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SWASH PROJECT REPORT



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Foundation

ABOUT US

Afyaplus is a non-profit and non-business organization registered under the NGO Act dealing with prevention and control of diseases through Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities, Nutrition, and Women's Empowerment. In our country, social, economic facilities and services, such as health, education, water, sanitation, nutrition, hygiene, etc., have not met community needs and demands. The ability of the Government to provide all social and economic facilities and services is limited, especially for the youth, due to a shortage of human resources being among others.



VISION

A responsible community where children grow healthily, and women are empowered, and the community is free from diseases caused by poor hygiene, sanitation, and nutrition.



MISSION

Committed to bring behaviour change and build strong community through prevention and control on Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Nutrition and women empowerment.



OUR AREAS OF INTERVENTIONS

We operate in the Iringa, Pwani and Dodoma regions, specifically within the following councils:

- Iringa District Council
- Kilolo District Council
- Mafinga Town Council
- Mkuranga District Council
- Mbarali District Council
- Dodoma City Council
- Chamwino District Council
- Bahi District Council



OUR IMPACT ON SWASH PROJECT

1406

Total Reach

665

Girls 47.3%

741

boys 52.7%

SWASH FACILITY IMPROVED

Facility Component	Quantity Achieved
Renovated school toilet blocks	1 (with 8 rooms, 4 room for girls and 4 rooms for boys)
Changing room for schoolgirls	1(full equipped with all necessary items)
Incinerator	1 (At Magigiwe primary school)
Handwashing stations constructed	2 (with 16 taps total)
Water tank risers constructed	4
Water tanks installed	7 tanks (total 40,000L)
Schools reached	4



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The SWASH (School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Project, implemented by AfyaPlus Organization in partnership with Nawiri Foundation and Six Rivers, aimed to improve WASH infrastructure and promote hygiene behavior change in selected primary schools across Miyombweni Ward, Mbarali District. The project targeted schools with limited access to clean water, poor sanitation, and inadequate hygiene facilities critical barriers to safe and inclusive learning environments, especially for girls.

Target Schools

1. Magigiwe Primary School
2. Mapogoro B Primary School
3. Mlungu Primary School
4. Msangaji Mpya Primary School

STORY OF CHANGE:



The Afyaplus SWASH Project in Mbarali has transformed the learning environment in our schools by addressing critical gaps in water, sanitation, and hygiene. Previously, students, especially girls, faced unsafe toilets, a lack of clean water, and no private spaces during menstruation, leading to poor attendance and health risks. Through community engagement, infrastructure upgrades (including gender-sensitive latrines, handwashing stations, changing rooms, and incinerators), and hygiene education, the project has improved school attendance, reduced hygiene-related illnesses, and empowered students to lead change through SWASH clubs. Today, schools in Mbarali are becoming safer, more inclusive spaces where every child, regardless of gender, can learn with dignity and confidence



Athuman Mwakapemba



Girls from pastoralist communities often face challenges in maintaining proper hygiene, as it is not always given priority, especially among young girls and adolescent girls. We are truly grateful to AfyaPlus and Nawiri Foundation for introducing the SWASH project. Through this initiative, they have improved school sanitation facilities and constructed essential water infrastructure, including handwashing stations and water storage systems. This has greatly enhanced the learning environment, health, and dignity of the student:



Salome Mhongole,
Magigiwe primary school head teacher

As part of the SWASH project implemented at Magigiwe Primary School, Afyaplus Organization delivered comprehensive training and capacity-building interventions targeting students, teachers, and school staff. A total of 300 students, 8 teachers, and 3 support staff were trained on core concepts of School Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (SWASH) as well as environmental management.



"Since I arrived in Magigiwe Village in 2020, the infrastructure at Magigiwe Primary School was in very poor condition. There was no access to water, and the toilets were in a terrible state without doors or any running water. But I'm truly grateful for the SWASH project, which has significantly improved the school's sanitation facilities. Now, students enjoy clean, safe, and dignified spaces, and the improved infrastructure has brought a sense of pride and comfort to the entire school community."

