



GAZELLE
FOUNDATION

**Clean water
transforms lives.**

Burundi's Water Crisis

Most people in Burundi live in rural, mountainous regions where access to clean water is extremely limited. Waterborne illnesses are the leading cause of death, and Burundi has the 12th highest child mortality rate in the world. Over 3 million Burundians will require humanitarian aid this year, and by many measures, Burundi is among the poorest countries in the world. Due to certain governmental regulations, Burundi is a difficult country for charities and NGOs to work in, meaning that many needs go unmet.

The Gazelle Foundation's unique connection to Burundi through our founder, Gilbert Tuhabonye, and our strong relationships with on-the-ground partners, mean that we can effect change in a place where many others cannot. Our focus on Burundi means that it is easier to track the long-term impact of our water systems, developing not only a record of success but a reputation locally as a committed partner.

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Waterborne contaminants are the leading cause of death in Burundi.



Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the people in Burundi, Africa by providing access to clean water.

Our Vision

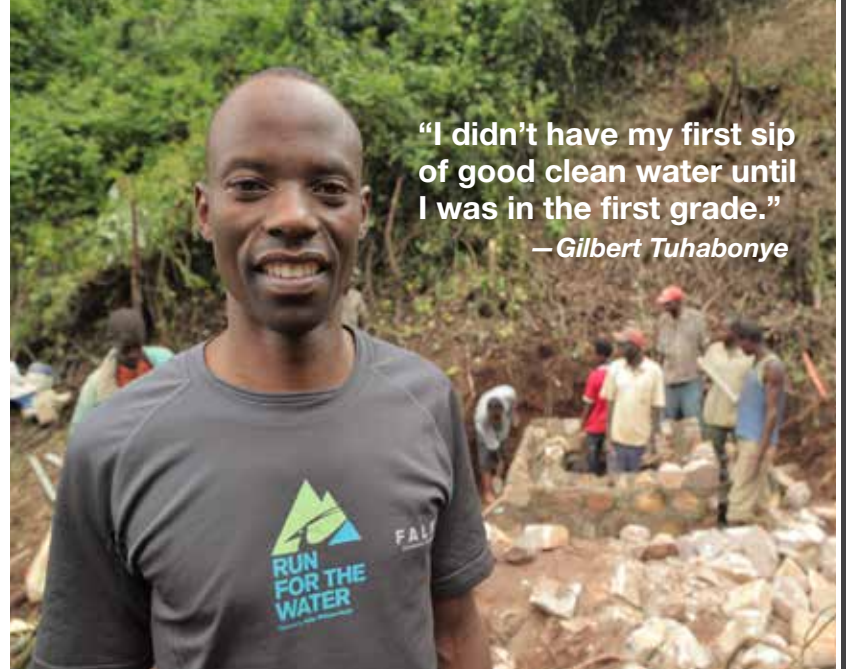
Our vision is for every man, woman, and child in Burundi to have clean water, the highest quality of life, and hope within reach.

Our Story

Gilbert Tuhabonye has embraced a life of joy and forgiveness. For Gilbert, the burn scars on his body remain a daily reminder of surviving the horrific Rwanda/Burundi genocide in 1993. For the people who know him, Gilbert embodies the power of optimism and perseverance.

We built our purpose as a Foundation in the Gilbert's footsteps. We believe that regardless of circumstances or obstacles, anyone can make the world a better, more compassionate place. Since 2006, the Gazelle Foundation has brought clean water and transformative change to Burundi, one village at a time. Due to our unique structure and in-country partners, our cost to build water systems is lower than average, and working in a single, small country means it is easy to track the long-term impact. To date, over 100,000 people have daily access to clean water because of the Gazelle Foundation.

Gilbert, our dynamic board of directors, and hundreds of volunteers work tirelessly to bring awareness to the needs of the Burundian people while educating our local community about the importance of the global water crisis and the need for humanitarian aid in Burundi. The Gazelle Foundation is a certified 501(c)3.



