

## Tanzania's Water Source

Lots of people around the world have a good source of water, and other people don't. For example most people living in Tanzania, Africa, don't have a good source of water plumbed to their house. If people find out about how many people in Tanzania are working hard to get water maybe then they will realize what they are going through and try to help. As a foreign correspondent I would like to tell you about the struggles with the Tanzanian water source, and that they need help.

If people in Tanzania don't have plumbing, they use water wells to get the water they need. If the world realizes what these people are going through they will think about how they aren't working like the people in Tanzania are. Women and children often spend over two hours carrying water from place to place. Thinking about this I wonder, do these people like living their lives like this? Or do they suffer waiting for a better life? If they like their lives we should leave them to their happy lives, but if not maybe we should all try and help them. These people are just like you only much poorer and doing lots of work. Philippe Dongier, World Bank country director for Tanzania says, "The problem of providing water around the world hasn't been cracked." This means that people are trying to solve the problem.

If I went to Tanzania to research their water problem, I would go to a village in Tanzania and interview people to see their perspective of the idea. Maybe they would want to change the problem to make it better or maybe they would want to keep it the same. Hawa Jacob, who lives in Masagali, a Tanzanian town says, "I cannot wash our clothes, I cannot cook anytime I want because I must spend time going to the well." This woman from Masagali sounds like she wants to change the problem.

Here is an example of what some of the children go through in the villages. Adila, a small Tanzanian girl walks with a bright yellow bucket atop her head. She is returning home from a 2 mile walk to the local water well .Benjamin is a bit younger than Adila, he is living in a poor village in Tanzania and is about to have his seventh birthday. Adila has to carry the water home before returning to class today. She filled a 20 liter bucket and is carrying it all the way back home. She walks past the place where her classmates sit and learn, like nearly every day she will be missing her afternoon class .This is the case for most young girls. Benjamin is not in school now and is working at home, sweeping the floors and doing other chores. This is the case for some young boys. I would want to meet these children and see their perspective of the world.

I want to tell the story of these people to those who don't already know it. They work hard every day to get water, to cook, to wash clothes. I challenge every one else to think about others sometimes because they are all probably working harder than you. I want to find a better way so everyone can get a good source of water. So let's think about Tanzania. Or maybe even the world.

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