



Access to Potable and Irrigation Water in Lachin Wintergrounds

Project Locations: Lachin Wintergrounds, Agjabedi region
Donors: Stichting Vluchteling (SV), ECHO, Pricewaterhouse Coopers
Number of beneficiaries: 6,384 IDPs
Period of Implementation: May 1, 2002 – September 30th, 2004

Project Goal :

To improve the living conditions and health status of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in fifty communities in Lachin Wintergrounds by providing them with regular access to potable and/or irrigation water.

Objectives:

1. To improve sustainable access to water for drinking, cooking, personal and domestic hygiene and/or irrigation through the construction of four separate water systems in Lachin Wintergrounds.
2. To increase community knowledge of project design, proposal writing, and project management.
3. To increase community knowledge and awareness about water and sanitation hygiene.
4. To create functioning mechanisms to sustain the water systems without external support.

Activities:

- Mobilize communities to elect Action Plan Committees (APCs) using a Community Participatory Assessment (CPA) process.
- Provide training to communities in basic water sanitation hygiene.
- Establish Water User Committees (WUCs), comprised of representatives from each APC, to oversee implementation and on-going maintenance of each water system.
- Train WUC members on project management and maintenance.
- Construct three gravity-fed water distribution systems, including one artesian well and two river supplied waterlines.
- Work with communities to complete their contributions to the projects, including the construction of water distribution points in their settlements.
- Rehabilitate one irrigation canal system.
- Assist and train the WUCs to establish and manage a maintenance fund, with contributions from all communities, to sustain the water system infrastructure.



Ceremony dedicating water towers near the community of Mais to Klaas Keuning, the late director of SV.

Accomplishments to Date:

- One river pipeline system completed and providing potable water to 19 communities.
- One artesian well system completed and providing potable water to 10 communities.
- 13 centrally located water storage tanks for two water systems constructed.
- Water and sanitation education completed for 29 communities.
- Four Water User Committees established.
- Two community maintenance funds and on-going maintenance plans established with contributions from all beneficiary families.
- 29 community contributions completed, including providing labor for construction of main water systems and constructing water distribution points in their settlements.
- 54 communities sensitized about the projects.
- Needs assessment and management training completed in 54 communities.
- Procurement for water infrastructure underway for 25 communities.