



# 2025

## Annual Report



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Executive Director



## Message from the Executive Director

After almost a decade of building and operating the NGO Amazi Water in Burundi; 2024 presented a new opportunity. An opportunity to transition out of Amazi Water and begin something new.

I learnt so much during that intense season of focusing solely on water well drilling. The water is found in the depths of the earth, it is clean, filtered through the rock, it is uncontaminated, it is life giving. But is it the total solution? No.

Beyond the borehole...

Rural Burundian people are truly remarkable. They are also eager and adaptable. They have brilliant ideas and lots of energy, but they have been held back by the massive challenges that the country has faced over the last decades.

Water is the start, but we have to assist communities towards total water, total sanitation, total hygiene, food security and ultimately economic growth. There are many WASH projects operating effectively all over Burundi. How could we work together? How could we maximise our impact and see generational transformation?

Collaboration and partnership seemed key: tapping into the potential of organizations already working effectively in WASH, working more closely with local government and engaging more deeply with knowledgeable community leaders is the way forward. After months of thinking, planning, envisioning.... in July of 2024 Green Tap was born. The USA Board was put together. Dreams and goals began to be outlined.

Registration in Burundi began in October 2024, and completed late 2025.



# Our Vision and Mission

Green Tap Burundi exists to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions to underserved villages in Burundi. We aim to collaborate with like-minded organizations to maximize collective impact, ignite hope and foster innovation that leads to lasting transformation.

Burundi is one of the most densely populated and impoverished countries in East Africa, where over half the population lives in poverty and nearly 59% lack reliable access to safe drinking water. Recurring droughts, floods, and landslides worsen food insecurity, while poor sanitation fuels preventable outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

Despite these urgent challenges, WASH interventions in Burundi remain fragmented—some organizations drill boreholes, others construct latrines or provide hygiene training—yet efforts often operate in isolation without coordination for lasting impact. In historically neglected “cholera zones,” very few NGOs are active due to health risks and limited infrastructure.

Green Tap Burundi exists to bridge this gap. By uniting and strengthening WASH initiatives, we deliver integrated clean water systems, safe sanitation, and hygiene solutions where they are needed most, starting with the underserved Colline of Kiviriro, Bubanza.

During our planning and research phase we realised that this holistic approach to community development would be less effective without attention to improved agriculture and support for health services, which we are tackling as well.

We want to see some real innovations springing forth in the communities we will serve. Not only do we aim to see lasting change in beneficiary communities, but also significant change among WASH actors. Better coordination, exciting collaborations, new ideas and more impact!

Let's work together. Truly.



# Core Values

## RECONCILIATION

Green Tap is undergirded by the belief that nations, peoples and cultures are divided for various reasons. We aim to create a work environment that is uniting and exciting, both in the office and in the field.

## COLLABORATION

Green Tap believes that greater success comes from truly valuing each sector of society and tapping into the full potential of wisdom, training, experience and perspective.

## INTEGRITY

We must work in honesty. We must honor government systems even if they are slow. We must respect the legal protocols. We must do everything the “right way”. No short-cuts. No bribery. No corruption.

## INNOVATION

Our dream is to see communities bursting with new ideas, business propositions, sanitation innovations, health care improvement. We want to foster an environment so uplifting that minds are awakened to their talents and gifts, their dreams and passions.

## TRANSFORMATION

Decent water systems can last 30 years. Improved farming can increase food sources by 60%, health brings strength and energy. Education levels go up. Businesses are born. Economies grow! We hope to see this kind of change.

# Operational Highlights

2025 has been an exciting year of launching each program of Green Tap Burundi.

After meeting with several officials in Bubanza, we gained permission to start working in the community of Kiviruru, population 4,800. Our tiny team, made up of Country Director, Yannick Mubakilay and Executive Director, Caelene Peake began the project work!

## Summary of achievements by month

**January** - Country Director hired

**February** - Continual paperwork and meetings with Ministry of Interior

**March** - Water assessment in Kiviruru / World Water Day Fun Run at Jardin Public

**April** - Foundations for Farming training for 5 farmers

**May** - Meeting with administrative leaders re: medical outreach program by YWAM

**June** - 2 week medical outreach by YWAM Burundi / first meeting with Unicef WASH director at Unicef Office

**July** - 2 new team members joined / latrines installed

**August** - Bible program launched

**September** - Farming program launched / Tippy-tap trainings / volunteers visit

**October** - Rain catchment system installed

**November** - Bucket filters distribution and training

**December** - Texas fundraising event



# PROGRAM SUMMARIES

## WATER

Kiviruru has 7 mountain springs that flow out of the sides of mountains. Our water partners, Salco assessed that they all flow continuously throughout the year and could be developed into managed water sources. Spring water is generally safe for consumption. We measured flow rate, use of water and pros and cons of unmanaged, unprotected springs. Helping the community understand dirty puddles of water, malaria, cholera spread etc is a training we plan to do. This would include training on building french drains.

Once we are awarded grant money, we will be able to develop a spring or drill a borehole. In the meantime, Green Tap constructed a rain catchment system at the school. The school has 500 children.

We also distributed bucket filters to the school teachers and provided thorough training on how to keep them clean and effective for 4-6 years. Children can now use the water for cleaning, washing and drinking.

## SANITATION & HYGIENE

In partnership with Great At Vision, Green Tap constructed the first of two latrine blocks. The block replaces ancient and very unsafe latrines. The new ones have 3 for girls, 3 for boys and 2 for teachers. We plan to construct a second one like it.

The community is receiving ongoing trainings on how the Ecosan toilets work and how beneficial the recycle aspect is for the community, regarding agricultural benefits of the creation of compost and nitrogen.

