

Solving the Critical Water Problem in Burundi by 2030



Annual Report
2023





A photograph on the left side of the page shows a child's hands scooping muddy water from a puddle into a black bucket. The background is a reddish-brown dirt ground.

Letter from the President

I took the photo of the child pictured here. When I witnessed her scooping water to drink out of a mud puddle near where we were drilling a well in her community, I said to myself, "Never again." I know you feel the same. We are on a journey together to ensure that people across Burundi will never again have to drink dirty water.

Thank you for your partnership, prayers, time, and gifts. We are making great strides as we work our way from border to border, providing each community in Burundi with safe, clean water by 2030. With your help, this is possible. Our goal is personal to me and the 200 in-country staff members serving their neighbors.

As Jesus told us to go and make disciples and to love our neighbor, I invite you to help us finish the remaining wells on schedule and provide opportunities to share the Gospel at the well sites. Long ago, Isaiah shared a challenge to serve those in need and reminded us that we would receive God's guidance and be a blessing like a spring of water.

Please know you are an essential part of blessing an entire nation with safe, clean water while introducing them to Jesus. You are helping to shine light in places where there had only been darkness.

Robert Thorp

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Robert Thorp".

President

Chairman's Welcome

During my first visit to Burundi in 2014, I learned that access to clean water was the country's biggest problem. At that time, only 15% of the population had access to clean water, and none of the major water charities were operating in the country. Witnessing firsthand how terrible life is and how common death is when there is no access to clean water was horrifying.

But this is a solvable problem. Clean water is the foundational requirement for communities to rise above abject poverty. Until clean water is addressed, no other development efforts will be effective. Water projects are massively impactful in Burundi as they transform communities — reducing death rates, restoring health, increasing school attendance, and bringing hope and joy to families.

Amazi Water™ became Burundi's first and only in-country water organization, with a mission to ensure every community has sustainable access to safe, clean water. With the blessing of incredible leadership and staff, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, and strong government support enabling us to work unencumbered throughout the country, we have built solar-powered water systems that bring life-changing water to almost 1000 communities.

However, Amazi Water cannot fulfill this mission alone. Private funding is required to complete our mission. Your generosity can make an immense difference. I invite you to partner with Amazi Water to help solve the biggest problem in one of the world's poorest nations. This report will establish how your gift goes further because of efficiencies serving the dense population there — we are excited to share how the Lord is at work with every dollar. Together, we can bring the life-saving gift of clean water to Burundi by 2030.



Robert Vanman
Chairman, Amazi Water



A Nation in Desperate Need

Overcoming Water Scarcity Saves Lives

According to the United Nations, less than half of Burundi's rural population had access to drinkable water in 2019. The World Bank cites Burundi as one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Anticipated population growth of 88% from 2022 to 2050 is expected to seriously reduce the percentage of people with water access.

God has opened doors for Amazi Water to work in a constructive partnership in Burundi, and we have made considerable progress toward the border-to-border goal of providing every community with clean water. As we advance this goal, we will significantly reduce waterborne diseases from the nation.

Provide safe, clean water to every community and access to the Gospel

As the primary Burundi NGO providing water relief, Amazi Water is poised to solve the biggest problem in one of the poorest countries in the world by drilling wells in every community in Burundi by 2030. When you partner with Amazi Water, you can rest assured your giving matters.

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Grateful for God's Provision

Transforming Lives in Burundi with Clean Water

The stories of transformation in Burundi last year are nothing short of miraculous, and it is all thanks to God's hand and partners like you. Over 375,000 people have been given access to water for the first time, contributing to a total of 1.5 million people being reached by our ministry. Your investment of prayers, time, and resources is shaping a future where we can serve more people than ever.

"Together, we can meet the greatest physical need of the people in Burundi, from border to border in just a few short years, while also caring for their spiritual needs."

Robert Thorp,
President, Amazi Water

In Burundi, the impact of unclean water is profound, with over 80% of disease directly linked to the issue. Through Amazi Water, your partnership has been instrumental in turning the tide. Our key performance indicators bear witness to the incredible transformation taking place in Burundi, and it's all because of your support. We are deeply thankful to the Lord for His provision.

Turn the page to see some of the indicators we track.

Impact Highlights of 2023

Poised to Meet our 2030 Goal



Lives
Impacted

Total Number of People Served to Date.

1.5M

Men, Women, and Children



Program
Outcomes

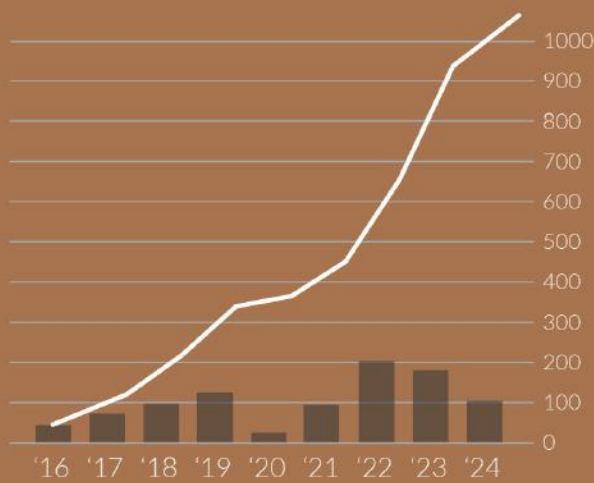
94%
Uptime

Average Percentage of Wells Operational



940

Number of Wells Drilled to Date



Wells Year-over-Year



State-of-the-Art Equipment and Facilities

Serving Burundi, From Burundi, as a US Non-Profit

More than 95% of the ministry's workforce is from Burundi and surrounding countries. The ministry's headquarters is in Bujumbura, Burundi. The facility was built in 2022 and serves as the base of operations support and management. More than 200 employees advance Amazi Water's mission, using the facility as a hub for constructing and safeguarding the functionality of the water systems while building relationships with local partners and international NGO directors.

