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WORD FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



WHERE WATER FLOWS THE FUTURE GROWS

Dear Valued Partners, Stakeholders, and Friends of Afyaplus,

2025 was a year of remarkable growth and transformation for Afyaplus Organization. As I reflect on the journey we have taken together, I am filled with deep gratitude and immense pride in what we have collectively achieved for communities across Tanzania.

This year, we directly reached 27,010 beneficiaries, students, teachers, parents, and community members through integrated interventions in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), menstrual health, and nutrition. Each number represents a real person: a girl who no longer misses school because she has access to sanitary pads, a child who drinks clean water for the first time, a community that has taken ownership of its own health.

We're proud to expand our operations into the Dodoma Region, joining our work in Iringa, Mbeya, and Pwani Regions. This growth reflects not only the trust communities place in Afyaplus, but also the deepening partnerships that make our work possible. The Safe Pad Lab Project, funded by the Malala Fund, reached 92 schools across six districts a testament to what bold, sustained investment in girls' education can achieve.

None of this would have been possible without you, our donors, government partners, development organizations, and the communities who open their doors and hearts to our work. You are the foundation upon which every latrine is built, every Safe Pad Lab is established, and every girl walks confidently into her classroom.

As we look ahead, we carry with us the lessons of this year: that community ownership sustains impact, that girls' empowerment transforms entire families, and that clean water is not a luxury; it is a right.

We move forward with purpose, with gratitude, and with you.

With warmth and determination,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzan Yumbe', written over a circular blue stamp.

SUZAN YUMBE
Afyaplus Organization

ABOUT US



Afyaplus Organization is a Tanzanian non-governmental organization dedicated to improving community health and well-being through integrated interventions in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), nutrition, and empowerment of adolescent girls and young women.

Established in 2017 as a Community-Based Organization in Iringa Region, Afyaplus has grown into a dynamic organization operating across multiple regions, including Iringa, Dodoma, Mbeya, and Pwani. Over the years, the organization has built a strong reputation for delivering community-centered programs that address critical health and social challenges.

Afyaplus focuses on preventing diseases associated with poor sanitation, unsafe water, and inadequate hygiene practices. At the same time, it works to empower adolescent girls and young women by addressing barriers such as menstrual health stigma, lack of access to sanitary products, and limited reproductive health education.

Through its programs, Afyaplus aims to improve school attendance, enhance academic performance, and create safe and inclusive learning environments. The organization collaborates closely with government institutions, development partners, and local communities to ensure sustainability and long-term impact.

MISSION & VISION



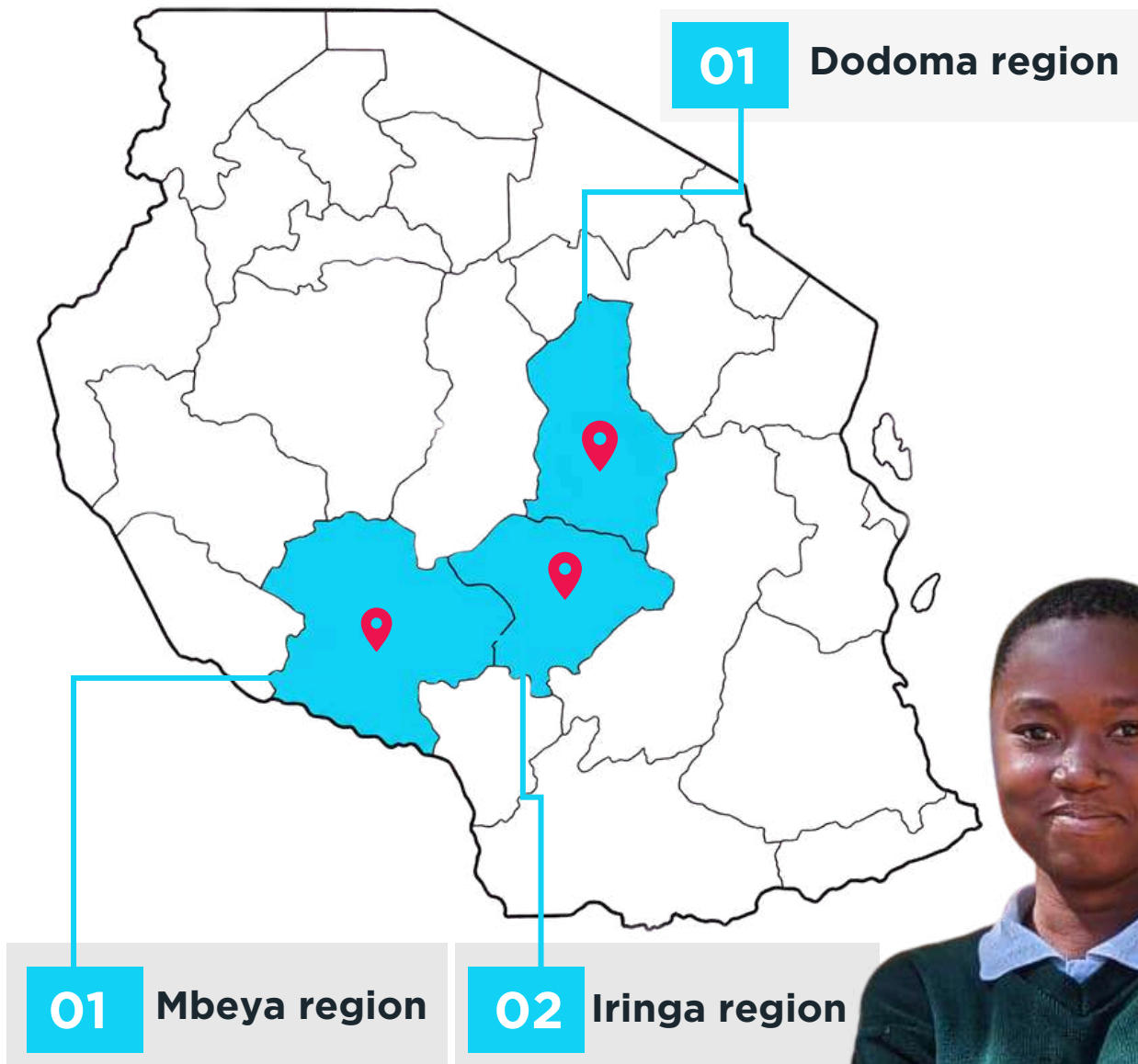
Our Mission

To cultivate behavior change and build a strong community through the promotion of water sanitation, hygiene services, Nutrition and empowerment of adolescents girls and young women through engaging relevant stakeholders.

