



# BELWOP WATER PROJECT

## HELP PROVIDE ACCESS TO CLEAN, SAFE AND RELIABLE WATER FOR THE BELWOP RESCUE CENTRE IN NYERI COUNTY, KENYA

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** | Extreme Response partner BELWOP began in 2005 with one woman's desire to give hope to abused, neglected, abandoned and orphaned children. This woman, Veronica Mumbi, chose the name BELWOP from the phrase "Better Life WithOut Papers". Most of the 32 current children and dozens of "graduates" didn't have any formal identification – no birth certificate, records or in some cases, even names. Veronica wanted to provide them with an identity, a home, an education and a loving parent and family. She provides them with an environment for personal growth and equal rights.

In 2016, Veronica inherited a large piece of land in rural Nyeri County, Kenya, about 30 minutes from the former BELWOP location. She relocated the children there in early 2017. The new property has plenty of room for expansion and a viable source of electricity nearby. It also has rich soil for growing crops. However, it lacks a consistent water source.

**OUR NEED** | Water is our most basic and vital need in life. Currently, water is delivered twice a week from a local company and rationed. There are no other economical options for water delivery. The water is stored in large tanks on the property and is hauled by buckets to the kitchen, garden and bathing areas because the system suffers from very low water pressure. There are no shower facilities at this time and only two outdoor latrines for the children, staff and all visitors/guests to use.

**OUR NEED** | The large school building on the property is equipped with make-shift gutters that collect rain water in barrels placed around the building. A rain harvesting system would greatly improve the water situation at BELWOP. Rain would collect in gutters, channel into downspouts and then flow into an underground tank. Water would then be pumped to the kitchen for cooking, the dormitories for washing and bathing, the laundry area, the vegetable garden and the livestock area.

**COST** | \$14,000 (USD) will cover labor and materials to provide BELWOP with a consistent water supply.

**OUTCOME** | Availability of fresh, consistent water will produce the following benefits:

- Better hygiene and hydration for BELWOP kids and staff, including the opportunity for flushable toilets, shower facilities, basins for washing and readily available drinking water.
- Water for food prep, cooking and cleaning dishes/utensils in a more hygienic manner.
- The ability to regularly wash clothes and linens to reduce cases of lice, scabies and other skin issues.
- Water for the garden would allow the children's home to grow vegetables year-round and reduce food costs. Surplus crops could be sold to offset other costs.
- Water for additional goats and other livestock would help reduce grocery costs.

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REQUIRES AT LEAST  
**20 LITERS/DAY**  
OF CLEAN, SAFE WATER FOR  
DRINKING, COOKING AND  
BASIC HYGIENE.

**115 PEOPLE**  
IN AFRICA DIE EVERY HOUR FROM  
DISEASES LINKED TO POOR  
SANITATION, POOR HYGIENE AND  
CONTAMINATED WATER.\*

MORE THAN  
**16.4 MILLION**  
KENYANS LACK ACCESS TO  
SAFE WATER.\*\*

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