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PROJECT IMPACT REPORT-PHASE TWO

*Integrated Water Access & Community Health Initiative
Amwoma & Okwalongwen Sub-counties, Dokolo District, Uganda*

Implementation Period: 2026–2027 Phase II

1. Executive Summary

Phase Two marked a significant milestone in the Integrated Water Access and Community Health Initiative in Dokolo District. Through the partnership between Divine Agency for Integrated Development (DivineAid) and Ryan's Well Foundation, the project successfully completed **10 deep wells**, bringing the total number of completed wells from Phases One and Two to **14**.

These water sources are now serving **4,032 people across 10 rural communities**, providing reliable access to safe water while strengthening community systems for hygiene, sanitation, environmental protection and economic resilience.

The project went beyond infrastructure. Communities were mobilized, local leadership structures strengthened, water quality verified, hand pump mechanics trained, and community-based committees monitored and mentored to ensure that the benefits of the investment extend well beyond the construction of each well.

2. Phase Two at a Glance

Indicator	Phase Two Achievement
Deep wells completed	10
Total wells completed across Phases I & II	14
People reached during Phase Two	4,032
Communities targeted for water-source construction	10
Communities covered by monitoring and support	14
Households associated with the completed wells	672
Water sources meeting potable-water standards	14 / 14
Water Source & Sanitation Committees monitored	14
Community Health Clubs	Active across all communities
Village Savings & Loan Associations	Active across all communities
Environmental Protection Committees	Active across all communities
Hand Pump Mechanics trained	10

The 10 wells completed in Phase Two were constructed across *five communities in Amwoma and five in Okwalongwen Sub-counties*.

3. Water Access That Is Safe, Reliable and Sustainable

The central achievement of Phase Two was the completion of 10 deep wells, resolving the Phase One construction backlog and bringing the first-phase total to 14 completed water sources.

Every completed water source underwent pump testing to assess yield, recovery and sustainability before permanent installation of India Mark II hand pumps. Protective concrete aprons were also constructed around the wells to reduce contamination, control wastewater and improve the safety and durability of each water point.

Water Quality Assured

Water quality testing was conducted through the ***Ministry of Water and Environment Regional Laboratory***, including bacteriological and physicochemical analysis.

All 14 complete wells met the required standards for potable water. This provides communities with confidence that the water sources are safe for daily consumption and use.

Below are the Results of Key Parameters:

Source Name	Turbidity	Electrical Conductivity	Total alkalinity	Bicarbonates	Total dissolved solids	PH	Total hardness as CaCO ₃
Araki	20.9	154	69.2	235	108	6.6	48
Oromo	5.18	300	141.6	172.8	210	7.06	72.4
Iguli	12.5	445	220	268.4	311.5	7.38	81.2
Adwogonono	8.0	215	163	199	151	7.2	148.8
Ogora	3.8	434	274	335	304	7.3	147.2
Adwoye	45	280	130.4	159.1	196	6.93	74.8
Awialem	32	192	98.4	120	134	6.96	51.2
Ongoratok	13	180	87.2	106.4	126	6.58	51.6
Anangi	69.5	215	94.8	115.7	150.5	6.97	51.6
Bedikuc	10.9	158	128	156	111	7.2	93.6
Acangweno	13.2	71.0	24.6	30.0	50	6.8	26.8
Aweowia	22.2	137.8	48.6	59.3	96	7.0	41.2
Aolikwac	2.47	223	69.6	84.9	156	6.5	83.2
Agori	22.4	199.2	59.6	72.7	139	6.9	70.4

CaCO₃= Calcium Carbonate

4. From Water Infrastructure to Community Transformation

The project was designed around a simple but powerful principle: a water point is most sustainable when the community has the knowledge, structures and ownership to manage it.

During Phase Two, DivineAid strengthened the systems surrounding the wells through:

- Community remobilization and engagement
- Water Source and Sanitation Committees
- Community Health Clubs
- Village Environment Protection Committees
- Village Savings and Loan Associations
- Hand Pump Mechanics
- Experience-sharing workshops
- Monitoring and mentorship
- Formal handover to local government

These structures help ensure that communities are not simply recipients of infrastructure, but active stewards of their water resources.

5. Stronger Communities Through Integrated WASH

Health & Hygiene

Community Health Clubs continued to promote improved hygiene and sanitation practices. Increased availability of water has made it easier for households to maintain hygiene and follow safer water practices.

The project reports a significant reduction in water-related illnesses, alongside improved knowledge of the safe water chain.

Economic Resilience

Village Savings and Loan Associations remained active across the beneficiary communities. By linking WASH improvements with saving and financial practices, the project is helping communities build resilience beyond the immediate benefit of water access.

Environmental Stewardship

Village Environment Protection Committees continued environmental conservation activities, reinforcing the connection between reliable water resources, environmental protection and community wellbeing.

6. Empowering Local Leadership

Experience-sharing workshops brought together Water Source Committees from all **14 communities** across Amwoma and Okwalongwen.