Athumani Mwakapemba



CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF WASH INFASTRUCTURE



The WASH Project in Mbarali District is funded by the Nawiri Foundation and implemented by the Afyaplus organization. The project aims to improve water, sanitation, and hygiene infrastructure and practices in schools and communities within the district, focusing on promoting health, enhancing educational outcomes, and ensuring sustainable access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities.

Achievements and progress

- Infrastructure projects were initiated at three primary schools (Magigiwe, Mapogoro B, and Msangaji Mpya).
- Two handwashing facilities installation on progress and at Magigiwe Primary School.
- CBTS training was successfully conducted.

"As a student from Magigiwe Primary School, I'm very happy with the SWASH project because we've learned how to properly use improved facilities like handwashing stations and the water system that was installed in our school toilets."

Irene Joseph Siluka, Student, Magigiwe Primary School

SWASH-CLUB AT Magigiwe

At Magigiwe Primary School, 300 students actively participate in SWASH Club sessions where they receive hands-on training in key areas of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). These sessions emphasize personal hygiene, effective handwashing practices, safe water use, and keeping the school environment clean. Through these interactive lessons, students gain practical skills and confidence to adopt healthy habits, making a positive impact not only at school but also in their homes and communities.



SWASH FACILITY RENOVATED

The SWASH project at Magigiwe Primary School included the comprehensive renovation of the school's toilet facilities. The work involved connecting a reliable water system, installing doors and windows, laying tiles, and constructing a dedicated changing room and an incinerator for girls. Additionally, two modern handwashing stations with a total of 16 water taps were installed, ensuring that each toilet room is equipped with its own tap. This setup now allows all students to access clean water for proper hygiene practices.



Construction of changing room

The newly constructed changing room at Magigiwe Primary School provides a safe and private space for girl students to manage their menstruation without fear or shame. The room is fully equipped with essential items to support girls in cleaning themselves and changing their clothes comfortably while at school.



“With the construction of a changing room at our school, I no longer worry even if I get my period while at school. I feel confident and safe. I’m sure I will attend school throughout the year without fear or shame.”

Aida Geriad Mwinami,
Student from Magigiwe
primary school



Construction of hand washing station

At Magigiwe Primary School, we successfully constructed two handwashing stations one located near the toilet area and the other within the school compound. These stations are equipped with a total of eight water taps. Handwashing facilities play a vital role in promoting hygiene and preventing the spread of diseases. Washing hands with soap and clean, running water is a simple yet highly effective practice to eliminate germs and reduce the risk of respiratory and diarrheal infections. This practice is especially important before, during, and after food preparation, before and after eating, and after using the toilet. Through SWASH Club sessions, students are educated and empowered with knowledge and skills on proper handwashing techniques and how to maintain the handwashing stations.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

As part of the SWASH project at Magigiwe Primary School, community members were actively involved from the project design phase to ensure sustainability. The local community took ownership by committing to maintain key facilities such as the handwashing stations and toilets. Their involvement has strengthened local accountability and ensures that the improved WASH infrastructure will be well cared for and sustained over time. we recruited local technicians and suppliers for materials from the community. Also the community plays active role in some implementation of project activities dig a trench, to raise a water tank and other activities.

Local government leadership was involved in all stages of our project implementation from the project designing up to hand over. we involved leaders from Mbarali District council



Three WASH Champions have been trained through a collaboration between AfyaPlus Organization and the District SWASH Coordinator. These champions, Najma, Shamsia, and Angelina, are young women from the local community of Magigiwe. As trained Community-Based Trainers (CBTs), they will continue raising awareness and delivering SWASH education to both students and community members.



