

# Water and Sanitation

## The Need



**42%** of people in sub-Saharan Africa do not have a source of safe drinking water



**72%** do not have access to a basic toilet or latrine

## Who We Are

Amref Health Africa is an Africa-based non-profit committed to improving the health of people in Africa by partnering with and empowering communities. The cornerstone of our work is training local health workers in the communities we serve and building strong health systems from the grassroots level up. We use African solutions to tackle African health challenges with African expertise.

## What We Do

### ***Building Sustainable Water Sources and Sanitation Facilities:***

We listen to communities and let them decide where a new water point will go. We train community members, often referred to as “artisans” to build the facilities themselves, and to repair them so that they last for generations to come. We train artisans to build various water points like wells and pumps, toilets, and even showers that the entire community can benefit from.



***School Health Clubs:*** At schools where we build pumps and toilets, we train teachers to use water, sanitation and hygiene education in their classrooms, and to set up “School Health Clubs” - made up of students who use the healthy lessons they learn in class to educate their peers and families. School Health Club Members also help younger students learn healthy habits like washing their hands. Building toilets at schools is especially important for young girls, many of whom stay home from school because of the lack of facilities that offer them privacy and comfort.

***Improving Livelihoods:*** We train community members who have been elected to oversee their new water and sanitation facilities in financial management and project leadership. This allows them to generate income to support themselves and their families. Many of the artisans we train go on to build pumps and wells for neighboring communities and earn a living that way.



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