“I didn’t have my first sip of good clean water until I was in the first grade.”
— *Gilbert Tuhabonye*



Program Strategy and Operational Model

We build efficient, effective water systems. Our streamlined approach maximizes efforts and resources to provide tangible, long-term results that directly affect the people of Burundi.

Each water system we build:

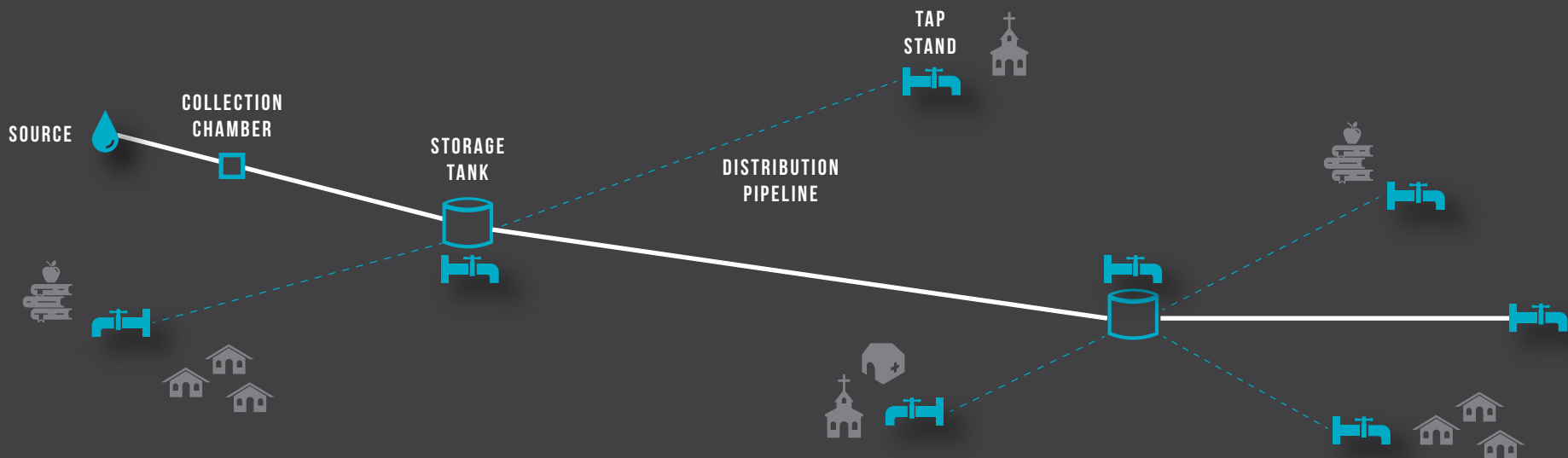
- Improves health
- Builds community
- Increases school attendance
- Breaks the poverty cycle
- Stimulates the local economy
- Transforms lives forever

How Our Systems Work:

We capture water before it can become contaminated. It is filtered at the collection chamber and flows onward.

PVC pipe is entrenched and distribution pipeline directed toward tap stands.

Multiple tap stands are established and strategically placed.



Each water system distributes clean water over a general area reaching 1,500-3,500 people in need.

Access to the water at each tap stand is available to all people at no cost regardless of the person's tribe or religion.

Tap stands are located near schools, churches & community centers within easy walking distance.