WATER TANK INSTALLATIONS





THE MAPOGORO PRIMARY SCHOOL WATER STORAGE FACILITY WAS INSTALLED

Under the SWASH project implemented at Mapogoro Primary School in Miyombweni Ward, AfyaPlus, in collaboration with Nawiri Foundation, successfully constructed a concrete riser designed to support two water tanks, each with a capacity of 5,000 liters. With both tanks now installed, the school has access to a total water storage capacity of 10,000 liters, ensuring a reliable supply of clean water for daily use

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"We are grateful to private organizations such as AfyaPlus, Nawiri Foundation, and Six Rivers for their support in areas where the government had not yet been able to establish proper water infrastructure in our school. Considering the large number of students and the period when we had no access to water at all, the school environment was not safe or conducive to learning. Today, we have a sufficient water supply, and the school environment is clean, safe, and supportive for both students and staff."

Mr. Galus Chitanda, Head Teacher, Mapogoro Primary School

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"Currently, our school has enough water, unlike before when we had no water to wash our hands before or after meals, or even after using the toilet. Back then, we were not able to maintain proper hygiene. But now, we are grateful to have a reliable water supply. However, since we have many students, we kindly request for more water taps to meet the demand."

Students from Mapogoro B Primary School



THE MLUNGU PRIMARY SCHOOL WATER STORAGE FACILITY WAS INSTALLED

2 water tanks installed at Mlungu Primary School Stake

Mlungu Primary School has a total of 461 students, 226 girls and 235 boys. Previously, the school had one large water tank with a capacity of 10,000 liters. Through the SWASH project, the school received two additional water tanks, each with a capacity of 5,000 liters. This brings the total water storage capacity to 20,000 liters, ensuring a reliable and sufficient water supply to meet the daily hygiene and sanitation needs of all students.

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MSANGAJI MPYA PRIMARY SCHOOL WATER STORAGE FACILITY WAS INSTALLED

Previously, Msangaji Primary School did not have a reliable water supply on campus, and students were forced to learn in very poor conditions. Access to water was inconsistent at times they received small amounts from the village tank, while in many cases, students had to walk long distances to fetch water from distant springs.

“Water is essential for learning and wellbeing. Before this project, our school had no reliable water supply, and our 141 students were exposed to serious health risks. Thanks to the support from AfyaPlus, Nawiri Foundation, and Six Rivers through the SWASH project, we now have two 5,000-liter water tanks and improved infrastructure. This has made a huge difference in the lives of our students and the entire school community.”

