

2018 IMPACT REPORT

# Since 2006 the Gazelle Foundation has been working with thousands of Burundians. Every day. Transforming Lives. Building Community. Bringing Hope.

Through clean water systems, the Gazelle Foundation is solving a crisis and saving lives. You and thousands of supporters have dramatically improved the everyday lives of people in Burundi, through Run for the Water, Spring for the Water, Walk for the Water, Drink for the Water and the work of the Gazelle Foundation. Together we make a difference, we bring health, prosperity and hope to people we will likely never meet. As a community, when we reach out a hand to help people in Burundi and provide access to water, we change lives. We make history.

# **OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS:**

To date, we have built **48** water systems

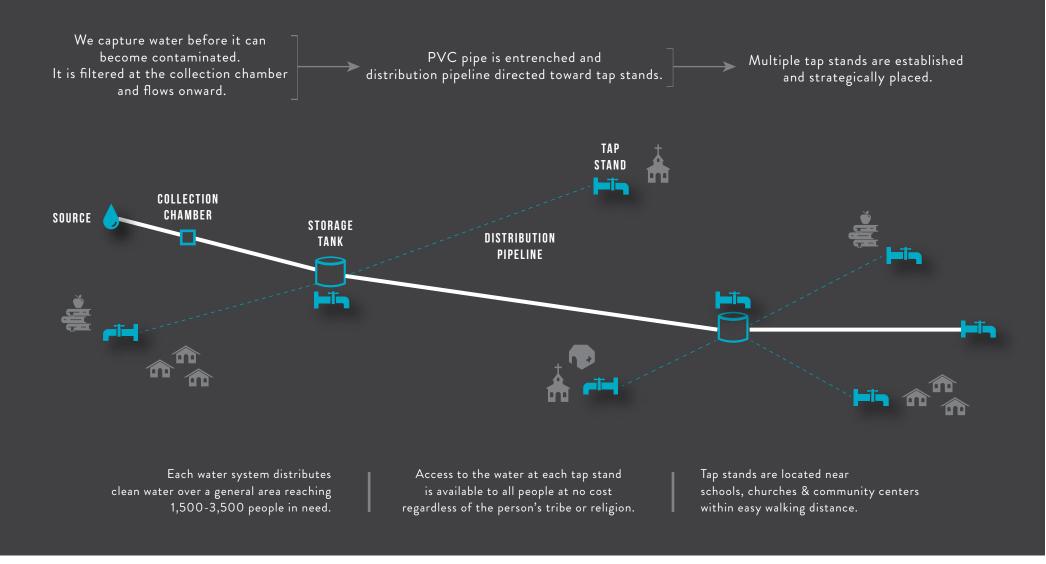
**96,500 people** now have regular access to as much water as they need

Completed
142.6 miles of
hand-trenched
pipeline
(22.7miles in 2018)

Created
4,200 local
jobs

Provided clean water to **26** schools, numerous churches, and health clinics

# WE BUILD WATER SYSTEMS THAT TRANSFORM LIVES



To launch construction of a water project, we utilize local villagers to perform all labor required for the water system. We continuously receive updates, review milestones and conduct inspections throughout the process for accountability and to ensure that metrics for the project's success are being met. At the end of each project, we entrust the entire water system to the local community, giving them true ownership and stewardship of the water system.

In January 2018, our board of directors approved nine water projects, impacting 18,250 people in Burundi. Clean water is now a reality for nearby villages and time once spent fetching water has become time spent taking care of family, building community and attending school.

#### Kinyamaganga-Tagara

(The Keller Williams Project)
Total population served: 2,200
Distance in kilometers: 5
Began: January 18, 2018
Completed April 23, 2018

#### Nyabihuna-Muheka

Total population served: 1,850 Distance in kilometers: 4.9 Began: January 18, 2018 Completed: April 23, 2018

#### Manyoni extension

Population served: 820 Distance in kilometers: 1.5 Began: January 18, 2018 Completed: March 18, 2018

#### **Bumba-Kanyinya**

Population served: 750 Distance in kilometers: 1.6 Began: March 18, 2018 Completed: August 21, 2018

#### Kiziba-Rukoma

Population served: 1,300 Distance in kilometers: 3.2 Began: March 18, 2018 Completed: August 21, 2018

#### Taba-Henyera

Population served: 1,750 Distance in kilometers: 4.1 Began: March 18, 2018 Completed: August 21, 2018

#### Gahanda-Rwego

(Includes tap serving Emmanuel Church)
Population served: 2,750
Distance in kilometers: 10
Began: September 18, 2018
Completed: December 28, 2018

#### Kidasha-Kayange

Population served: 1,200 Distance in kilometers:3 Began: September 18, 2018 Completed December 28, 2018

