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Since the Swari water project was implemented it has operated successfully with few problems. Not long after the system started operating an issue with the piping was discovered; the piping that was used was struggling to transport the large quantities of water that were being pumped through certain areas of the pipeline. This was due to several reasons, including the strength of the solar panels and the gradient of the trench. A more durable wider piping was soon transported to Swari and fixed into the system, solving the issue and allowing the system to work more effectively.



Apart from this problem, the system has worked successfully and has pumped clean drinking water throughout the recurrent droughts without having to excavate the well further.

Swari as a village has developed hugely with access to water; the Kenya Government is investing funds into schooling and health services, which is having a dramatic impact on the community. As in Latakwen, the population of Swari is growing as people want the safety that the infrastructure of these villages can bring. The nomadic population is still far greater in these areas yet they can still benefit from these facilities as and when they need.

Currently in construction in Swari is a new health clinic funded by the government. This clinic would not have gone ahead without the implementation of the Voss Foundation/Milgis Trust water project. By overseas and local organisations investing time and money into these remote areas, it attracts attention, helping the government and other organisations to see that there are desperate communities in the northern frontier that need support.