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QUARTER 2 REPORT



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dear Partners and Friends,

This has been a quarter of firsts and foundations. At Mapogoro B Primary School in Mbarali, 478 pupils, 242 girls and 236 boys, now have toilets, handwashing stations, and a girls' changing room. These were built not just from bricks and pipes, but from months of trust built alongside district authorities, ward leaders, teachers, parents, and children who showed up for every meeting and every working day. School attendance has climbed from 70% to 98%. These are not just numbers to us. They are the sound of a classroom that is fuller than it was at the beginning of the year. They are the sound of a girl who no longer has to choose between her dignity and her education.

A few hours away in Mangalali Village, Iringa, water finally broke through the ground. For a community that had shared water once a week for two to three hours from a 60-year-old scheme, this borehole marks the beginning of a new chapter for more than 4,000 households, two schools, a dispensary, and a market. We are proud to have built this alongside Engineers Without Borders Michigan State University Chapter, whose technical partnership and shared conviction that clean water is a foundation, not a favour, has been a gift to this work. This quarter also carried us beyond our project sites. Afyaplus was represented at Segal Connect in Nairobi, where we sat alongside changemakers from across the region, shared what we are learning on the ground, and brought fresh thinking back into our programmes. Through TAWASANET



I had the honour of engaging with Tanzania's Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water and Environment, bringing the voices of our communities into national policy dialogue. These conversations remind me that the work we do in schools and villages is never separate from the decisions made in meeting rooms and parliaments.

None of this happens without you. Every donor, partner, district officer, headteacher, parent, and Community-Based Trainer named in these pages is a co-author of this quarter's story. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in what is possible, and for making this work real.

The water is flowing. The classrooms are fuller. And together, we are still writing what comes next.

ABOUT AFYAPLUS ORGANIZATION

AFYAPLUS is a non-profit organization operating its core development agenda of prevention and control of diseases through the promotion of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and empowerment of girls and young women. The main goal of the organization is to improve school performance and create a community free from diseases caused by lack of safe and clean water, poor sanitation, poor hygienic practices, poor nutrition and empowerments adolescent girls and young women in a community.

Our mission

To cultivate behaviour change and build strong communities through WASH services, nutrition, and the empowerment of girls and young women.

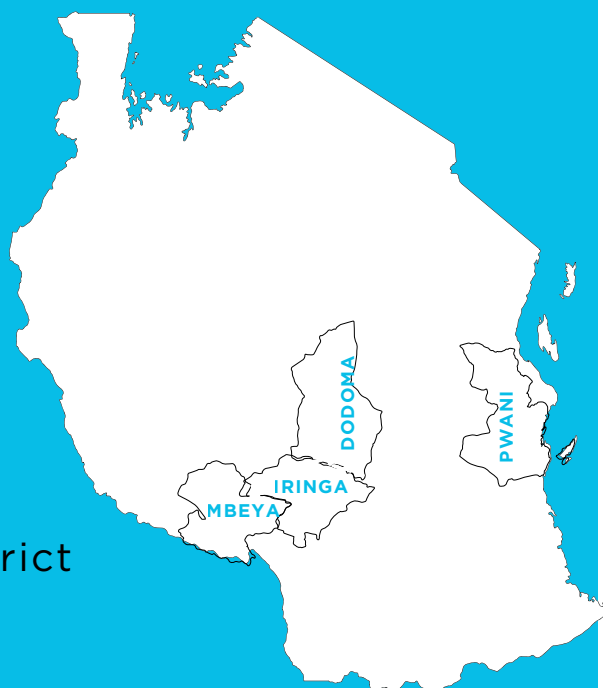
Our vision

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

Our areas of interventions

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

- **Iringa:** Kilolo, Iringa and Mufindi districts
- **Pwani:** Mkuranga District
- **Mbeya:** Mbarali District
- **Dodoma:** Dodoma City, Chamwino District, Bahi District



LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ASRHR	Adolescents Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
APO	Afyaplus Organization
DC	District Council
MHH	Menstrual Health Hygiene
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
GBV	Gender Based Violence
NGOs	Non Governmental Organizations
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SWASH	School Water Sanitation And Hygiene



WASH SERVICES IMPROVED IN SCHOOLS

THE SWASH PROJECT, MBARALI DISTRICT

Building on Last years foundation

The School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) Project at Mapogoro B Primary School is an extension of work Afyaplus began last year, when we renovated toilets at Magigiwe Primary School and constructed full WASH infrastructure including tank raisers in four schools across Miyombweni Ward. In late March 2026, in partnership with the Nawiri Foundation, we carried that momentum into Mapogoro B Primary School in Mbarali District Council.