In 2019 we funded and built **6 WATER PROJECTS** that will bring daily clean water to **13,350** new people in **Burundi Africa.**

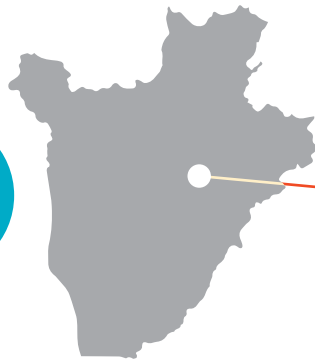
The Gazelle Foundation:

- Provides jobs in a country with one of the highest unemployment rates in the world
- Helps eliminate deadly waterborne illnesses
- Allows children to attend school on a regular basis
- Creates shorter, safer, waking distances for women and children fetching water
- Gives hope to a country mostly forgotten by the world



Gahanda-Rwego

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Distance in kilometers: 10

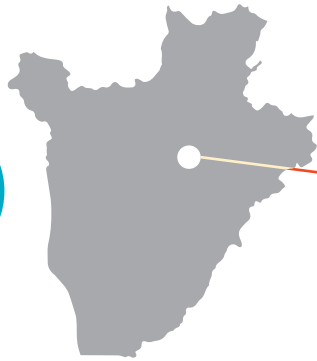
Total population served: 2,750

Mwebeya Pentecost Church
200 people each Sunday



Kidasha-Kayange

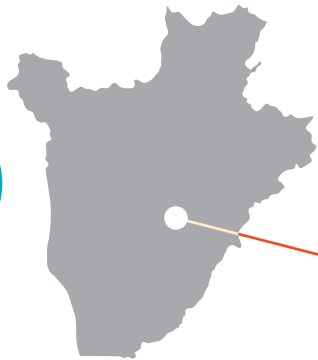
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Distance in kilometers: 3
Total population served: 1,200

Ngabwe-Gikuyo extension

3



Distance in kilometers: 3.2
Total population served: 2,100

Nyakigongwe primary:
322 students 13 teachers
Nyakigongwe secondary:
463 students and 14 teachers
Nyakigongwe Pentecost Church:
350 people each Sunday
Gikuyo Catholic Church:
300 people each Sunday



Ndago-Murambi Muyange

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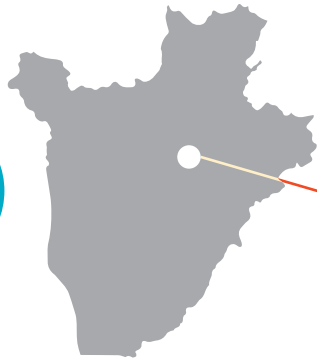


Distance in kilometers: 5.8
Total population served: 2,200

Ndago Pentecost Church:
120 each Sunday

Kinyinya-Nygihotora

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Distance in kilometers: 9.32
Total population served: 3,000

Nyagihotora primary:
414 students & teachers
Kinyinya primary:
476 students & teachers
Nyagihotora Pentecost Church:
350 people each Sunday

Bitoke-Kiriza

6



Distance in kilometers: 10.2

Total population served: 2,100

Kiriza Anglican Church
Kiriza primary students:
668 students & teachers
Kiriza College:
156 students & teachers



Outcomes



Reduced time and effort obtaining water: Upon completion of a Gazelle Foundation water system, the average distance walked per day to obtain water dropped from 6,802 meters to 403 meters (that's shorter by nearly 6,400 meters, or nearly 4 miles...per day)



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 construction workers report using their earnings on clothing, food, shoes and sending their children to school.



Eradication of waterborne illnesses: Local health officials report a significant decrease in bacterial diseases caused by unclean water. In one community, a clinic doctor reported the prevalence of water-borne illnesses decreased from 76% down to 11% with the creation of a Gazelle Foundation water project. The same doctor estimates that the availability of clean water saves the lives of three children per month in that clinic alone. 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.



Improved school attendance: Healthy children spend more time attending school, which improves their life-long learning potential. Families who aren't constantly caring for sick children have more time for consistent work and trade development, which can begin to reverse the cycle of poverty endemic to these regions of rural Burundi.

2019 Programs

Through clean water systems, the Gazelle Foundation is solving a crisis and saving lives. 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 home-grown fundraising efforts. Together we make a difference, bringing 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.

Run for the Water

The 2019 Run for the Water 10-Mile, 5K and Kid's K provided funding for clean water for 5,400 people. Since 2006, each of the over 38,000 runners have helped us provide daily access to clean water for an equal number of Burundians. The Gazelle Foundation's signature race sold out for the first time ever.