Our Vision

A responsible community where children grow healthy, women are empowered and the community is free from nutrition, sanitation and hygiene-related diseases.

IMPLEMENTATION AREAS



Councils which Afyaplus operates in are:

- **Iringa:** Kilolo, Iringa and Mufindi Districts
- **Dodoma:** Dodoma City, Chamwino District and Bahi District
- **Mbeya:** Mbarali District

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

26,841

**TOTAL STUDENT
REACHED**

48

In school Girls
benefited with
reusable pads

4,202

In school Girls
benefited with
reusable pads

169

Community
member reached

23

Community
Champions Trained

8

School benefited with
improved WASH
infrastructure



Instagram

Facebook

Linked in

Twitter

162K

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

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STORIES OF CHANGE

Behind every statistic and milestone achieved in 2025 are real people whose lives have been transformed through Afyaplus Organization's interventions. These stories highlight the human impact of the organization's work, illustrating how access to water, sanitation, hygiene education, and menstrual health support can change lives, restore dignity, and create opportunities for a better future.

A Girl's Journey Through the Safe Pad Lab Project

For many adolescent girls in rural Tanzania, menstruation is not only a biological process but also a barrier to education. This was the reality for Amina, a secondary school student in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region. Before the introduction of the Safe Pad Lab Project at her school, Amina would miss several days of classes each month due to lack of sanitary products and fear of embarrassment.

She recalls feeling anxious and isolated during her menstrual periods, often choosing to stay at home rather than risk being stigmatized by her peers. Like many girls, she had limited knowledge about menstrual health and relied on unsafe and uncomfortable alternatives.

Everything changed when Afyaplus established a Safe Pad Lab at her school. Through training sessions, Amina learned how to produce reusable sanitary pads and gained a deeper understanding of menstrual hygiene. She also participated in awareness sessions that helped normalize conversations around menstruation among both girls and boys. Today, Amina attends school consistently and actively participates in class. She expresses increased confidence and a sense of empowerment, not only because she can manage her menstruation safely but also because she has acquired a valuable life skill.

"Before, I used to miss school every month. Now I feel free and confident. I can even teach other girls how to make pads," she shares.

Her story reflects the broader impact of the Safe Pad Lab Project in breaking stigma, improving school attendance, and empowering girls with knowledge and skills.



**SCHOLASTICA JAMES, KIKUYU
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Clean Water, Better Learning: Transforming School Life in Chamwino

Access to clean water is essential for a healthy and productive learning environment. At one primary school in Chamwino District, students previously faced daily challenges due to lack of reliable water supply. Many were forced to bring water from home or fetch it from distant sources, often missing valuable class time. Teachers also struggled to maintain hygiene standards within the school, and cases of waterborne diseases were common among students. The situation affected both attendance and academic performance.

Through the Water in Schools Project, Afyaplus installed a water storage system and constructed handwashing facilities with multiple taps. The intervention was accompanied by hygiene education sessions, ensuring that students understood the importance of handwashing and safe water use.

The transformation was immediate and significant. Students now have access to clean water throughout the school day, and handwashing has become a routine practice. Teachers report a noticeable reduction in illness and improved concentration among students.

A teacher at the school shared:

“Before, it was very difficult to manage hygiene in the school. Now, students can wash their hands easily, and we see fewer cases of sickness. The learning environment has improved a lot.”

This story demonstrates how simple but strategic investments in WASH infrastructure can have far-reaching effects on health and education.



TEACHER, BUIGIRI SEC. SCHOOL



Creating Safe Spaces for Girls: Impact of SWASH Project in Mbarali

In Mbarali District, Mbeya Region, the lack of adequate sanitation facilities posed serious challenges for students, especially girls. Many schools had outdated or insufficient latrines, with no private spaces for girls to manage their menstrual hygiene. This often led to discomfort, absenteeism, and in some cases, dropout.

Through the SWASH Project, Afyaplus, in partnership with Nawiri Foundation, renovated sanitation facilities, constructed girls' changing rooms, and installed incinerators for safe disposal of sanitary materials. Hygiene education sessions were also conducted to promote proper practices among students

For Rehema, a student at one of the beneficiary schools, these changes made a significant difference. She describes how the new facilities have given her privacy, comfort, and confidence during her menstrual periods.

"Now we have a clean and safe place to change. I don't feel ashamed anymore, and I don't miss school like before," she explains."

Teachers also observed improved attendance and participation among girls. The availability of gender-sensitive facilities created a more inclusive and supportive learning environment, allowing all students to focus on their education.



TEACHER, MAGIGIWE PR. SCHOOL



Reducing the Burden of Water Collection

In Mangalali Village, Iringa Region, water scarcity has long been a daily struggle for residents. Women and children often spend several hours each day walking long distances to fetch water, limiting time for education, income-generating activities, and rest.

The Mangalali Water Supply Project aims to address this challenge by developing a sustainable water system for the community. While the project is still in progress, its early stages have already brought hope and optimism among residents.

Community members actively participated in consultations and planning sessions, expressing their needs and contributing to decision-making processes. The involvement of the community has fostered a sense of ownership and anticipation for the positive changes ahead.

One community leader shared:

“Water is life. If this project succeeds, it will change everything for our village. Our children will have more time to study, and our families will be healthier.”

This story highlights the importance of community engagement and the potential long-term impact of improved water access on livelihoods and well-being.



**COMMUNITY MEMBER
MANGALALI**



INTERVENTIONS

In 2025, Afyaplus Organization implemented a diverse and integrated portfolio of programs aimed at addressing critical challenges in water, sanitation, hygiene, menstrual health, and community well-being across Tanzania. These programmatic areas were designed not only to respond to immediate needs but also to create sustainable, long-term impact through behavior change, infrastructure development, capacity building, and community engagement.



Each intervention aligns with national priorities and global development frameworks, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals, and reflects Afyaplus' commitment to improving health outcomes, promoting education, and empowering vulnerable populations, especially adolescent girls and young women.



WATER IN SCHOOL PROJECT



Improving Safe Water Access, Hygiene, and Healthy Learning Environments for Students

In 2025, the Water in Schools Project continued its commitment to improving access to clean and safe water in schools, recognizing that reliable water access is essential for students' health, hygiene, dignity, and effective learning. Across many parts of Tanzania, schools continue to face significant water challenges, with learners often depending on unsafe water sources or spending valuable learning time collecting water conditions that increase health risks, undermine hygiene practices, and negatively affect academic performance and the overall school environment.

