EQUAL AQUA UGANDA
AN INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH-LED NGO
INFORMATION PACK
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Safe, sustainable water is an essential part of life on Earth. We want to live in a world where clean water and sanitation facilities are available for all.

Fetching water can take up to two hours per day for each household in rural Uganda. We want help solve this problem so people have time to study, work and live.

Equal Aqua works with communities in Uganda to improve water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). We tackle inequalities in access to WASH facilities, such as location, gender, age, ethnicity and income.
Equal Aqua was founded by a group of friends who met as volunteers on the International Citizen Service (ICS) programme. Working in rural communities in Uganda, they became aware of the challenges young people face every day due to WASH inequalities. This inspired them to start an international, yet fundamentally grassroots, organisation that champions young people and brings about fresh ideas.

We as the members of Equal Aqua are deeply concerned about water and sanitation conditions in Uganda, and the wider effects this has on health, education and livelihoods. Our primary goal is to organise and support youth-led programmes that improve WASH access for those most disadvantaged by existing systems. Alongside this we are raising awareness about overlapping ecological and environmental issues, such as plastic pollution and climate change.
Our Mission

To work with young people to ensure communities in Uganda have access to clean, safe and sustainable water and sanitation facilities.

Our Objectives

1. To improve access to clean, safe and sustainable drinking water in rural communities in Uganda.

2. To expand access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.

3. To take action to promote conservation of the natural environment; improve water quality by reducing pollution; protect and restore water-related ecosystems.

4. To increase water-use efficiency to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity.

5. Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

6. To improve education around water and sanitation issues in schools, youth groups and community centres.

7. To collaborate with other organisations with similar objectives both within and outside Uganda to achieve these objectives.
Our focus is on achieving SDG 6 in the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals: ‘Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all’. We work in collaboration with youth groups, local government, and national and international organisations to help achieve this and other goals in the UN’s 2030 agenda.

How we will achieve this

- Build a **network** of young professionals, volunteers and community leaders, who will work together to improve water and sanitation management at a grassroots level.

- Work with young people to find **sustainable** and scalable solutions to the biggest issues with regards to water and sanitation systems in Uganda.

- Identify groups within communities facing the **greatest WASH inequalities**, and support them by providing water tanks, pumps and filters.

- Mentor and support a team of young ambassadors, who will act as **WASH change makers** in their own communities.

- Work with schools, youth groups and community centres to improve education around WASH topics, and **open a local dialogue** about environmental and ecological issues.

- Run community workshops that improve knowledge about WASH issues and **teach practical skills**, such as making liquid-soap, shampoo and reusable sanitary pads.

- Run **community events** that have a focus on health and wellbeing, including marathons and drop-in medical advice sessions.
We teach practical skills that people can use to improve WASH conditions in their everyday lives or turn into an entrepreneurial opportunity.

LIQUID SOAP MAKING
An easy and affordable way to make disinfectant

REUSABLE SANITARY PADS
An eco-friendly alternative to disposable pads.

SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Opening discussions about WASH and the role of the community.

WASH Ambassadors
We train, mentor and support young people as part of our WASH Ambassadors Programme. Though our curriculum and practical workshops, graduates become WASH change makers in their communities.

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Ecobrick Tanks

We champion fresh WASH ideas that also protect the environment. We provide communities with safe and sustainable water by building rainwater harvesting tanks from “ecobricks” – waste plastic bottles filled with sand.

We conduct comprehensive site surveys to identify those schools and communities that would benefit most from such tanks. These tanks provide an essential reservoir of water during the three months of the dry season.

Watch a video documenting the construction of a 10,000 ecobrick tank for a school in Eastern Uganda by clicking here.
We work in partnership with the Ichupa Upcycle Project – a local Community Based Organisation. Ichupa provide technical expertise that their master builders have accumulated after years of experience. Their construction meets high quality standards, allowing the tanks to function safety for many decades.

**CAPTURE RAINFALL**

These 10,000 litre tanks can support entire villages for 20 years.

**UGANDAN KNOW-HOW**

Made locally, means supporting the local economy.

**PLASTIC WASTE**

We raise awareness for plastic waste which is usually burnt.

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Water Filters

We support households with water filters that eliminate 99.9% of bacteria. We use natural, ceramic filters with microscopic holes that remove bacteria as the water filters down. The filters produce 3-4 litres of clean water per hour and require very little maintenance: basic cleaning every 2-3 weeks. The filters have a lifespan of at least 2 years and can support large families. We are also able to provide larger filters, containing 65 litres, for schools, health centres and community groups.

We work in partnership with Spouts, the leading distributor and manufacturer of ceramic water filters East Africa. Their Purifaaya filters are made from raw materials that are sourced from within Uganda and the production supports the local economy.
Why Equal Aqua?

Your support is **vital** to ensure that we deliver safe and sustainable **water supplies** to villages in Uganda.

Equal Aqua is run by a team of **passionate** volunteers. **100% of money** raised goes towards our projects in Uganda.

Equal Aqua is an international collaboration. The team in Uganda work closely with **young people** in **rural communities** to create our policies, programmes and projects. The team in the UK work in the background to **support** this vision.

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You will be providing **direct and verifiable** aid to those in most need. Each of our fundraising campaigns is linked to a **specific project** in a rural village in Uganda.
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