The workshops enabled community leaders to exchange practical lessons in:

- Water-source governance
- Sanitation
- Environmental protection
- Saving culture
- Community ownership

Monitoring visits also provided on-site mentorship, addressing gaps in committee functionality, maintenance participation, record keeping, sanitation and environmental conservation.

This approach is critical to sustainability: the project invests not only in wells, but in the people responsible for protecting them.

7. Two Stories of Transformation

Shine Nursery & Primary School — Oromo Village

Before the project, approximately 370 learners at Shine Nursery & Primary School relied on an unsafe, unprotected hand-dug well shared with approximately 80 surrounding households.

Children depended on older pupils or adults to access water, while community members entering the school grounds to collect water disrupted lessons.

The new water source has transformed the school environment.

Children can now access water safely, teachers have greater peace of mind, and community members can collect water without disrupting learning. The project has therefore contributed not only to improved WASH access, but also to a safer and more dignified learning environment.

Akello Gloria — Adwogonono Village

For Gloria, a mother of four, water scarcity had become a daily source of stress. Her community previously depended on a shallow water source in a neighbouring village that served three villages, resulting in long queues and insufficient water.

The new borehole has brought a remarkable change.

Long queues have reduced, tensions between communities have eased, and families have greater access to water for bathing, cleaning and household needs. Women now have more time for gardens, small businesses and rest, while children can prepare for school with greater dignity.

The new water source has transformed water from a source of conflict and exhaustion into a source of peace, health and opportunity.

8. A Strategic Investment in Local Capacity

One of the most important achievements during Phase Two was the operationalization of **DivineAid's own drilling rig**, supported by Ryan's Well Foundation.

The shift from contractor-dependent drilling to in-house drilling improved implementation efficiency and gave DivineAid greater control over scheduling and technical delivery.

Importantly, the rig also operated outside Dokolo District during June and July 2026. Revenue generated through these external assignments was reinvested into the Dokolo project to meet critical operational needs.

This represents an important sustainability opportunity: an investment in equipment is also becoming an investment in DivineAid's long-term technical and financial capacity.

9. Partnership & Community Ownership

The success of Phase Two was made possible through strong collaboration among Ryan's Well Foundation, DivineAid, local government, community leaders and beneficiary communities.

Communities contributed through participation, provision of land and local materials, and engagement in construction and management activities. Local leaders played an important role in community mobilization and project entry.

The completed wells were formally handed over to ***Dokolo District Local Government and sub-county authorities***, strengthening institutional recognition, oversight and long-term support for the water sources.

10. Results Against Phase Two Outcomes

Intended Outcome	Phase Two Result
Construct 10 deep wells	10 completed
Monitor Phase I committees	All 14 monitored and gaps addressed
Improve hygiene and sanitation	Community Health Clubs operational
Strengthen saving culture	VSLAs active in all communities
Promote environmental protection	VEPCs conducting activities
Reduce water-related disease	Significant reduction reported
Conduct WSSC experience sharing	Completed across both sub-counties
Handover completed water sources	All 14 wells officially handed over

11. Overcoming Challenges

Phase Two demonstrated strong adaptability and resilience.

The project faced logistical challenges, difficult terrain and weather disruptions. The delayed acquisition of the drilling rig in Phase One had also created a backlog.

Rather than allowing these challenges to derail the project, DivineAid used its newly acquired drilling capacity to complete the **10 outstanding wells**, accelerating implementation and restoring momentum.

The experience reinforced several important lessons:

1. Local ownership of drilling equipment improves implementation timelines.
2. Early and continuous community engagement strengthens ownership.

3. Regular monitoring protects the functionality of community structures.
4. Peer learning strengthens local leadership.
5. Integrating WASH, savings and environmental stewardship strengthens community resilience.

12. Looking Ahead

The partnership has established a strong foundation for the remaining project cycle.

DivineAid's goal is to continue delivering 14 wells per phase, with a three-year project target of 42 wells across 42 communities.

The next phase will focus on maintaining momentum, strengthening logistics and ensuring timely delivery of planned water sources.

A key priority is improving transportation capacity through acquisition of a larger support truck, which would reduce repeated trips, improve efficiency and accelerate construction.

13. A Partnership That Changes Everything

For communities in Amwoma and Okwalongwen, a new well is more than a concrete structure and a hand pump.

- It means time returned to families.
- It means children arriving at school with greater dignity.
- It means women having more time for livelihoods and household responsibilities.
- It means safer water, stronger hygiene and healthier communities.
- It means communities gaining confidence and structures to manage their own resources.

And it demonstrates the power of partnership.

Together, DivineAid and Ryan's Well Foundation are not simply providing WASH solutions- they are helping communities build a healthier, more resilient and more hopeful future.

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Well drilling
Acula Wic,
Kwania District.



**Drilling of Agora
water source.**



***Pump testing of
Adwogonono
water source.***



***Pupils of Shine Nursery
and Primary school at
Oromo water source.***



**Akello Gloria of
Adwogonono Village
water source.**



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