Since 2021, the Water in Schools Project has made progress in improving access to clean and safe water in learning institutions, reaching a total of 45 schools across Iringa and Dodoma regions and benefiting 24,381 students to date. In 2025, the project further expanded its impact by supporting five additional schools in Dodoma Region, directly benefiting 4,380 students, including 2,208 girls and 2,172 boys, through improved water systems and the installation of handwashing facilities. The project continues to play a great role in ensuring reliable access to safe water, promoting proper hygiene practices, reducing the prevalence of waterborne diseases, and creating healthier, safer, and more conducive learning environments that support students' well-being and academic success.

The project is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation). It adopts an integrated approach that combines infrastructure development with behavior change communication, ensuring both improved physical facilities and sustainable hygiene practices within school communities.



Construction of Handwashing facilities

In 2025 Financial Year, we successfully achieved the construction and installation of five handwashing facilities in five schools within Chamwino District Council reaching (3 primary, 2 secondary), reaching a total of 4,380 students, (2,208 girls and 2,172 boys) these hand washing stations also has included establishment of clean and safe water system

Each facility is equipped with running water and soap, and has been designed to be child friendly and accessible, marking a significant step forward in promoting hygiene and well-being in our schools. In five school the project managed to reach.



These structures have significantly improved the **hand hygiene behavior of students**, particularly before meals and after using the toilet. This completed hands-washing facility serves a total of **2109 students 4380 students (2208 boys, 2172 girls)** students from The completed hands-washing facility is a crucial component in promoting proper hygienic practices



5 SWASH Club Formation and Engagement

During the 2025 financial year, SWASH Clubs were established in all five project-supported schools, comprising both boys and girls and guided by dedicated teacher patrons. The clubs played a key role in promoting positive hygiene behaviors and sustaining WASH initiatives within the school communities.

Through regular awareness and behavior change activities, all students in schools equipped with new handwashing stations benefited from hygiene education sessions. A total of 4,380 students (2,208 boys and 2,172 girls) were reached through these interventions.



Key activities implemented by the SWASH Clubs included weekly hygiene talks, practical handwashing demonstrations, and monthly school clean-up campaigns. These efforts strengthened students' knowledge and practice of proper hygiene and positioned the SWASH Clubs as a driving force for sustaining WASH activities and promoting long-term behavior change at the school level.

THE SAFE PAD LAB PROJECT

The Safe Pad Lab Project is a four years project implemented by Afyaplus and funded by the Malala Fund. The project supports adolescent girls in 92 schools across Six Districts in the Iringa region(Iringa MC, Iringa DC, Kilolo DC, and Mafinga TC) and Dodoma region (Chamwino, Dodoma and Bahi district).

The project aimed to break menstrual health taboos, myths, and negative cultural beliefs that have long been barriers to girls' education. Many girls miss school due to a lack of menstrual health knowledge, stigma, and inadequate access to sanitary products.



So far, 92 schools in Iringa and Dodoma has been reached by the project by conducting awareness sessions on Menstrual Health Hygiene and Adolescents sexual Reproductive Health and Rights and 25 schools have been equipped with reusable sanitary pad laboratories, allowing students to produce their own pads while gaining essential skills. The project directly contributes to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 4 - Quality Education and, SDG 5 - Gender Equality and SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation) by ensuring that menstruation is no longer a barrier to learning.

In 2025, Afyaplus continued the implementation of the Safe Pad Lab Project, a four-year project funded by the Malala Fund. The project reaches adolescent girls in 92 schools across six districts in the Iringa Region (Iringa MC, Iringa DC, Kilolo DC, and Mafinga TC) and the Dodoma Region (Chamwino, Dodoma MC, and Bahi DC). Aligned with Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 6, the project is designed to strengthen girls' educational participation by addressing key barriers related to menstrual health and hygiene.



The project directly confronts deeply rooted cultural taboos, myths, and misconceptions surrounding menstruation factors that have historically contributed to stigma, absenteeism, and reduced academic performance among girls. Recognizing that menstrual health remains under-prioritized in many social systems, the project integrate MHH education with access to affordable, reusable sanitary products. This combined approach empowers girls with knowledge, builds confidence, and fosters a supportive and inclusive school environment that enables them to stay in class.

The project is implemented through two core areas. First, the establishment of Safe Pad Labs in 25 secondary schools provides sustainable, school-based solutions for the production and access to reusable sanitary pads. Second, comprehensive training on Menstrual Health and Hygiene and Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health has been delivered in 23 primary schools and 17 secondary schools, equipping students with essential knowledge and life skills to make informed health decisions.

In 2025, Afyaplus expanded the Safe Pad Lab Project to new areas in Dodoma Bahi, Chamwino, and Dodoma City Council reaching additional schools, while also extending its implementation to 20 more schools across Iringa MC, Iringa DC, Kilolo DC, and Mafinga TC making a total of 40 schools reached in 2025 and overall 92 schools reached by the project since 2022.

This expansion strengthened efforts to address barriers related to MHH and ASRHR by increasing access to education, building girls' confidence, and improving access to sanitary products in schools. As a result, more girls are able to attend school consistently, participate actively in learning, and continue their education in a more supportive and inclusive environment.



By the end of 2025, the Safe Pad Lab Project has made a measurable impact in advancing menstrual health and supporting girls' education across 92 schools in the Iringa Region and selected areas of Dodoma. Since its inception in 2022, the project has reached 68,322 students (23,127 boys and 45,150 girls) with comprehensive education on MHH, GBV, and ASRHR, contributing to increased awareness, reduced stigma, and more supportive school environments.

The establishment of 25 Safe Pad Labs, equipped with 105 machines, has created sustainable, school-based production systems for reusable sanitary pads, while 4,202 students have gained practical skills in pad production significantly improving access to menstrual products within schools.

Strengthening Community Impact Through Community-Based Trainers for sustainable knowledge retention

Afyaplus works closely with communities in implementing its projects, particularly through the use of Community-Based Trainers (CBTs) who live within their respective communities. Through the Safe Pad Lab Project, CBTs play a key role in delivering training on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and Menstrual Health and Hygiene in schools and communities.

The project's community-centered approach has significantly strengthened its impact through the training of 19 additional CBTs in 2025, bringing the total number of trained CBTs to 43 since the project began. These trainers receive capacity-building support from government experts and Afyaplus professionals, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively educate and engage community members.



43 CBTs trained since the project starts, enabling widespread dissemination of knowledge at both school and community levels. After the training, CBTs continue sharing their expertise within schools and communities, empowering both girls and boys to break menstrual health taboos, manage menstruation with confidence, and advocate for their rights. This approach ensures that knowledge remains within the community, promotes sustainability, and enables the project to reach a larger number of students and community members.

