WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

NDINDA AND NGOYIYA

2012 Water Project in Swaziland
Voss Foundation projects primarily involve a combination of well-digging and -creation or -rehabilitation, pumping, and piping. Secondary water-related aspects are based on local requests and range from bringing clean water to schools and infirmaries, to agriculture and irrigation, to micro-finance and education based on new resources, time, or money made available by the presence and proximity of clean water. We incorporate both environmental consideration and the lasting success of the projects into villages’ requirements to create a comprehensive project that meets diverse water needs.

Founded by VOSS of Norway ASA as an independent 501(c)(3) public charity in 2008, the Voss Foundation has offices in New York and Oslo.

Since our inception in 2008, Voss Foundation has helped to build 38 water access points and 10 sanitation facilities in 5 countries, changing the lives of over 100,000 people. Voss Foundation is pleased to announce this as our first clean water project in Swaziland, joining our other efforts in Kenya, Mali, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Liberia.
FUNDING SOURCE

Women Helping Women is an international program of Voss Foundation wherein a group of women join forces to commit to improving the lives of mothers and children across the globe. A worldwide network of women’s grassroots action, the campaign raises funds to help Voss Foundation build water projects in Sub-Saharan Africa.

With access to clean water, an entire region gains immediate health benefits. But women’s lives often improve the most, since searching for clean water prevents women from going to school and earning an income; girls are often taken out of school at a young age to help their mothers carry water, or drop out when they reach puberty because schools lack hygiene and sanitation facilities. With a new clean water system built by Voss Foundation, women find hours of new time to devote to their families, to education, to income-generating activities, and to their communities.

Women Helping Women exemplifies the strength of women to change the world. Every single donation is like a drop of water – as each woman contributes her share to form an entire water system for a village, so do individual drops of water come together to quench the thirst of thousands. Every droplet, every contribution, every woman is necessary for the whole.
PARTNERS

Gone Rural boMake (GRb) is a non-profit founded in 2006 by Gone Rural, an organization whose goal is to generate sustainable income for women in rural areas across Swaziland. GRb assists women and communities through projects that promote education, health and female empowerment.

Nest is a non-profit dedicated to collaborating with artisans in the developing world. Founded in 2006, Nest connects artisanal workshops with the global market.

Rosecraft is an artisan workshop that specializes in fair trade carpets, rugs, shawls and jerseys made from mohair, cotton, wool and silk. Founded in 1974 by Rose Roques, Rosecraft provides employment for 48 Swazi women in the local area.
Swaziland is a small, land-locked country surrounded by South Africa to the north, west and southeast and Mozambique to the east. The country is divided into four agro-ecological zones, namely the Highveld, Middleveld, Lowveld, and Lubombo plateau.

In rural areas, 69% of the population lives in extreme poverty (surviving on less than US $1 a day). Poverty in rural areas is characterized by widespread food insecurity caused by water scarcity. Erratic rainfall, frequent droughts and consequent reduced crop production have exacerbated hunger and increased levels of vulnerability on a national scale. The Swaziland National Demographic Survey (NDS) conducted by the Ministry Of Health in 2007 also found that 57% of the population lacks improved sanitation facilities.

The lack of a consistent supply of water, coupled with poor sanitation, are two of the major factors that inhibit health, development, food security, and women’s empowerment in Swaziland, propagating the cycle of poverty.
The proposed project area is located in the communities of Ndinda and Ngoyiya in the Lower Middleveld, an area characterized by low annual rainfall of average 700 mm.

Annah Sihlongonyane, Artisan at Rosecraft

“We [are] having a big challenge in access to safe drinking water, as there are few available springs, the water is so limited that we have to wait for hours for the water to collect at the source.”
THE PROJECT

Through this project, Voss Foundation aims to sustainably enhance access to clean water and sanitation facilities for the benefit of approximately 6300 people (626 homesteads), including several women’s artisan groups, in the Middleveld of Swaziland. The project consists of drilling five wells with hand pumps, and constructing 30 pit latrines in the communities of Ndinda and Ngoyiya.

The project also builds capacity through the establishment and training of water committees, so that project inputs will be maintained and outcomes sustained past the life of the project. The villagers of Ndinda and Ngoyiya communities will be trained in proper usage, management and maintenance, to engender lasting effects on the health and development of individuals and the communities.

The benefits of this project include:
- Increased access to safe water
- Improved sanitation and hygiene facilities
- Better linkages between communities and service providers to create sustainability
- Greater understanding of gender issues and empowering women in society
- Increased time dedicated to income-generating activities as a result of less time spent collecting water
- Water available for other purposes, such as vegetable gardening
## THE BUDGET

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BUDGET NOTES

1. The currency exchange rate is E 8/USD 1
2. The 10% admin and contingencies is calculated on the funds required only and not on the community and government contributions.
3. The community will mostly donate in labor. However, the costs of other materials they might purchase were calculated as part of their contribution as well.
4. Some materials will be provided by The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Natural Resources.
5. The hand pumps are donated by UNICEF and RWSB.
6. The project officer’s work is calculated as a monthly salary as he is hired for the duration of this project.
7. The contribution to the GRb PD and RC officer is calculated as % of salary.
8. The monitoring and evaluation costs are mainly the reporting, as transport is available during the project phases.
9. As the survey and the drilling are estimated figures, the 2nd installment should be paid after the drilling of the boreholes. The project team will adjust the budget and submit the required funds accordingly.
10. Voss Foundation will be the sole financing agent for the proposed project.
11. GRb independently identifies Voss Foundation’s commitment from those of other concurrent projects and programs.
Jessica Chrastil

Nest

“What impressed me the most visiting Swaziland was how these organizations [Rosecraft, Gone Rural, etc.] are such incredible support networks, not just within themselves, but for each other. All the businesses I met with support and engage with all the other artisan businesses in the area, using each others’ products as inspiration, sharing networks, markets, knowledge, etc. I would also say that the word ‘business’ does not do them justice—each individual woman is a phenomenal artist—maintaining traditions and creating rare and beautiful crafts.

The groups themselves are platforms for community involvement and social change, providing an incredible variety of services for employees and families—English language classes, health and HIV/AIDS training, childcare facilities, school fees, self-made banks and loan options, etc. Everyone is taken care of and takes care of each other—and, at the same time, everyone can feel proud of their self-sufficiency and personal success.”
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