Recognising that proper hand hygiene is essential for protecting the health of learners, their families and the wider community, the project opened with a series of inception meetings involving the Mbarali District Council, ward authorities, the school management committee, teachers, parents and community leaders. These meetings built a shared understanding of the project's objectives, clarified everyone's role, and anchored the project in local ownership from day one.



Throughout implementation, the project enjoyed strong support from both local government and the community. Community members contributed their time and commitment at every stage, culminating in an enthusiastic handover ceremony where local leaders, parents, teachers and pupils celebrated the completed facilities and reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining them a strong foundation for the project's long-term sustainability.

The SWASH Project combined hardware and software interventions. On the hardware side, we constructed and rehabilitated school WASH infrastructure. On the software side, we promoted sustainable behaviour change through hygiene education: two trained SWASH Project Volunteers delivered 12 structured handwashing education sessions over a 12-week period using the SWASH Curriculum, giving pupils practical skills in proper handwashing technique and disease prevention.

General Objective: To improve access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services at Mapogoro B Primary School in Mbarali District, contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) through an enhanced school health, dignity, and learning environment.



Stories from Mapogoro B

We are proud to have been part of a programme that has transformed our school by equipping students with essential knowledge and skills on personal hygiene, handwashing, and healthy practices. This education has empowered our younger brothers and sisters to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing. Through menstrual health education provided to both girls and boys, the programme has helped foster understanding, support, and confidence among students.

Girls now feel more comfortable and empowered, while boys are better equipped to support their peers, creating a more inclusive and respectful school environment. Also students were trained on how to maintain the newly constructed WASH facilities, ensuring their sustainability for future generations. The knowledge gained will continue benefiting not only the students but also their families and communities, promoting safe menstrual health practices and environmental cleanliness beyond the school setting.



***Rose Paulo Myinga A
Community Based Trainer***

We would like to sincerely thank Afyaplus for implementing this project. This project has directly touched our lives, especially us girls. Through these improved facilities, we will be able to maintain better hygiene and protect ourselves from diseases associated with poor sanitation conditions. One female student shared about how the project has transformed the school environment and positively impacted the lives of girls. She explained that the improved sanitation infrastructure, including a dedicated girls' room, will provide them with a safer and more supportive environment to manage their personal hygiene needs with dignity and confidence.



Dostea Mpembela
STD Six pupil

This special room will help us stay in a clean and comfortable environment. It will also help us attend classes regularly like our fellow students, strengthen our academic performance, build our confidence, and make us more courageous."

Through these improvements in school hygiene and sanitation, the project has delivered more than infrastructure; it has created hope, dignity, and a better learning environment for girls, enabling them to continue their education confidently and without barriers.

Mapogoro B Primary School has experienced remarkable change through this project. Previously, students and teachers relied on water from a distant river, but the installation of water tanks now provides reliable access to clean and safe water throughout the school day.

Improved sanitation facilities have created a healthier learning environment, reducing absenteeism, preventing hygiene-related diseases, and encouraging students to attend school regularly. These changes are expected to contribute to better concentration and improved academic performance.

The establishment of a dedicated girls' room has been especially transformative. It provides adolescent girls with a safe and private space to manage menstruation with dignity, boosting their confidence and ensuring they can continue learning without interruption. As teachers, we are grateful for these improvements, which have made teaching and learning more effective and inclusive for all students.



Datius Rwehula
School teacher

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IMPACT ASSESSMENT: MIYOMBWENI WARD SCHOOLS

This quarter, Afyaplus together with the Nawiri Foundation team also conducted an impact assessment of last year's WASH activities across four schools in Miyombweni Ward. The assessment inspected renovated and upgraded toilet facilities against national SWASH standards, handwashing stations, changing rooms, and water systems, and examined their relationship to children's health, school performance and attendance. The results affirmed why this investment matters.



“Before the infrastructure was renovated, students used to miss school because of it. Now the infrastructure is good, and she is comfortable enjoying her studies, with ambition to become a doctor in future — she is so happy.”