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Through the training I received from Afyaplus, I now confidently educate students and community members on menstrual health and ASRHR. The knowledge has helped reduce stigma, empower adolescents, and create lasting positive change within our community.”

— *Josephine Chengula, CBT Safe Pad*



Parents and Caregivers awareness sessions

In 2025 Financial year, Afyaplus successfully expanded its adolescent health interventions beyond students by engaging parents and caregivers. Through targeted capacity-building sessions, 169 participants were equipped with knowledge on MHH and ASRHR. The engagement focused on strengthening the ability of parents and caregivers to support adolescents during their formative years, address challenges related to puberty, and guide young people in managing peer pressure with resilience. Teachers and local government leaders were also empowered to create supportive school and community environments and to advocate for improved MHH and ASRHR services within educational institutions.



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The sessions helped me better understand adolescent challenges and how to support my child during puberty. I now communicate more openly about menstrual health, peer pressure, and reproductive health issues

— *Parent Participant*



This approach recognizes that empowering students alone is not sufficient; adolescents do best when surrounded by informed, supportive adults and enabling systems. By strengthening the capacity of key influencers at household, school, and community levels, the initiative helped embed menstrual health, gender equity, and adolescent well-being within existing school and community structures. This systemic approach significantly increases the likelihood that project gains will be sustained over time.

Local Government Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagements

During this year, Afyaplus Organization conducted Local Government Authority (LGA) and stakeholder engagement activities aimed at advocating for improved Menstrual Health and Hygiene (MHH) services at both school and district council levels. The engagements brought together education officials, health officers, school leaders, teachers, and community stakeholders to discuss the importance of menstrual health in supporting girls' education and wellbeing.



The advocacy initiatives focused on promoting increased budget allocation and integration of menstrual health priorities into school and district plans. Afyaplus emphasized the need for adequate WASH facilities, access to menstrual hygiene materials, and menstrual health education to ensure girls can learn in safe and supportive environments without interruption during menstruation.



At both school and council levels, the engagements also helped strengthen awareness, collaboration, and commitment among stakeholders to address menstrual health challenges affecting adolescent girls. These efforts contributed to promoting girls' dignity, reducing stigma, and supporting continuous and inclusive education for all learners.



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As one stakeholder noted during the advocacy engagements, 'Promoting menstrual health ensures girls remain confident, healthy, and active in education.'

Strengthening Global Partnerships: Visit by Malala Fund delegation

On May 12, 2025, Afyaplus had the honor of hosting a delegation from our donor partner, the Malala Fund. The visit featured Ms. Leila Seradj, Director of Grants, and Ms. Maria Qanita, Chief of Staff, who traveled to Dodoma to engage directly with our field activities and community beneficiaries.

The delegation received a warm welcome from Mr. Kaspar K. Msuya, the Dodoma Regional Administrative Secretary, who commended Afyaplus for its continued commitment to advancing adolescent girls' education, menstrual health, and empowerment through sustainable WASH programs.

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We appreciate the commitment of Afyaplus Organization and Malala Fund in supporting education as a catalyst for community development and wellbeing. The remarkable work implemented in Dodoma, especially in supporting girls' education, is creating meaningful impact. We encourage continued collaboration to address remaining challenges affecting education for girls

— *Mr. Kaspar Msuya -RAS, Dodoma Region*



The visit served as a powerful demonstration of the strong partnership between Afyaplus and government authorities in addressing community needs through collaborative and impactful solutions.





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Malala Fund, we believe every girl deserves the opportunity to access and complete quality education without barriers. Our partnership with Afyaplus shows our shared commitment to addressing the challenges that hinder girls' education while promoting equitable learning opportunities for both girls and boys. Together, we are working to ensure students can stay in school, learn in safe environments, and achieve their full potential

— Miss Quanita, Chief of staff **Malala Fund**

Visit to Kikuyu Secondary school

Also, the team visited Kikuyu Secondary School, one among the 20 beneficiary schools of the Safe Pad Lab Project in Dodoma Region, where students are being empowered through MHH and ASRHR education. The school has also been supported with the establishment of a Safe Pad Lab, equipping students with practical sewing skills, particularly in producing reusable sanitary pads for sustainable menstrual health management and income generation opportunities.

During the visit, the team had the opportunity to engage directly with students and hear personal testimonies from beneficiaries, highlighting the project's tangible impact on girls' confidence, school attendance, menstrual health management, and overall participation in academic and school activities.

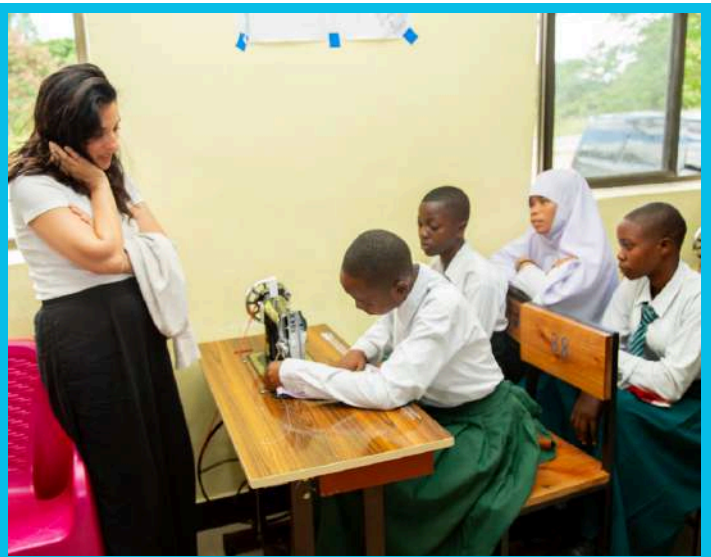




— *Beneficiary Student, Safe Pad Lab Project, Kikuyu Secondary School*

Before joining the Safe Pad Lab project, many of us lacked proper knowledge about menstrual health and hygiene and faced challenges managing our periods while attending school. Through the trainings on MHH and ASRHR, we have gained confidence, awareness, and understanding of how to take care of our health and make informed decisions. The project has also equipped us with practical skills in sewing reusable sanitary pads, which has helped us manage menstruation with dignity and support other girls in our school community.

The visit showed a great milestone in deepening trust and alignment toward our shared mission of empowering girls through education and safe, inclusive school environments.