In addition to the overall success of the race, we launched several new race programs:

Run for the Water Ambassadors

This year an amazing team of people helped others learn about the race and our mission by becoming Run for the Water Ambassadors. They made a direct impact by recruiting more runners and sponsors for the race, and most of all, by creating awareness for the urgent need of clean water in Burundi. We thank this year's Ambassadors for their dedication.



Walk to the Capitol

To honor the 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.

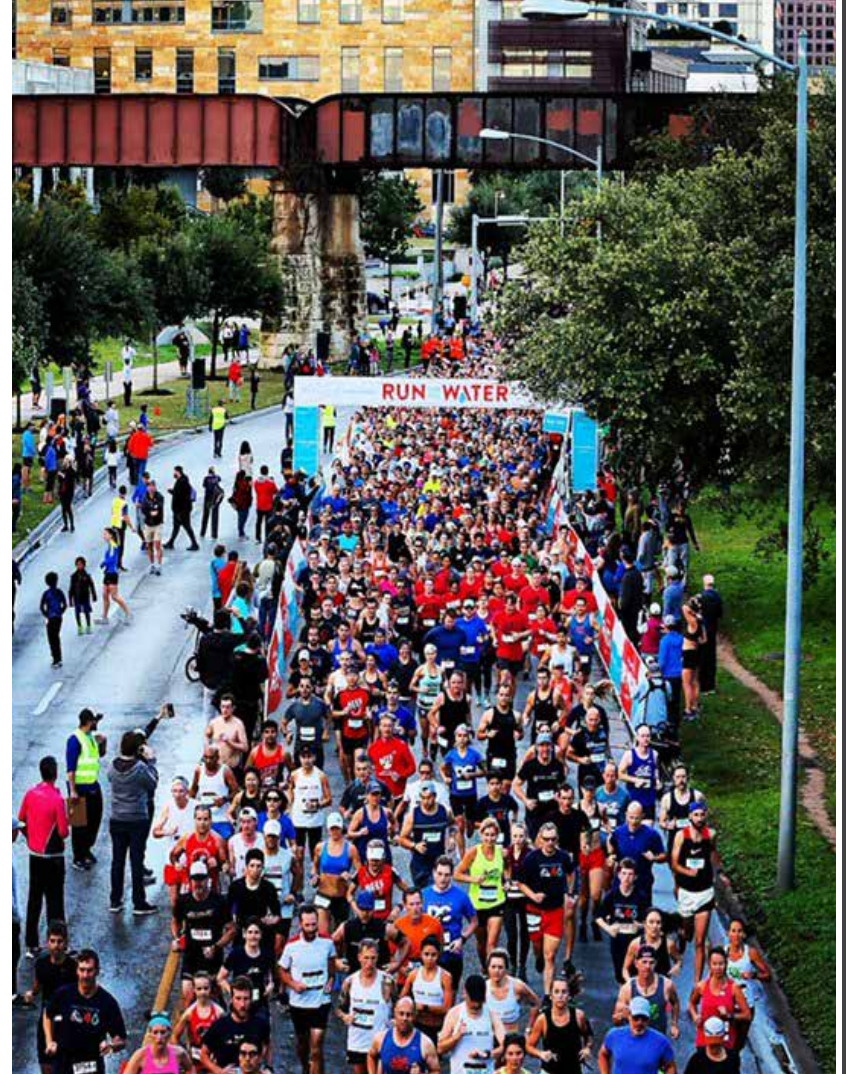


School Team Challenge

To encourage participation and foster community, the Gazelle Foundation established team challenges at this year's Run for the Water event. These challenges were open to any group or school. Prizes were given to: ***Fastest Team, Largest Team, Best Water Themed Team Name, Largest Team Fundraisers, and Largest School Team.***