— **Hussein Buruhani Katimba, Head Teacher, Magigiwe Primary School**



Teachers and parents also reported a marked change in attendance among girls, who previously requested permission to be away from school for five to six days during menstruation; that pattern has since eased noticeably.

Indicator, Magigiwe Primary School	2024	2025
STD VI candidates sitting exam	42	24
STD VI candidates who passed	15	10
Pass rate	35%	41%

Parents echoed the same shift. “Girls had more challenges attending class compared to now girls are more comfortable and enjoying their studies,” shared Halima Omary, a parent. Another parent, Ahlan Kunge, described how far pupils used to travel nearly a kilometre to fetch water for cleaning, cooking and drinking before renovation, and how the hygiene lessons learned at school are now practised as habits at home.



At Mapogoro B, the same pattern holds at scale: of 482 total pupils, attendance has climbed from 70% to 98% since the WASH improvements were introduced among the clearest signs yet that clean, dignified facilities keep children, and especially girls, in the classroom.



RESULTS

RESULT 1: Improved and functional WASH Infrastructure at Mapogoro B Primary School

The construction and handover of the School WASH infrastructure have significantly improved the learning environment by providing safe, inclusive, and gender-responsive sanitation facilities. The intervention included two blocks of toilets, two handwashing stations with seven taps each, a girls' changing room, and an incinerator for the safe disposal of menstrual waste. These facilities now enable pupils and teachers to practice proper hygiene in a safe and dignified environment.

The project addressed critical gaps identified during the baseline assessment, which revealed that the existing sanitation facilities were dilapidated, unsafe, and inadequate to serve the school population, particularly girls and children with special needs. With the new infrastructure in place, learners now have improved access to clean sanitation services, better menstrual hygiene management, and handwashing facilities that contribute to healthier school attendance and learning outcomes.



To ensure quality and sustainability, all completed facilities were officially handed over to the school following a thorough technical inspection by the Mbarali District Engineer. The audit confirmed that the infrastructure complies with government construction standards and is fully functional, providing a lasting investment that will improve the health, dignity, and well-being of learners for years to come.



The handwashing stations and toilet facilities are connected directly to the school's main water storage tanks, which were installed in the previous year. These storage tanks provide a reliable and sustainable water supply by ensuring water availability even during interruptions or malfunctions in the distribution system. By storing water for continuous use, the tanks support uninterrupted access to sanitation and hygiene services, while also reducing water wastage that would otherwise occur through direct and uncontrolled water flow from supply lines.



RESULT 2: Improved hygiene knowledge, behavior change, and menstrual HEALTH hygiene among pupils

Recognizing that infrastructure alone cannot create lasting change, Afyaplus invested in strengthening healthy behaviors among learners through hygiene education and awareness sessions. Over the past eight weeks, students have participated in interactive SWASH sessions designed to build knowledge, encourage positive hygiene practices, and foster long-term behavior change. An additional four weeks of sessions are scheduled for completion by the end of July 2026.



To date, all 478 pupils (242 girls and 236 boys) enrolled at the school have benefited from the training, ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to develop essential hygiene knowledge and practices. The sessions were designed to enhance students' understanding of the importance of regular handwashing, its role in preventing communicable diseases, and the most effective handwashing techniques.

By combining improved WASH infrastructure with sustained hygiene education, the SWASH intervention is fostering a culture of healthy behaviors within the school community. Beyond improving individual hygiene practices, the initiative is contributing to healthier learning environments and equipping learners with lifelong skills that can positively influence their families and the wider community.

RESULT 3: Enhanced Hygiene Practices, Behavior Change, and Menstrual Health Management Through Improved Access to Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies

A clean and healthy learning environment is fundamental to ensuring that children can learn, thrive, and reach their full potential. At Mapogoro B Primary School, maintaining cleanliness had long been a challenge due to limited access to essential cleaning materials. Although students and teachers understood the importance of hygiene, inadequate supplies often hindered efforts to keep classrooms, toilets, and the school compound clean and conducive for learning.



To address this gap, Afyaplus, through the SWASH Project, provided a package of cleaning and hygiene supplies including brooms, buckets, brushes, soap, and other essential materials to support routine sanitation activities within the school. The distribution of these supplies complemented the newly improved WASH infrastructure and hygiene education sessions, ensuring that the school community had both the knowledge and the practical resources needed to adopt and sustain positive hygiene practices.