SWASH PROJECT IN MBARALI

The SWASH Project, implemented by Afyaplus Organization in partnership with Nawiri Foundation from 2024 to June 2025, significantly improved access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services in four primary schools in Miyombweni Ward, Mbarali District. The project contributed to the advancement of SDG 6 and SDG 4 by creating healthier, safer, and more inclusive learning environments for children.

Through the project, Afyaplus rehabilitated and upgraded WASH infrastructure at Magigiwe, Mapogoro “B”, Mlungu, and Msangaji Primary Schools. Major improvements included the construction of sustainable water supply systems with elevated water towers and 10,000-litre storage tanks, rehabilitation of child-friendly toilets with reliable water connections, improved ventilation, privacy doors, and tiled floors for better hygiene and maintenance. The project directly benefited 1,406 pupils, including 665 girls and 741 boys, as well as teachers and school workers.



In addition to infrastructure development, the project delivered SWASH education sessions that strengthened students' knowledge and practices on hygiene, sanitation, disease prevention, environmental cleanliness, and water conservation. These interventions contributed to improved hygiene behaviors, reduced health risks, enhanced school attendance, and increased dignity and safety for children, particularly girls and learners with special needs. The project demonstrated the importance of integrated WASH interventions in improving both educational outcomes and community well-being.

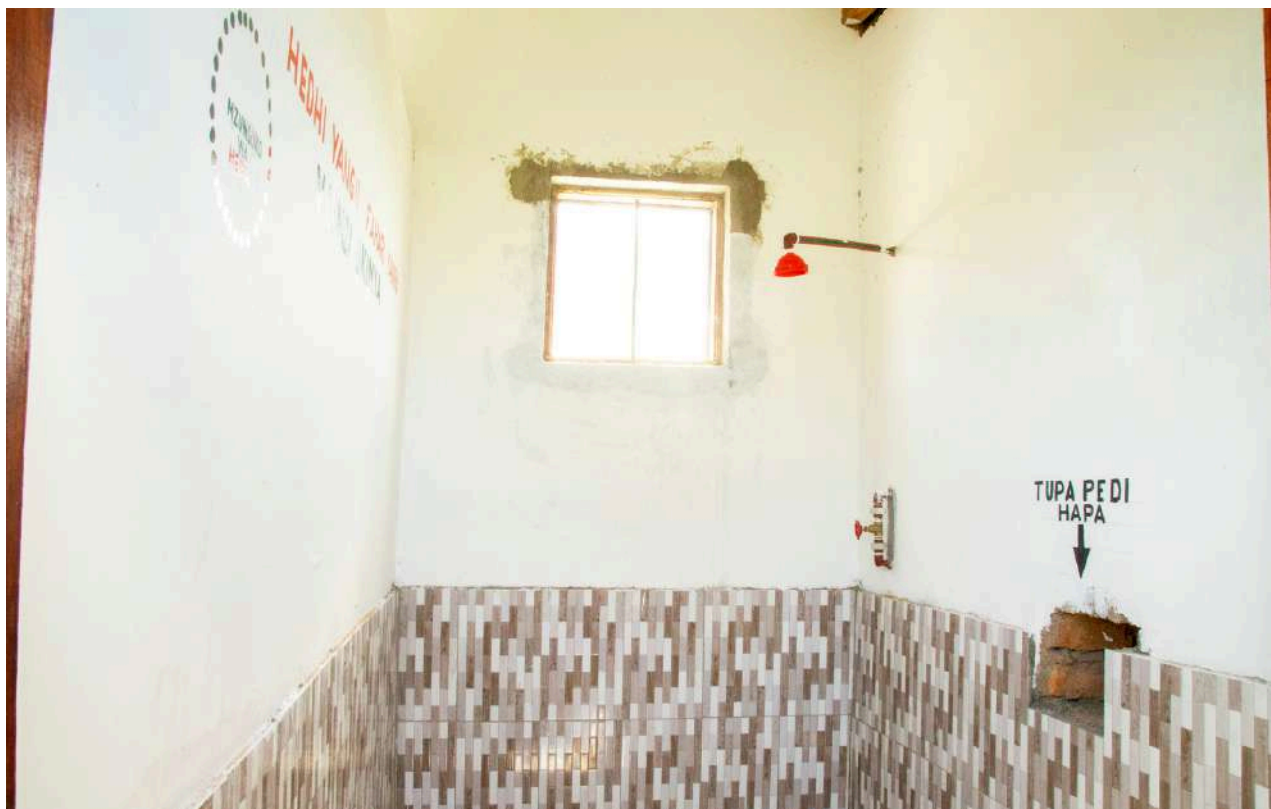
The project successfully reached four primary schools and directly benefited a total of 1,406 pupils, including 665 girls and 741 boys, alongside teachers and school community workers. In addition to infrastructure improvements, the project delivered comprehensive SWASH education sessions aimed at equipping students with essential knowledge and practical skills on proper hygiene practices, environmental cleanliness, gender-responsive WASH, disease prevention, and water conservation.



The project delivered substantial improvements in WASH infrastructure across four primary schools Magigiwe, Mapogoro “B”, Mlungu, and Msangaji in Miyombweni Ward. This included the construction of sustainable water supply systems supported by elevated water towers, each serving a 10,000-litre storage tank, alongside the installation and distribution of 10,000-litre water tanks within the respective schools to ensure reliable water access. In addition, the project facilitated the rehabilitation and upgrading of existing sanitation facilities into modern, child-friendly toilets equipped with functional water connections in each cubicle, doors to ensure privacy, adequate ventilation through windows, and tiled flooring to improve hygiene and ease of maintenance.



The project further addressed menstrual hygiene needs through the construction of dedicated girls' changing rooms and installation of incinerators for safe disposal of sanitary materials. Complementary to these efforts was the construction of permanent handwashing stations, reinforcing proper hand hygiene practices among students and the wider school community.



To strengthen sustainability and promote long-term behavior change, the project recruited and trained SWASH volunteers who worked closely with Afyaplus Organization to deliver structured hygiene education sessions over a 12-week period in alignment with national SWASH guidelines.



These sessions included key components of water management and hygiene practices, with a strong emphasis on proper handwashing techniques and their health benefits. As a result, students gained practical knowledge and skills essential for maintaining personal and environmental hygiene, contributing to reduced risk of WASH-related diseases and improved overall well-being within the school communities.