Amazi Water is registered in Texas as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization governed by an international Board of Directors. Operations are managed by a senior leadership team comprised of Burundian and multinational staff members.







Stronger Together

Partnering for Life-Saving Change

The solid partnership we have with the Burundi government makes Amazi Water's partnerships a little different from those of many nonprofit organizations. As we strive toward our goal of *Water for All* by 2030, our partners are dedicated to foundational principles, operational strategies, and growth and progress.

GOVERNMENT — The Burundi government sanctions Amazi Water as the nation's primary provider of safe, clean water.

NATIONAL STAFF — Experts transfer knowledge and skills to more than 200 national staff for professional development.

OTHER NGOs — Global organizations join to multiply impact and achieve shared goals in providing food, medicine, and education.

DONORS — Generous donors fund water systems in communities nationwide and provide access to the Gospel.

Missional Alignment and Shared Goals



Foundational Principles

*Long-Term Commitment
Transparency and Trust
Community Ownership*



Operational Strategies

*Resource Sharing
Maximizing Existing Systems
Collaboration*



Growth and Progress

*Innovation and Efficiency
Sustainability*

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Bujumbura Push

Dedicated and Trained Staff Respond in Record Time

In early 2023, a major cholera outbreak hit Bujumbura, Burundi's economic capital, largest city, and main port. The outbreak affected thousands and revealed economically poor neighborhoods that were receiving only a few hours of water service per month. Responding to the crisis at the request of Burundi's president, Amazi Water rapidly installed 35 solar-powered water systems, providing clean water to high-population neighborhoods in just 90 days. This swift and successful effort, known as "The Bujumbura Push," highlighted the impact of quick and effective interventions in crisis situations and the advantage of having operations based in Burundi.

35 Cholera-response
water systems in 2023

Ultra-high yielding wells

28

These 28 ultra-high yield
boreholes all showed above

10,000 liters/hour
(2,642 gallons/hour)

In essence providing water to about

275,000 people every
24 hours

Join Us

Giving Means "Water for All" is Within Reach

"Clean water is the foundational requirement for communities to rise above abject poverty. Until clean water is addressed, no other development efforts will be effective."

Robert Vanman,
Board Chairman, Amazi Water

Community by community, the people of Burundi are experiencing access to safe, clean water for the first time. With 1.5 million people already served, your gift is needed to help provide the remaining communities with water by 2030.

When you fund a well, you ensure that children no longer have to drink water from muddy streams. Your gift will supply safe, clean water for years to come and give them a healthy, thriving future! Because specific donors have committed their gifts for covering operational costs, 100% of your gift funds water projects.

Email us at info@AmaziWater.org with questions, and a member of our team will assist you, or visit AmaziWater.com/donate.





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100%
COMMITMENT



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Your Gift Brings Life

Donating Today Helps Transform a Nation by 2030

Join us in bringing clean water to every community in Burundi. We've reached one-third of our goal and need \$120 million to complete the remaining wells. So far, \$40 million has been committed, but we are seeking additional support from people who want to help solve the biggest problem in one of the world's poorest nations and open the doors for the Gospel.

Each well is designed to fit the community's needs, with costs per person decreasing as the system size increases. Your contribution can help save lives today for as little as \$7.81 per person.

↙ Best Value per Dollar

<u>WATER PROJECT TYPE</u>	<u>LARGE</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>SMALL</u>
Cost Per Well	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$30,000
Number of People Served	9,600	4,800	1,200
Cost per Person	\$7.81	\$10.41	\$25.00
Number of Taps in the Community	16	8	2

The efficiency of water projects and abundant groundwater supply combined with the dense population and the urgent need make Amazi Water projects the most effective and impactful use of funds that:

- **Maximize positive outcomes** to provide more people in Burundi with safe, clean water.
- **Generate significant, lasting change** utilizing the state-of-the-art facilities located there
- **Provide evidence of programmatic success** and effectiveness using data and reporting
- **Operate as a reputable organization**, internationally recognized and widely trusted

Financial Overview

Delivering High Impact Per Dollar



Our 100% Promise to You:

Your donation is being used effectively, with 100% of every dollar going to water projects. We work with accountability agencies to ensure transparency and commitment to biblical standards of financial accountability, responsible governance, and trust.

When you give to Amazi Water, you realize what is potentially the most real-world “Impact per Dollar” of any mainstream nonprofit organization:

- **100% of every dollar you give goes to water projects, thanks to private donors committed to covering operational costs;**
- You become part of the mission to bring safe, clean water to every community in Burundi;
- You add to the 1.5 million people with access to safe, clean water and move the ministry toward achieving its ambitious mission and goal of serving 13 million people before 2030;
- Your partnership helps ensure people in Burundi thrive for generations to come.

LEADERSHIP

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2023 Expenses by category



AMAZI WATER Consolidated Statements of Activities

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Support:		
Contributions	\$ 7,157,637	\$ 7,096,705
Partner Support	90,557	25,464
Other Income	1,964	—
Exchange Rate Loss	(284,397)	(322,585)
Total Support	\$ 6,965,761	\$ 6,799,584
Expenses:		
Program Services	7,027,921	6,524,557
Supporting activities:		
General and Administrative	297,949	231,245
Fundraising	11,193	30,016
	<u>309,142</u>	<u>261,261</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 7,337,063	\$ 6,785,818



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"...if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."

Isaiah 58:10-11 ESV



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