Mr. Joseph Luwoga, Head Teacher, Msangaji Mpya primary school



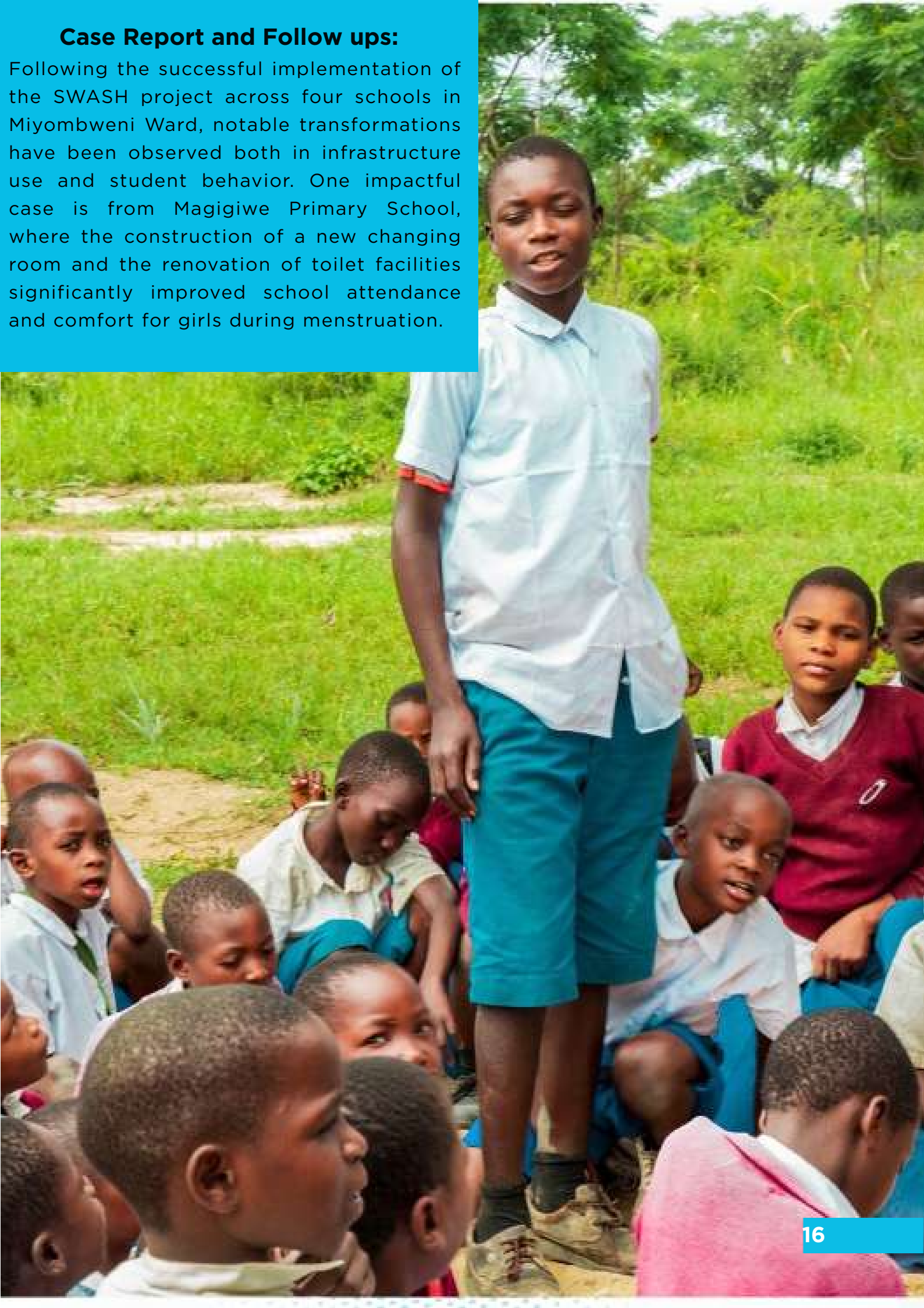
SWASH AWARENESS SESSION



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Case Report and Follow ups:

Following the successful implementation of the SWASH project across four schools in Miyombweni Ward, notable transformations have been observed both in infrastructure use and student behavior. One impactful case is from Magigiwe Primary School, where the construction of a new changing room and the renovation of toilet facilities significantly improved school attendance and comfort for girls during menstruation.



Lesson

Community involvement is key to the sustainability of school WASH infrastructure. The SWASH project at Miyombweni demonstrated that engaging local stakeholders, from school management and teachers to village leaders and parents, during both the planning and implementation stages fosters a strong sense of ownership. When community members are part of the process, they are more likely to support, maintain, and protect the facilities, ensuring long-term functionality and impact.

Gender-sensitive WASH facilities significantly improve school attendance and comfort for girls.

At Magigiwe Primary School, the construction of a dedicated changing room and access to a reliable water supply through the SWASH project have had a notable impact on girls' well-being and school participation. By providing a safe and private space for menstrual hygiene management, the project addressed a significant barrier to girls' education. As a result, many girls now feel more confident and can attend school regularly, contributing to improved learning outcomes and gender equity in education.

Looking Ahead

The SWASH Project has laid a strong foundation for improved student health and inclusive learning environments in Miyombweni Ward. Continued collaboration with local leaders, government representatives, and youth champions will be key to scaling and sustaining the progress made.



TO OUR ESTEEMED PARTNER

As the saying goes, *"Alone we can do so little but together we can do so much."* Your commitment enables us to make a significant impact, and we are sincerely grateful



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