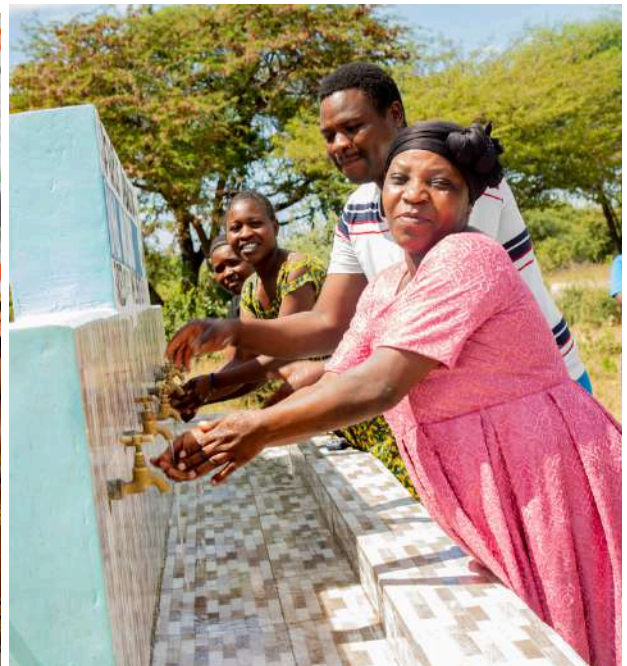
Training of Trainers (ToT)

Community-Based Trainers (CBTs) were capacitated through a training program conducted by Afyaplus Organization in collaboration with the Education Department of Mbarali District Council. The training provided CBTs with knowledge and practical skills on hand hygiene, environmental cleanliness, water conservation, and proper hygiene practices in line with national SWASH guidelines. After the training, CBTs transferred the knowledge to students, strengthening WASH awareness and promoting positive behavior change in target schools. In addition, SWASH Clubs were established to support hygiene promotion and peer learning among pupils. The involvement of CBTs from local communities strengthened community ownership, sustainability, and continuity of project outcomes beyond the project implementation period.



Community Involvements

To enhance sustainability and long-term functionality of the project, Afyaplus Organization facilitated capacity-building for School Water Committees in collaboration with Miyombweni Ward leaders. The training focused on routine operation and maintenance, minor repairs, and safeguarding of WASH infrastructure to ensure continued service delivery.



Furthermore, the project actively engaged community members throughout its implementation, promoting a strong sense of ownership and shared responsibility. This participatory approach has strengthened local accountability mechanisms and increased the likelihood of sustained use, protection, and maintenance of the WASH facilities beyond the project period.



MANGALALI WATER SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PROJECT

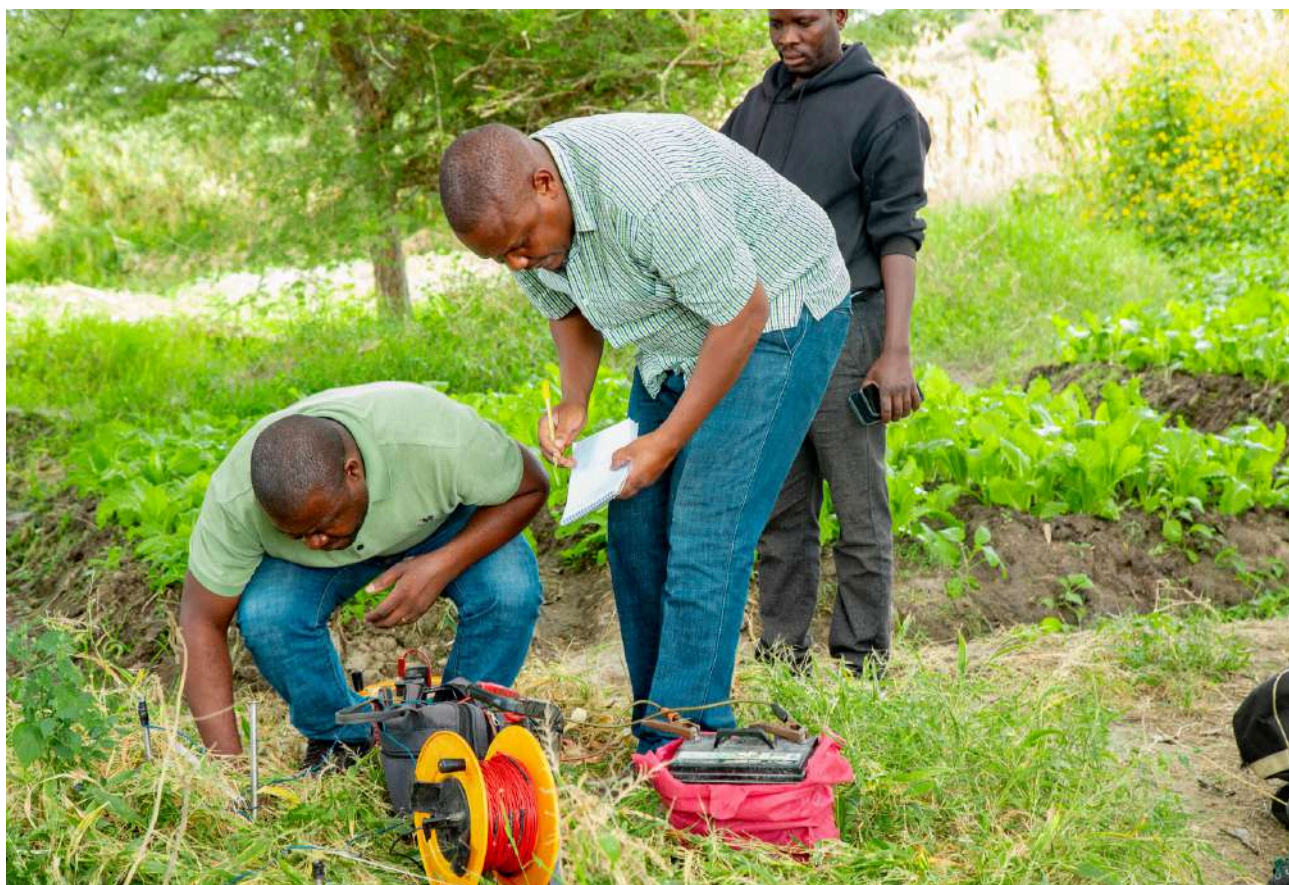
In 2025, Afyaplus Organization, in partnership with Engineers Without Borders, continued the implementation of the Mangalali Water Supply Distribution System Project in Mangalali Village, Iringa Region. The project was designed to address long-standing challenges in access to safe and reliable water within the community. Currently, Mangalali depends on the Tanangozi water supply scheme, a system established over 60 years ago to serve nine villages. Due to population growth and increased demand, the system has become overstretched, leaving Mangalali located at the far end of the distribution network with water access limited to once per week for only 2-3 hours, often with seasonal inconsistencies. This situation has significantly affected daily life, health, and productivity within the community.