#### **Ngabwe-Gikuyo extension**

(Includes tap at Rutundwe College & a church)

Population served: 2,100 Distance in kilometers: 3.2 Began: September 18, 2018 Completed December 28, 2018



The Gazelle Foundation Spring for the Water is our annual social and fundraising event. Planned by a volunteer committee, the evening celebrates and supports our mission to bring clean water to the people of Burundi, one village at a time. In 2018, 200 guests enjoyed live music, a live auction with matching \$25,000 gift, wine pull, on-site painting project created by students from St. Andrews High School, a short film where Burundians expressed why they need our help, brief remarks and the introduction of new executive director, Courtney Waldren. Our committee members, sponsors, and supporters made the event a complete success.

The 2018 Spring for The Water goal of fully funding two complete water projects was met.

Work will begin in January 2019.



# LOCAL FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

# **AMPLIFY AUSTIN**

Gilbert Tuhabonye ran 30 hill repeats on Wilke Drive to celebrate life and to inspire others to live with joy to kick off The Gazelle Foundation's Amplify Austin campaign. Both events raised almost \$24,000. Thanks to your generosity, a fundraising record was achieved and The Gazelle Foundation won the \$1,000 bonus award for most donations between the 5-6 AM hour, boosting the grand total earnings to **\$25,000**.

## DRINK FOR THE WATER

Special happy hours were held this year where a portion of the evenings' proceeds were donated to the Foundation. School House Pub (June) and Lenoir Restaurant (September) hosted the events. 60 guests attended each evening. The events were open to the general public and were successful at building awareness for our work. Combined earnings totaled nearly \$1,200.

# WALK FOR THE WATER

Not only is the Gazelle Foundation helping families and people in Burundi gain access to clean water, but in Central Texas, we are instilling the importance of volunteering and helping others. Students create personal fundraising goals or compete with fellow classmates to raise money and build awareness for the Gazelle Foundation. The culmination of this experience is our "Walk for the Water" event where the students walk the distance traveled by many Burundians to fetch water from a nearby water source. Austin High School and Hill Country Middle School conducted variations of the programs, raising a combined total of \$17,252.

### HOMEGROWN FUNDRAISING

The Liberal Arts and Science Academy PAL® group created a fundraiser during a talent show at their school that helped to raise over \$1,400 for people in Burundi.



In November, more than 3,600 runners registered for 12th annual Run For The Water.

Overall, either by running, donating funds or volunteering, the event raised enough money to help at least 6,400 people get access to clean water in Burundi.

Life in Austin was inconvenient this fall, with the city requiring everyone to boil tap water before use. Restaurant workers, teachers, business owners and citizens of all backgrounds had to strategize about their water use and find workarounds, all just to get access to water. The week also drove home how much we take for granted daily access to clean, healthful water.



To honor the 25th anniversary of Gilbert escaping genocide in Burundi, people walked with him from Auditorium shores to the Capitol to celebrate his legacy of joy, which has shaped the Gazelle Foundation into the philanthropic entity that has touched many of us and has changed the lives of thousands in Burundi.

Gilbert is our link to Burundi, and a remarkable survivor and advocate for joy and helping others. He is the instant connection to Burundi, but as we know the country itself presents an immediate need for clean water accessibility.

We have impacted so many people. It takes real faith to help someone you may never meet. A leap of faith, to give to someone halfway around the world. But think what that means to the person on the other side of the world. For the children, to know that people are putting their faith in them, by making such an investment in their future. For the people of Burundi, water is life. Together, we can continue to transform the lives of people in Burundi. We look forward to updating you on our progress through clean water systems.

# HOW CLEAN WATER TRANSFORMS LIVES

The average distance walked per day prior to the completion of our water system was 6802 meters compared to 403 meters after the water system. Because of the implementation of a water system, 6,399 meters are saved per day for a typical family in Burundi.

Economic stimulation: Local economies have seen an increase in overall stimulation due to the labor income in addition to some materials being sourced from the local population. Local workers report using their earnings on clothing, food, shoes and sending their children to school. Certain areas also report a higher yield in crops and better livestock health due to women being able to focus on tending crops & livestock instead of fetching water.

Eradication of waterborne illnesses: Local health officials report a significant decrease in bacterial diseases caused by unclean water. The care offered at local health clinics has improved dramatically due to the availability of clean water. Improved hygiene is cited as a reason for a decrease in bacterial infections as well. At the completion of a water system, the benefiting population is taught how to wash their hands before and after meals as well as after using the latrine.

Ancillary Impact: Villages and communities have been able to construct better homes because they can use nearby water to make bricks rather than having to purchase them. Additional water use includes washing clothes, cooking, watering crops and livestock.

