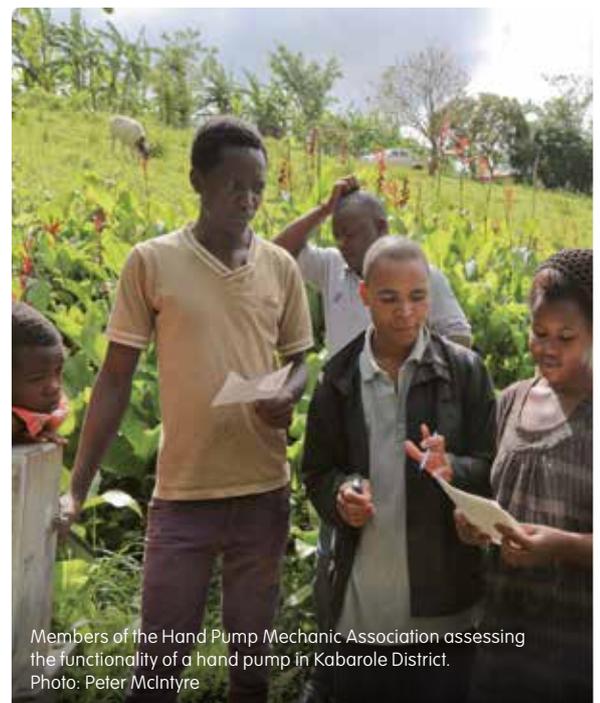
### ABOUT IRC

At IRC, we believe that turning on a working tap should not be a surprise or cause for celebration. We believe in a world where water, sanitation and hygiene services are fundamental utilities that everyone is able to take for granted. For good.

We face a complex challenge. Every year, thousands of projects within and beyond the WASH sector fail – the result of short-term targets and interventions, at the cost of long-term service solutions.

This leaves around a third of the world's poorest people without access to the most basic of human rights, and leads directly to economic, social and health problems on a global scale. IRC is here to continually challenge and shape the established practices of the WASH sector.

Through collaboration and the active application of our expertise, we work with governments, service providers and international organisations to deliver systems and services that are truly built to last.



Members of the Hand Pump Mechanic Association assessing the functionality of a hand pump in Kabarole District.  
Photo: Peter McIntyre

### OVERVIEW BUDGET

Activities	Budget (UGX)	Budget (€)
1 Technical assessment of broken down hand pumps	1,880,000	495
2 Repair the broken down hand pumps	22,420,000	5,900
3 Work with families to determine how much they need start paying for clean water to pay for future breakdowns	11,800,000	3,105
4 Joint monitoring with District Local Government	1,900,000	500
	<b>38,000,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>

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