

## IRFF UK: Water Crisis in Uganda - Hard Rock, Heavy Rain

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### Busabala School Gets a Borehole

We were the **victims of our own success**. Busabala Primary School in Uganda was running out of water. And we were the reason.

For years, the state-run school struggled. High dropout rates, early pregnancies, and poor menstrual health held back its 500 pupils, most of them girls.

So we asked, **“How can we help?”**

They gave us a shortlist of needs. Their message was clear: the school could not move forward without support.

**So we at IRFF UK got to work.**

#### **We funded GirlChild and Wait**

educational programmes that provided girls with access to menstrual health education and period products. With growing confidence, attendance soared, attracting more students.



The school's population doubled to around 1,000 pupils.

## The Crisis Hits

But this growth came at **a cost that we had not considered – water scarcity.**

Municipal water was unreliable, shutting off within hours each morning. During the annual dry season, the school's two rainwater tanks ran dry, leaving it dependent on the erratic national supply. In December 2024, the school told us that they were fast running out of water.

**We could not let that happen.**

So IRFF UK stepped up again. Our representative in Uganda, Jesca Nakamanyisa – head teacher at nearby Destiny School – identified experts, and we funded a deep-water well to ensure a continuous supply of clean, fresh water.



## Drilling Through Challenges

Work began in March under tough conditions. Continuous rain at the worksite stalled progress, and the drill hit dense rock – formed by ancient tectonic activity near Lake Victoria.

By May, after breaking through two hard layers, **we struck water 60-65 metres (200 feet) below the surface.** Beneath Uganda's soil, underground aquifers carry pure, safe water. Busabala now has direct access to them.

The borehole project cost £4,400, covering drilling, solar-powered pump installation, and a large storage tank to ensure sustainability and keep operational costs low.

## Impact Beyond Water

Girls now have water for drinking, washing and sanitation. The impact doesn't stop there. Thanks to the GirlChild Uganda programme, seven girls at Busabala Primary School achieved first-place grades in their examinations – a first in the school's history.

## Who Made This Possible?

IRFF UK applauds Imanuel Spiegl from Austria for his professional guidance and £450 donation toward the pump. IRFF UK also directed a small part of a legacy gift towards the project.



We are deeply grateful to donors like you – who stepped up over the years to support these girls, their teachers, and their families.

## Next Steps

Municipal leaders have praised the work. At the time of writing, the Education Officer and Town Clerk are expected to send an official letter of appreciation.

Although the well is now operational, a ceremonial opening will be held in the second term, after pupils return from school holidays. Teachers, students, and community leaders will gather to celebrate the milestone.

## A Changed School

**The headmaster pledges** to improve hygiene, reducing infection risks and ensuring girls have what they need. Additionally, the school can now redirect the £300-£400 it previously spent on municipal water each month to other essential projects.

**Thanks to your support,** Busabala Primary School is now better equipped to welcome the influx of new pupils enrolled since February with another 200 or more expected in 2025. With these improvements, **the school is positioned to thrive for years to come.**

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## A Charity for Africa Breaking The Cycle Of Poverty

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# UK Based Charity for Africa

## Our Charity Is Focused on Period Poverty & Education Support In Africa

IRFF UK is a UK-based charity for Africa operating projects across Africa with a **dual focus on education and addressing period poverty**. We are breaking the cycle of poverty by ensuring access to education for all and **preventing female dropouts through the provision of menstruation products and education**. Through this communities and youth are empowered and Africans are given the best chance for a brighter future.

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Come See What We Do

## What Areas Does Our Charity Support In Africa?

Education

Period Poverty

Emergency Relief

### Menstruation Should Not Be An Obstacle In Life

As a charity for Africa, IRFF UK holds a strong promise to help underprivileged African girls facing challenges, especially period poverty, which makes it hard for them to go to school. We are dedicated to breaking down these barriers by making sure these girls have what they need for their periods. By doing this, we empower these young minds, giving them the chance to stay in school, learn, and break free from the cycle of poverty.

[What is Period Poverty?](#) | [Ending Period Poverty](#)







## A Small Glimpse At The Difference IRFF UK Has Made

### How IRFF UK has helped in Africa so far?

[Destiny Junior School](#)[Jigger Removal](#)[Home For Children](#)

Kampala, Uganda

### Destiny Junior School



**IRFF UK built Destiny Junior School in 2009. The children in the local area have thrived ever since!**

IRFF UK built **Destiny Junior School** in Kampala, Uganda in 2009, and has gone on to see more than 500 students graduates go into further education which otherwise wouldn't have happened. £115,000 has been invested in total, starting from £330 a month and now at £1,150 with 206 students in total

### Why Choose IRFF UK?

## What makes our charity for Africa unique?

What sets IRFF UK apart is our commitment to more than just being intermediaries in fund transfers.

We prioritise a comprehensive approach centred on education and empowerment to uplift individuals from poverty.

Our unique focus is on equipping people with the skills necessary for self-sustainability, fostering independence rather than dependence on Western donations.

We believe in creating lasting change by empowering individuals to build a better future for themselves and their communities.



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*Your efforts in the areas of education, health and sustainability are vital in certain countries and truly appreciated. My family will continue to sponsor a child at Destiny Junior School in Uganda, and will endeavour to support other causes that IRFF UK informs us about.*

Marshall de Souza  
Destiny School Sponsor

*The Women’s Federation for World Peace, South London, has been supporting Destiny Junior School through IRFF-UK for more than 12 years. Our ladies sincerely had been helping to provide a better place for the children of Destiny Junior School in Uganda. We believe Education and health are the most important things for the life of the child.*

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