Today, these supplies are helping teachers and pupils maintain cleaner classrooms, toilets, handwashing facilities, and school surroundings. Regular cleaning activities have become more manageable and effective, promoting a sense of ownership and responsibility among learners.



The availability of soap and cleaning materials also supports improved menstrual health management for girls by ensuring that sanitation facilities remain clean, safe, and dignified for use. Beyond improving cleanliness, the intervention is fostering lifelong healthy behaviours and creating a safer, healthier, and more supportive learning environment for all pupils and teachers at Mapogoro B Primary School.



WASH SERVICES IMPROVED IN COMMUNITY

MANGALALI WATER SUPPLY PROJECT, IRINGA

Afyaplus, in partnership with Engineers Without Borders (EWB) - Michigan State University Chapter, is implementing the Mangalali Water Supply Distribution System Project in Mangalali Village, Iringa. Mangalali currently relies on the Tanangozi water scheme, a system more than 60 years old that serves nine villages; because of population growth and rising demand, water reaches Mangalali only once a week, for just two to three hours, with significant seasonal fluctuation.



To address this challenge, the project is installing water distribution stations in schools, health centres, and residential areas to secure reliable and sustainable access to safe and clean water. These interventions are designed to improve daily water access, reduce the burden of water collection on community members, and strengthen the availability of water for essential services. Through this, Afyaplus continues to advance its commitment to sustainable WASH solutions, community wellbeing, and the achievement of SDG 6.

A New Chapter Begins for Mangalali Village

Something powerful is happening beneath the soil of Mangalali Village water is finally bursting through the ground. For a community that has long faced the challenge of accessing reliable clean water, this moment is more than a borehole. It is the beginning of a new chapter.



Water is Life. Water is Health. Water is the Foundation of Development.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SWASH PROJECT IN MBARALI

From the outset, the SWASH Project was designed with sustainability at its core by fostering strong ownership among community members, school stakeholders, and local government authorities. Afyaplus ensured that the project was inclusive and participatory, engaging district officials, ward leaders, the school committee, teachers, parents, and community members throughout the implementation process. This collaborative approach cultivated a shared sense of responsibility and commitment towards protecting and sustaining the project's achievements.



The local government authorities have pledged continued support to ensure that all WASH infrastructure remains functional, secure, and well maintained. Community members also played an active role in project implementation by contributing labour for activities such as trench excavation and supporting other minor construction works. In addition, procurement processes prioritized local suppliers and technicians, enabling community members to gain practical knowledge of the infrastructure design, operation, and maintenance requirements. This local capacity will facilitate timely repairs and routine maintenance, thereby enhancing the long-term functionality of the facilities.

Equally important, the project invested in strengthening knowledge and behaviour change among learners to promote sustained use and protection of the facilities. Through continuous hygiene education delivered by Community-Based Trainers, students gained a deeper understanding of the importance of handwashing, sanitation, menstrual health management, and responsible use of WASH infrastructure. This awareness is expected to encourage pupils to become champions of hygiene within their households and communities.



To further safeguard the investment, the School Committee has recruited a security guard who will oversee the protection of the facilities and ensure that they remain secure and accessible for future generations of learners.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE MANGALALI WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Community participation has remained a central component of Afyaplus' implementation approach in the Mangalali Water Supply Project. From the initial stages of the project, community members have been actively involved in identifying water-related challenges and assessing the needs and priorities of different groups within the village. This participatory approach has helped ensure that the project responds to the actual needs of the community and that local perspectives are incorporated into project planning and implementation.



During implementation, community members have continued to contribute through trenching, backfilling, transportation of materials, plumbing support, site preparation, and other construction-related activities. Their involvement has provided valuable local labour while strengthening a sense of ownership and responsibility for the water infrastructure being established.

Afyaplus has also worked closely with community leaders, water committees, and other local stakeholders during site visits, water point assessments, community awareness sessions, and discussions on the operation and maintenance of water facilities. These engagements have helped communities understand the importance of protecting the infrastructure, maintaining water points, and using the available water resources responsibly.

By involving the community throughout the project cycle Afyaplus is supporting a more inclusive and sustainable model of water service delivery. This approach not only contributes to improved access to safe and reliable water but also strengthens community ownership, accountability, and the long-term sustainability of the project.



MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE OUTREACH AT MLAMKE SECONDARY SCHOOL

As part of the commemoration of Menstrual Hygiene Management Day on 28 May, Afyaplus Organization conducted a menstrual health and hygiene outreach at Mlamke Secondary School in Iringa Municipal Council. The activity aimed to equip adolescent girls with accurate knowledge, confidence, and practical skills to manage menstruation safely and with dignity while remaining engaged in their education.

During the outreach, girls received education on proper menstrual hygiene management, including personal hygiene, safe menstrual practices, infection prevention, and the importance of maintaining regular school attendance during menstruation. The session also addressed issues that can affect girls' educational progress, including peer pressure and other social challenges, encouraging participants to make informed decisions, remain focused on their studies, and pursue their future aspirations.



The outreach was strengthened through the participation of the Police Gender and Children Desk, religious leaders, ward social welfare officers from Ilala and Makorongoni, and other stakeholders committed to promoting the wellbeing, protection, and education of adolescent girls. Their involvement provided an opportunity for girls to receive broader guidance and support on issues affecting their health, safety, and personal development.

In partnership with JALI, Afyaplus also distributed reusable sanitary pads to girls identified as being most in need and facing challenges in accessing menstrual products. This support complemented the awareness sessions by addressing some of the practical barriers that can prevent girls from managing their periods comfortably and participating fully in school.

SEGAL CONNECT, NAIROBI

This quarter, Afyaplus was proud to be represented at Segal Connect in Nairobi, a regional gathering that brings together changemakers and organisations committed to community-driven development. Our Executive Director represented Afyaplus at the convening and, together with our team, had the honour of co-leading sessions sharing lessons from our SWASH and community water programmes in Mbarali and Iringa, and exchanging ideas with peer organisations working across the region.



Opportunities like Segal Connect strengthen our work in two directions: they let us tell the story of what your support makes possible on the ground, and they bring fresh thinking, partnerships and accountability practices back into our programmes. We are grateful for the platform and look forward to building on the connections made there in the quarters ahead.

STRENGTHENING WASH SECTOR ENGAGEMENT WITH PARLIAMENT

Afyaplus, through the Tanzania Water and Sanitation Network (TAWASANET), participated in a strategic engagement with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water and Environment at the Parliament of Tanzania. The engagement was represented by Afyaplus Executive Director, Suzan Yumbe, and provided an important platform for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and collaboration between civil society organizations and Parliament.

During the engagement, participants exchanged experiences and perspectives on key issues affecting the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector in Tanzania. The discussions highlighted the importance of strengthening coordination between civil society and government institutions to address challenges affecting access to safe, reliable, and sustainable water and sanitation services.

The engagement also provided an opportunity for Afyaplus, through TAWASANET, to contribute practical experiences from its work in communities and schools while learning from broader sector perspectives and parliamentary priorities. Such engagements are important in ensuring that evidence and community experiences inform policy discussions, planning, and decision-making within the WASH sector.



The participation strengthened Afyaplus' commitment to multi-stakeholder collaboration and advocacy for improved WASH services across Tanzania. Through continued engagement with policymakers, civil society actors, and other sector stakeholders, Afyaplus will continue contributing to efforts aimed at ensuring that communities have access to safe water, improved sanitation, and sustainable hygiene services.



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT QUARTER

As we move into the next quarter, Afyaplus will continue supporting the installation and improvement of water distribution stations in Mangalali Village, with a focus on strengthening reliable access to safe and sustainable water services for the community. We will also continue engaging with community members and local stakeholders to promote ownership, proper maintenance, and long-term sustainability of the water infrastructure.

At the same time, we will deepen our impact monitoring across the Mapogoro B Primary, documenting progress, identifying emerging needs, and gathering evidence to demonstrate the changes resulting from our interventions.



We will also carry forward the connections made at Segal Connect in Nairobi, exploring opportunities to learn from and collaborate with peer organisations working in water, sanitation and hygiene across the region. These partnerships will help Afyaplus exchange knowledge, strengthen its approaches, and identify new opportunities for collective action and greater impact.

