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**Accountability report of a borehole in Latodore**

**Project Title:** Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project in the rural village of Latodore.

**1.1 Introduction**

After meeting terrible hardship of water shortage, the community of Latodore and Solidarity for Rural Development Organization (SORUDEO) in partnership with Razem Dla Afryki in Poland came up to solve this problem of water crisis. Latodore community has settled in their home area after 23 years of war in Northern Uganda, in which they were in Internally Displaced Peoples' Camps (IDPs) with a lot incredible difficulties.

The people here were facing terrible water crisis; As a result, many people died of contracting deadly dirty water related illnesses, such as Schistosoma, Hepatitis A, Salmonella typhi, typhoid, guinea and ringworm, diarrhea, cholera, trachoma, dengue fever and river blindness. Unfortunately, every year 85% of those who die of cholera and diarrhea linked to contaminated water are innocent children and women.

This project has solved the above problems and now, safe water is available and accessible all year round. Each household will have about 15-20 litres a day for safe drinking, food preparation, personal cleanliness and laundry. Beneficiaries will therefore have time for agricultural activities and the traditional watering holes/ponds will still serve for agricultural irrigation and other household tasks.

**1.2 Appreciation**

We are extremely grateful for the safe drinking water which is improving the community sanitation and hygiene with the provision of one borehole. Our communities here are very much excited and very grateful for the borehole. The community members have shown their commitment to this safe drinking water project by clearing the site. They have learnt that by working together as communities, they are well placed to tackle other challenges in their hard to reach village.

As SORUDEO, with our WASH-program, we have learnt that addressing the crisis of water, sanitation and hygiene is one of the most cost-effective ways to release people from poverty.

We would like to say from the bottom of our hearts that we enjoy the opportunity to link with RAZEM DLA AFRYKI and to work together in partnership. It is now clear that SORUDEO is the outward expression of RAZEM DLA AFRYKI'S mission to serve poor humanity particularly in Northern Uganda. We look forward to always cooperate with you.

We are very grateful to the four Catholic parishes in Poland where the money used to build this borehole was raised. We are indebted of appreciation to the parish priests of these parishes. It is also worth noting that Fr. David Okullu sacrificed his time for this work of fundraising in Poland; with Krzysztof Blazyca an open hearted person, a very good friend of SORUDEO who made arrangements to these parishes and translated the preaching during fundraising exercises.

### **1.3 Funds received**

On the January 12, 2018, the amount sent to us by Krzysztof Blazyca was 21,705,309 UGX an equivalent of \$6000. From the bank we received UGX 21,705,300/= (Twenty one million, seven hundred five thousand and three hundred Uganda shillings). We acknowledged the receipt of this fund.

### **1.4 Actual Expenditures**

- Payment from Solidarity for Rural Development Organisation (SORUDEO) to the Contractor:-ST. JOSEPH THE WOKRER-OKUDA Ltd= UGX 21,500,000/= (Twenty one million, five hundred Uganda shillings). Please, confer the attached receipt.

### **1.5 Supporting documents and photographs**

Please find the copies of the following attached:

- a) Receipt or voucher for financial transaction.
- b) Photos of the project progress. Some of the photos were sent earlier.

### **1.6 Impacts or changes being brought by the project**

Over 2000 people are being impacted by this borehole project. The following quick positive changes are being realized:

- ✓ Improved local sanitation conditions and hygiene in the village of Latodore and the surrounding villages.
- ✓ Reduced frequent outbreaks of waterborne diseases such as Typhoid, Hepatitis, Diarrhea, Cholera and Dysentery.
- ✓ Reduced death cases as a result many people consuming dirty water.
- ✓ Reduced rape cases on the long distances to collect water early morning or at night.
- ✓ Increased unity in the targeted communities; Hence, peace in families.

## **1.7 More needs and challenges**

**Needs:** More community members from various villages and schools come to us to place their request to us to drill boreholes for them; the spirit is willing but the ability is limited, unless we are also helped we can do very little.

**Challenges:** This project implementation would take only one month, but it took longer than expected; this is because the drilling company aligned their work among the list of other boreholes being drilled by other people. When we tried to give them pressure, their answer to us was that it is very expensive to combine their heavy machines for only one borehole and so they must combine and do with others at once. Therefore, they moved from Lamwo, Gulu, Pader and lastly to Kitgum where our site was located in Latodore village. All in all, it was still within the range of SORUDEO's short term project implementation that ranges from one to six months.

## **1. 8 Conclusion**

It feels our hearts with unspeakable joy to express our profound gratitude to RAZEM DLA AFRYKI, to the Catholic Christians of Poland especially in the four parishes for sponsoring the construction of the boreholes in Latodore. This gift is a miracle to be celebrated time and again by our local communities here in Latodore.

Project goal has been achieved. The borehole drilled and completed is now addressing unending water stress and providing safe, accessible clean drinking water, hygiene and good sanitation to the poor rural people.

We are very grateful to each person who supported us; we continue praying for you all. SORUDEO is committed to putting donors' money to its use through transparency and proper accountability as needed by the government of Uganda. Kindly pray for us too, especially for peace and development; let us also remember to pray for our neighbors in the South Sudan and all humanity in the whole world.

May God bless us in our struggle to empower the rural poor.

**Rev. Fr. David Okullu**

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