Walk For The Water Teams

The average Burundian walks three miles for clean water. To simulate the daily journey of many Burundians, three teams were invited to walk the Run for the Water race's 5K route carrying water jugs similar to the ones used by families in Burundi, weighing 30 to 50 pounds. Gazelle Foundation founder Gilbert Tuhabonye tells the story often: As a boy growing up in Burundi, he walked 3 miles at least once every day to fill a plastic jug at a river with drinking water for his family. So did his neighbors, classmates, and friends. All that walking and hauling took its toll: exhausted kids at school, disease spread by people drinking unsanitary water, and time that could have been spent more productively was consumed by filling and carrying jugs. A Gazelle Foundation water system reduces the distance to clean, safe water from 3 miles to just over 400 meters, or one lap around a track.



Spring for the Water

Attendees showed their gratitude for life and clean water by turning out in force for the 2019 Spring for the Water annual fundraising gala event. Supporters raised enough to fully fund two water systems. Chikage Windler, Chief Meteorologist, CBS Austin emceed the evening. And we announced an official proclamation signed by Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhard, making April 30, 2019 Spring for the Water day.

Peter Rauch World Changer Award

DK, Mike, and Kley Reynolds accepted the first annual Peter Rauch World Changer award at the event. DK and Mike Reynolds have embraced and supported the Gazelle Foundation since its initiation. They joined Peter and Susan Rauch in providing the initial funding allowing the foundation to incorporate, open a bank account, file for 501(c)3 status and become a living, breathing entity. Through their family foundation, DK, Mike and Kley Reynolds have continued to support the Foundation, greatly enhancing our ability to enlighten people in central Texas to our cause and especially educate young people about the importance of clean water, healthy lifestyles, and philanthropy.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to DK, Mike, and Kley Reynolds and their family, who have helped change countless lives in Burundi and beyond.



AMAZI For Burundi

In the Kirundi language, spoken widely among Burundians, amazi means water. “Water is Life” is a common phrase spoken to communicate the importance of clean water.

AMAZI for Burundi is our monthly giving program. When donors commit to recurring monthly donations at any level, they become sustaining members. The program was launched in 2018, and in 2019 we tripled the number of monthly donors over the previous year. We look forward to continuing to build support for this program in 2020.

Becoming a sustaining member is the easiest way to support Gilbert’s message and to ensure the Gazelle Foundation’s ongoing growth and steady investment in bringing clean water to the people who need it most.



Homegrown Fundraising Efforts

Thousands of supporters have dramatically improved the everyday lives of people in Burundi. Here are a few highlights from 2019, showcasing the passion and creativity of individuals making an outsized difference reaching out a hand to help the people who need it most.

25 Years of Gratitude Challenge Run / Amplify Austin

Each year Gilbert Tuhabonye constructs a special challenge to kick-off Amplify Austin, Austin's annual day of giving. This year was no different. To mark his 25th anniversary surviving genocide, and to inspire others to live with joy Gilbert set out to run 25 hill repeats on Wilke Drive, one of Austin's steepest hills. About 120 people came to cheer, run, or support him through a donation. If you've read his book, heard him speak, or met him, you know that Gilbert is a living inspiration. He ran 25 repeats with joy. \$10,000 was raised.



Go The Spoils / The Loop Running Co.

Go The Spoils, a co-ed team of six from The Loop Running Co., was invited to participate in The Speed Project, a relay competition to run 340 miles across the desert from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. Not only did these civilian superstars race through rugged and challenging terrain, they motivated people around them - including the rental car agency in Las Vegas! - to donate to the cause. They raised enough to give nearly 80 people daily access to clean water.