To respond to these challenges, the project aims to establish a sustainable water distribution system by installing water points in key locations such as schools, health facilities, and residential areas. This intervention aligns with Afyaplus' commitment to strengthening community health and resilience through sustainable WASH solutions and contributes directly to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation.

In January 2025, Afyaplus, in collaboration with local government leaders and academic partners from Ruaha Catholic University, conducted a comprehensive mapping exercise to identify key water points and collect geographic coordinates of existing water infrastructure, including DANIDA-supported water stations. This activity provided critical baseline data for understanding the current system and planning future improvements. The mapping confirmed the extent of strain on the existing infrastructure and highlighted the urgent need for an alternative and more reliable water source.

Building on this foundation, in May 2025, Afyaplus partnered with Drilcorp (T) Limited to carry out a hydro-geological survey aimed at identifying a suitable site for drilling a community borehole. This technical assessment marked a major step toward establishing a new, independent water source that will serve as the backbone of the proposed distribution system. The planned borehole is expected to significantly improve water availability, reliability, and accessibility for the community.



These interventions were made possible through the continued support of Engineers Without Borders Michigan State University Chapter, reflecting a strong collaborative effort to deliver sustainable solutions to rural water challenges. Overall, the progress achieved in 2025 demonstrates Afyaplus' commitment to addressing water scarcity in underserved communities and lays a solid foundation for the development of a resilient and inclusive water supply system in Mangalali Village.

EVENTS AND COMPAGINS

Expanding project operation to Dodoma

On April 25, 2025, Afyaplus officially expanded its operations by opening a new office in Dodoma Region, marking a significant milestone in the organization's growth and national outreach. The establishment of the Dodoma office reflects the continued scaling of project implementation and Afyaplus' commitment to strengthening Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), nutrition, and community development initiatives across Tanzania.



The office was formally launched during a ceremony officiated by the Dodoma Regional Medical Officer, symbolizing growing recognition and trust in Afyaplus' work within the health and development sector. This expansion extends the organization's presence beyond Iringa, Mbeya, and Pwani Regions, enabling closer engagement with communities and stakeholders in central Tanzania and improving the efficiency and sustainability of project implementation.



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The Dodoma Office is more than a new workplace; it is a strategic gateway that brings Afyaplus closer to the people we serve. It will strengthen program delivery, improve coordination with stakeholders, and enable us to reach beneficiaries more efficiently and effectively across the region.

— Miss Godfrida Magubo **Afyaplus**
Board of Directors Chairperson

The launch event brought together key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health WASH Coordinator, regional and district officials from Bahi, Chamwino, and Dodoma City, school leaders, partner organizations, and members of the Afyaplus Board of Directors. Their participation demonstrated strong institutional support and reinforced collaborative efforts toward improving community health, education, and WASH services.



Afyaplus Organizational Capacity Improved.

On April 24, 2025, the Afyaplus Board of Directors conducted an official visit to the Dodoma office as part of its commitment to strengthening organizational growth, governance, and sustainability. Led by Board Chairperson Ms. Godfrida Magubo, the Board engaged in a productive session with staff members, where key organizational updates, strategic priorities, and future growth plans were discussed. The Board expressed satisfaction with the progress made in expanding Afyaplus' programs and operational presence in Dodoma and other regions across Tanzania.



During the visit, Board members shared valuable organizational and managerial expertise aimed at strengthening teamwork, accountability, leadership, and overall staff performance. Their guidance and mentorship motivated the team and reinforced staff commitment to advancing Afyaplus' mission in health, WASH, nutrition, and community development. The visit showed the active role of the Board in supporting institutional development and ensuring the organization continues to grow sustainably while delivering impactful community interventions.



Participation in the Adult Education and Non-Formal Education Week (EWW)

In August this year, Afyaplus Organization, through the Safe Pad Lab Project implemented in Dodoma Region, participated in the Adult Education and Non-Formal Education Week (EWW) celebrations held at Mkonze Secondary School grounds. During the event, students demonstrated reusable sanitary pad production skills acquired through Afyaplus' menstrual health empowerment sessions, highlighting the practical impact of the project in supporting girls' education and dignity.



The event was officiated by Dr. Mohamed Msoloka, and Afyaplus was recognized as a key stakeholder promoting equitable, safe, and inclusive learning environments through WASH and menstrual health interventions. The participation strengthened the organization's visibility and positioned the Safe Pad Lab Project as a flagship model for advancing girls' education and empowerment.



16 Days of Activism Campaign

In commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Afyaplus Organization, in collaboration with the Iringa Municipal Social Welfare Officer, Ms. Getruda, the Community Development Officer for Ipogoro Ward, Ms. Rehema Sanga, and Ms. Sigmanta Kavisha and other Iringa Municipal officers, conducted community awareness and education activities aimed at preventing gender-based violence among women, girls, and students at Tagamenda Secondary School.



The activities were implemented under the 2024 global theme, “UNITE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls,” emphasizing the prevention of both online and offline forms of gender-based violence. The sessions focused on promoting safe spaces, enhancing awareness of gender rights, strengthening reporting mechanisms, and fostering gender inclusion among adolescents and young people.



LESSON LEARNT

Integrated approaches that combine WASH infrastructure, hygiene education, menstrual health awareness, and community engagement create more sustainable and impactful results.

Access to safe water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education contributes significantly to improved school attendance, health, and academic performance among students.

Community involvement through Community-Based Trainers (CBTs), SWASH Clubs, school committees, parents, and local leaders strengthens project ownership and sustainability.

Menstrual Health and Hygiene (MHH) advocacy and awareness activities help reduce stigma, improve girls' confidence, and support uninterrupted education.

Strong collaboration with government institutions, donors, schools, and development partners enhances effective project implementation and long-term impact.

Continuous capacity building for teachers, volunteers, and community stakeholders improves knowledge retention and promotes positive behavior change within communities.



WAY FORWARD

Expand integrated WASH, menstrual health, nutrition, and adolescent empowerment interventions to more schools and underserved communities across Tanzania.

Continue strengthening sustainable water supply systems, sanitation infrastructure, and handwashing facilities in schools and communities.

Explore and implement interventions that support the Re-entry Policy for adolescent girls and young women who drop out of school due to pregnancy, menstrual health challenges, gender-based violence, early marriage, and other social barriers, ensuring they have access to safe, inclusive, and supportive learning opportunities.