Also we look forward in our new Malala Fund SRHR project in Chamwino District Dodoma as exciting upcoming highlights for the next quarter.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

QUARTER INCOME

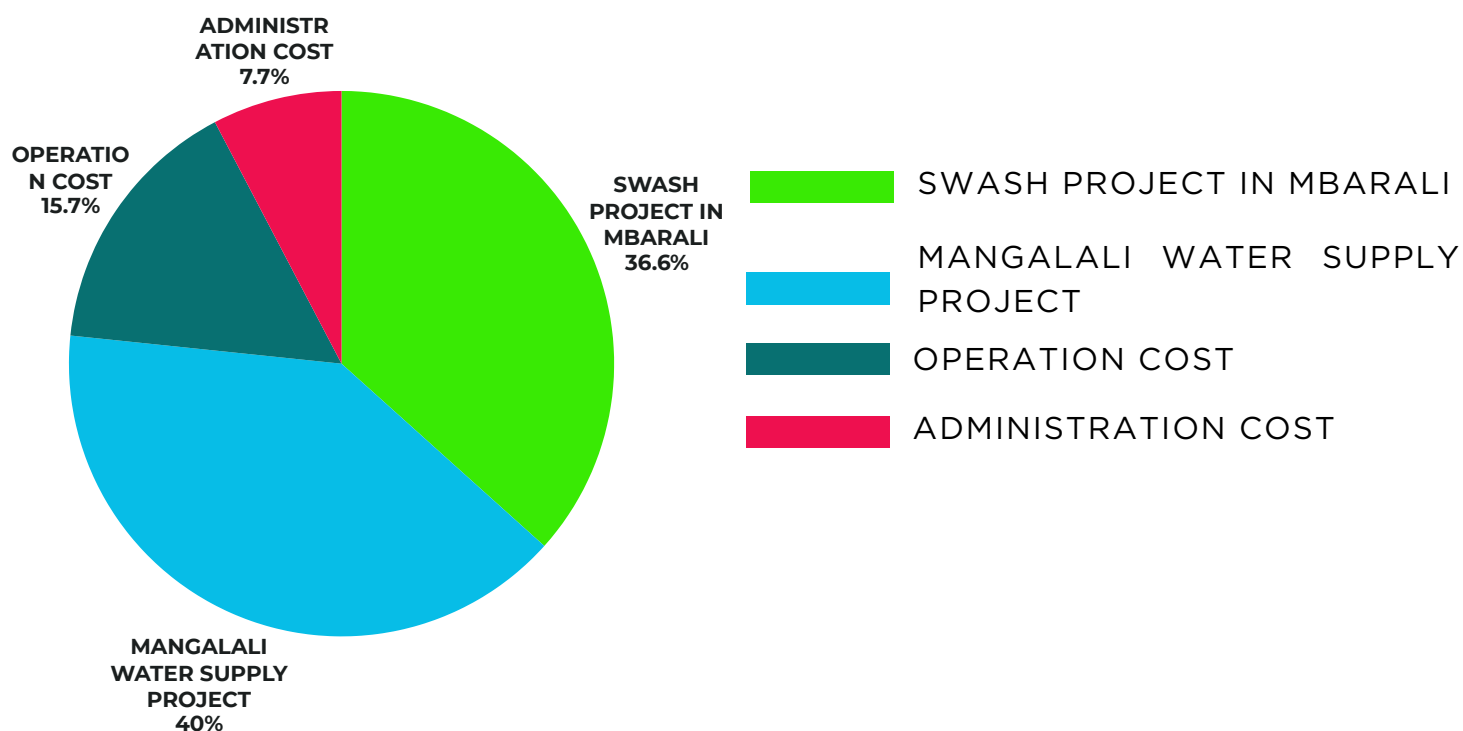
Quarter Two Opening balance was Tsh. 52,860,000

Afyaplus was also disbursed with a total of Tsh 143,176,050.16 from different financiers to implement project activities

Total income for Q2 = 196,036,050.

QUARTER EXPENDITURE

ITEM	Amount (TZS)	Amount (USD)
SWASH PROJECT IN MBARALI	69,582,280	26257.48
MANGALALI WATER SUPPLY PROJECT	75,946,970	28659.26
OPERATION COST	29,742,580	11223.62
ADMINISTRATION COST	14,596,790	5508.23



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Afyaplus Organization extends heartfelt gratitude to our donors, development partners, government institutions, and all esteemed stakeholders. Your unwavering support and generous contributions have been instrumental in driving our growth and amplifying our impact. Because of your partnership, we can continue advancing our mission of empowering communities and creating lasting change. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

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