*“Although honored to compete with run crews around the world, we knew a Vegas pool party wouldn't be enough to endure the distance through the desert. The *pull* simply had to be bigger than that. Giving clean water was the pull. We ran and ran and ran some more. Our team of 6 finished in 38 hours and 32 minutes and 4th place. The three teams that finished before us were backed by global running brands. We were the first and only team out there representing a local running store and to give water to people in Burundi” - Go The Spoils Team*

Skye & Alice, Besties with Big Hearts and Big Goals

Skye and Alice, both 7 years old, were on a mission to give kids like them clean water. Their original goal was met 10 minutes after they started their fundraising campaign. So with a bigger goal to fund an entire classroom, they sold lemonade and cookies and took to social media to explain why kids need clean water, and what inspired them make a difference. The two friends ultimately raised enough to fund two classrooms. And they also inspired their brownie troop to start their own fundraising campaign.



Kim and Bernd Gratitude Challenge

During their training for the Paris marathon, runners Kim and Bernd found a new way to focus on being joyful and grateful – they counted every mile they ran in training and on race day and committed to donating \$1 per mile to charity. The charity of choice was the Gazelle Foundation.

“At the end of the marathon, we had each run 549 miles – so, together, we had run enough miles to provide clean water for two classrooms at a local school. As a result of our training, we were able to help bring clean water to Burundi, helping to eliminate waterborne illnesses so children remain healthy, hydrated and in school. That’s a pretty amazing impact, and one that we are grateful to be able to support.” — Kim and Bernd

Drink For The Water

Several social gatherings were held this year where a portion of the evenings' proceeds were donated to the Foundation. Lenoir Restaurant (May) and School House Pub (October) hosted for the second year in a row. The events were open to the general public and were successful at building awareness for our work.



Peter Rauch World Changer Award Fundraising Campaign

The Peter Rauch World Changer award was established in 2019 to commemorate humanitarian efforts that exemplify optimism and perseverance and have helped the Gazelle Foundation provide the transformational power of clean water. A group who have experienced Peter's generosity and kindness first-hand did the extraordinary. In secret, they fundraised to sponsor an entire water project in honor of Peter Rauch. The group presented the tribute to Pete and his wife Susan at Spring For The Water.



EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS

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.

Academy of Global Studies - Walk For The Water

The Global Studies Academy at Austin High School participates in the Gazelle Foundation Walk For The Water program as part of their curriculum. The program has been shepherded by Devon Steiner, freshman biology teacher, who has been to Africa and knows first-hand the challenges of water scarcity. She also knows the power the simulation has on her students in Austin who struggle carrying the jugs the three-mile distance on the crushed granite mostly-flat path. Around 600 freshmen have participated and raised a combined total of nearly \$30,000 to help build clean water systems in Burundi. The funds raised by AGS students equate to about 980 people in Burundi getting daily access to clean water.



National Junior Honor Society - St. Theresa's Catholic School

The hardworking National Junior Honor Society students at St. Theresa's Catholic School in Austin, Texas, raised over \$4,500 for clean water. The school, whose mission is to develop all students to their full potential by educating them in a Catholic and academically excellent environment, preparing them to share God's love through a life of faith and service, chose the Gazelle Foundation for their service project for the 2018-19 academic year.

The NJHS members participated in bake sales and spirit days to raise money and fund clean water projects. Paula McCaul, former St. Theresa's staff member and parent to three school alumni, is a current Gazelle Foundation Board Member, attended the end-of-year assembly to thank the students and celebrate their efforts. Partnerships like the one with St. Theresa's Catholic School help children gain a deeper understanding of water scarcity, consumption, and their ability to be engaged, global citizens.

"I loved seeing the children using their voices and hearts to improve the lives of families around the world. I am inspired by them and I can't wait to see who they become." - Paula McCaul



Cumulative Impact

Since the inception of the Gazelle Foundation, we have:

- Funded and built 53 water system projects
- Provided 106,100 people with daily access to clean water
- Invested \$2,113,582 in Burundi directly in building water projects
- Installed 163 km of hand-trenched pipeline
- Created 4,400 jobs
- Provided clean water to 43 schools and churches
- Made clean water available for free to all local people, regardless of tribe or religion



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