

ENHANCING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER IN WESTERN PROVINCE – KENYA

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011.

Introduction:

In the month of February 2011, Concerns for the Girl Child Society continued with activities as planned. More focus was getting permits from the ministry of water and irrigation for drilling boreholes and drilling of boreholes and digging shallow wells.

Permits:

Applications for permits was through and payments done. Kshs. 25,000/= was paid for the permits for 2 schools. However, permits take at least 3 months to be issued. We were allowed to go ahead and drill after the payment.

Drilling:

Drilling was done at Nabuganda and Malanga schools. The work in Nabuganda was completed. The water was drawn and taken to the laboratory for testing as required by the government to test its purity.

The Malanga borehole to be completed in the second/third week of March. The delay was due to delay in getting the required documents for the permit. The drillers also delayed in starting the work due to their busy schedules.

Shallow well:

The work on a shallow well at Sirisia Mall started. The work is scheduled to be completed in March.

Namwesi ACK Primary school:

The survey was not done yet. This was because of the tight work schedule the geologist had. This will be done in March.

Challenges:

- The contractors do not keep the work schedules as planned. One has to keep on following up on them. This is because of the number of contracts they take at ago.
- The budget for the boreholes was low so getting drillers was quite a challenge. The prevailing market rate is high.

Next steps:

- Drilling of boreholes to continue and survey.
- Choose on a fifth school that can possibly have a shallow well and start community sensitization process.

Note: Photos were taken but the camera got lost on my way back to Mombasa. New photos to be taken on the work done during the month when I go back to the project sites.