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GHANA

POPULATION: 25.8 MILLION

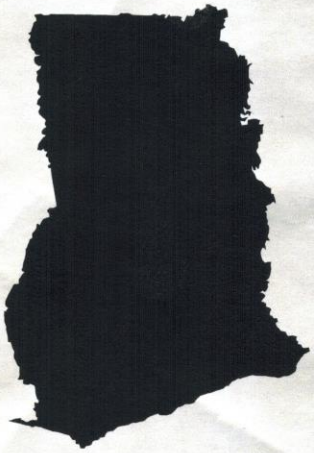
- 21.2% without access to an improved water source.
- 87.5 % without adequate sanitation services.
- Human Development Rank: 138 out of 187

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Ghana is one of the most densely populated countries in the African continent, and although 80% of Ghana's population has access to clean water, this statistic masks the extreme inequality between rural and urban areas. In rural areas, more than a third of Ghanaian people don't have access to clean water, and nearly 90% do not have access to sanitation.

Ghana's government has prioritized reducing poverty and increasing water and sanitation access, but it has proven difficult to move from national-level initiatives to local-level implementation, which means that the inequality in rural areas continues.

Generosity.org is helping to overcome these challenges, and out of the 18 countries our organization has worked in, Ghana is home to the most Generosity.org projects—with a total of 262 wells built to bring clean drinking water to over 184,900 people.



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Your Water Project

LOCATION: Asanso Patasi, Ashanti Region, Ghana

GPS: Latitude: N06.42750 Longitude: W001.64075

PEOPLE SERVED: 600

SPONSORED BY: ***The Roots Community Church***

TYPE OF WATER SOURCE:
Hand Pump Well

IMPLEMENTING WELL PARTNER:
Operation Blessing

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Asanso Patasi is a old farming community in the Ashanti Region in Ghana. Most of the people are farmers; growing cocoa, cassava, plantain, tomatoes, pepper and other crops. A few of the people are petty traders. Their houses are well built with clay and concrete blocks, and roofed with zinc sheets. There are churches and schools available in the community.

Before the team arrived, the community members depended on streams and a shallow well to meet their water needs. Due to the need for a dependable, clean water source, the team constructed a new well. To protect the well, a block wall was constructed around it and cemented. A pipe with a new Afridev pump was provided to dispense the fresh water.

To promote long-term sustainability of the water project, our team established a Water User Committee. This is a group of men and women in the community who are trained to perform minor mechanical repairs and who are responsible for collecting a small water user fee. The WUC is also empowered to work with the community to improve basic health and sanitation practices.

Once the project was completed, the students attended the well dedication ceremony to celebrate clean water.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PEOPLE

"On behalf of the community, I wish to say thank you for this wonderful provision of good potable drinking water. Water is life and we have needed it so badly. All I can say is God bless you, we appreciate it! We ask God's blessing upon the donors."

Hon. Emmanuel Yebuah, Assemblyman for Konfan Beneficiary

"God bless you and increase you in all you do, for blessing the community with good potable drinking water. We really appreciate this gesture. God bless you all."

Isaac Nana Yaw Asare, Youth Leader Beneficiary

"We are very grateful that you have come to our aid with this wonderful gesture. The community is very grateful for good potable drinking water. God bless you."

Juliana Oforiwaah, Beneficiary