Scale up the Safe Pad Lab Project to increase access to reusable sanitary pads and menstrual health education for adolescent girls.

Strengthen advocacy and stakeholder engagement at school, community, and district council levels to promote budget allocation and policy integration for MHH and WASH services.

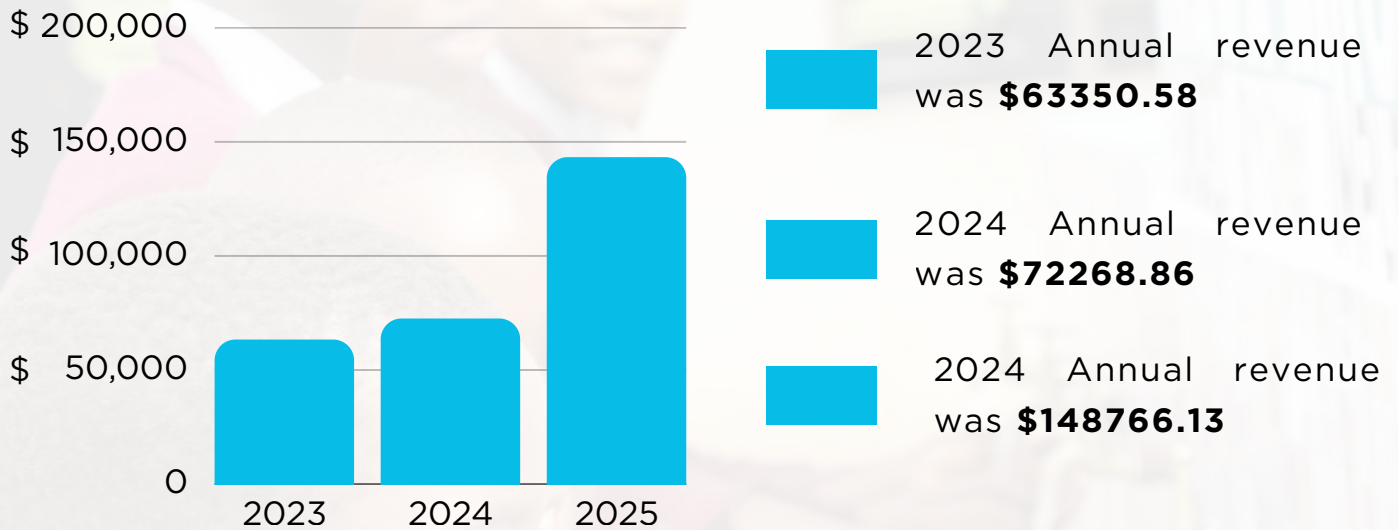
Enhance community ownership and sustainability through continued engagement of CBTs, SWASH Clubs, parents, and local government authorities.

Strengthen organizational systems in monitoring and evaluation, resource mobilization, digital communication, and institutional governance to support organizational growth and accountability.

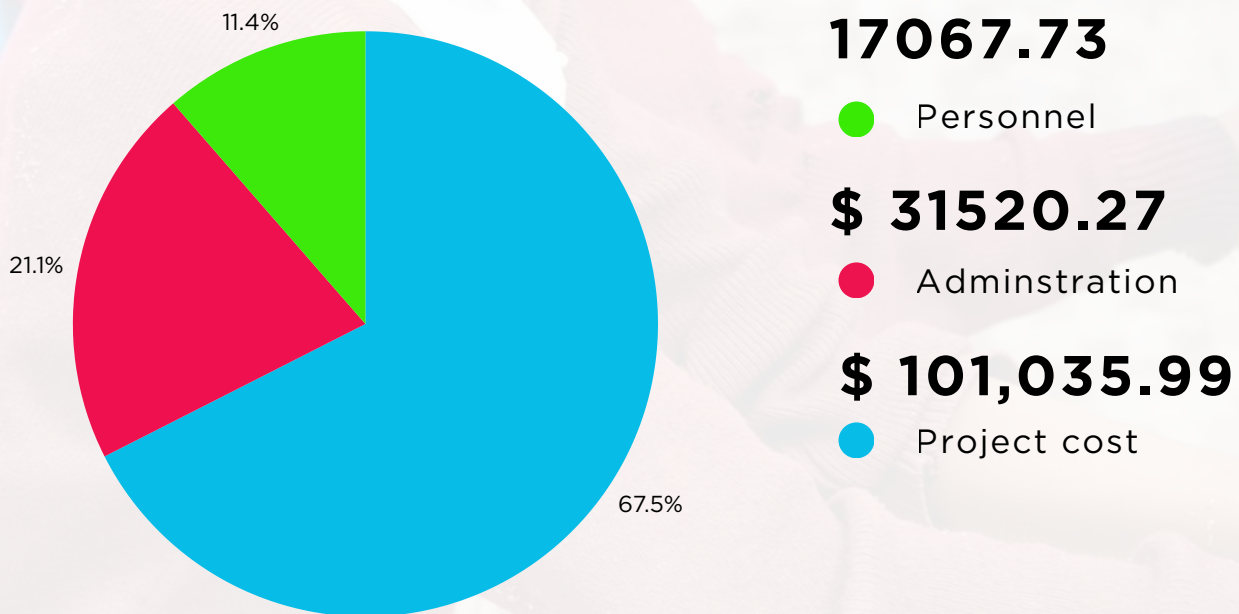
Build and strengthen partnerships with government institutions, donors, development partners, and communities to increase collective impact and sustainability of interventions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

In 2025 Afyaplus has raised a total of **\$143,290.83**



2025 EXPENSES



OUR ESTEEMED DONORS AND PARTNERS

Afyaplus Organization extends its sincere appreciation to all donors, development partners, government institutions, and stakeholders for their invaluable support throughout 2025. Your collaboration and commitment have enabled us to expand access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services while empowering communities, especially adolescent girls. Through your support, we have strengthened education outcomes by creating safer and more inclusive learning environments, recognizing that access to WASH is essential for health, dignity, and academic success.

We also acknowledge the great role of government in ensuring effective implementation and alignment with national priorities. Together, we have showed that investing in clean water and sanitation is a powerful pathway to unlocking potential and driving sustainable development. Your partnership reassures communities that they are not alone and inspires hope for a better future. As we move forward, we remain committed to building on these achievements and creating lasting impact together.

Government



- Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups.
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.
- Ministry of Health.
- Ministry of Water
- President's Office Regional Authority and Local Government.

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THANK YOU.



We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly through the channels below.



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