Green Tap conducted a lengthy and detailed training on “tippy-tap” construction. The school now has 10, and are beginning to value cleanliness and hand-washing increasingly.

# PROGRAM SUMMARIES

## FARMING

In partnership with Foundations for Farming, which is based in Burundi, we were able to select 5 highly skilled farmers to receive the first round of trainings. This took place at the Foundations for Farming headquarters where students board for 2 weeks while they receive theory and hands-on training.

They then selected their fields back in Kivyiru, worked with the community and local government to get seeds, compost and fertilizer and began farming!

The first harvests of maize have been an unbelievable success. More analysis on the yields are coming! These trained farmers will now become the trainers and train the next 5 farmers.

## CHURCH

Most of the community members are self professed Christians, both Catholic and Protestant. We asked key faith leaders if they would be interested in receiving Kirundi Bibles, and being involved in a guided Bible study program. These are the first Bibles that these people have ever owned.

The idea is that these key people would then be able to each lead their own Bible studies and this way Biblical instructions and discussions can grow organically.

They were indeed very eager and so this is what we have done. Our Bible Program lead is working with 10 spiritual / faith leaders who are enjoying the program a lot.

Our goal is simply to provide basic resources to key people and provide hope and encouragement.

# Sustainability & Partnerships



How does all of this work go on without Green Tap? What is the exit strategy?

We have been deeply engaged in this community for a year and will continue for another 6 months and then begin to evaluate the project and move out of the community. We will prepare the community for the Green Tap exit by doing the following:

- Follow up hygiene training (lead by the community themselves as we support and observe)
- Follow up tippy-tap training (lead by community)
- Ensure that farmers have their “succession” farmers lined up for future trainings
- Encourage community business meetings
- Trainings on maintenance of latrines, rain system and water well.
- Keep in contact via phones for following 3 months
- Do follow up visit after 3 months of being gone
- Have regular meetings with Great At Vision who will continue to work in that community.
- Get feedback from YWAM if they do a second medical mission
- Stay informed of other NGO’s who may start a project there.

## Partnerships

1. Great At Vision - sanitation / Ecosan toilets / waste training / compost
2. YWAM Burundi - medical services
3. Salco - water construction
4. Salco Co - accounting services
5. Unicef - World Water Day Fun Run, partner for funding (application pending)
6. Autotech - sponsorships for events
7. ReNewGen - solar, sponsorships for events



## Team Growth and Organizational Culture

Please see Organogram linked in the UN Portal.

Green Tap's structure consists of a US based board of advisors, a Burundi based board of advisors and the Burundi operations team.

**Texas Board:** John Peake, Andre Van Aswegen, Mark Brazle, Jacob McKee, Jill Brazle, Cindy Campbell, Caelene Peake (non voting member).

**Burundi Board:** Louise Mbonihankunye, Yannick Mubakilay (Legal Rep.), Osias Bizimana, Theodore Niyonzima, Lysa Akineza, Bernard Nduwayob, Bebelyne Kanyange, Diomedé Ntimpirangeza, Caelene Peake, Ladd Serwat.

**Burundi Operations:** Caelene Peake - Executive Director. Yannick Mubakilay - Country Director and Legal Representative. Leger Bigirimana - Bible Program Lead. Cynthia Iteriteka - Farming Lead. Fiona Karmali - Communications Lead. Miranda Akimpezagiriye - Social Media. Diomedé Ntimpirangeza - Support Staff.

Green Tap Burundi aims to create a work environment that clearly aligns with our values. We will treat each other with value, honor and respect, working together to achieve our goals. Green Tap should be a productive place to work, with an appreciation for team building and celebrating wins. Each employee should feel that their strengths are recognized and fully operational!

# Financial Overview



## 2025 budget

Please request the official budget spreadsheet for 2025 and 2026 if needed.

The following is an outline of what happened in 2025.

### INCOME

- monthly supporters = \$1,500/month. Total = 18,000
- one-time big gifts between \$1,000 - \$5,000 = \$8,000 total
- fundraiser for latrines = \$2,500
- other random one time gifts = 2,000



### EXPENDITURE

- latrines - \$3,000
- rain catchment - \$3,000
- tippy-taps - \$300
- Bucket filters - \$200
- Bible program - \$400
- Farming program - \$1,500
- upcountry travel and perdiems
- Overhead (phones, salaries, office rent, accounting) - 15,000
- Burundi guesthouse for international staff - \$3,600
- Texas expenses - \$3,000

# Board Members



## Texas Board of Advisors

Our Texas board is made up of a very special group of people. Every board member has either lived in Burundi or visited Burundi many times, except for one.

Each board member has a unique understanding of Burundi and love for the country. Their role is to help the ED lead the efforts in Burundi well, to ensure that we fulfill our mission - and always work according to our core values.

The board also supports fundraising efforts, runs the finances, produces financial and tax statements, takes minutes, reads the bylaws, ensures board education and compliance, ensures transparency and integrity, evaluates the ED annually.

The board meets 3 times per year.

## Burundi Board of Advisors

Each member of the Burundi board was selected for their unique skills, experience and insights in various fields. We have people who understand accounting, HR, rural healthcare, water quality testing, rural church life, social media, construction, government relationships, Burundian land rights, effective community development. Our Burundi board meets 3 times a year, is vibrant, full of ideas and guidance and wisdom and keeps us on track!

They are a joyful bunch and a delight to work with.

## Volunteer Impact

- sponsorships for the Fun Run
- YWAM medical outreach - treated hundreds of people
- Visitor from Tanzania who donated soccer balls and school supplies
- In-kind donations
- Social Media support - 2 volunteers working on this
- Photography - one for field visits and the other for the fun run
- t-shirt printing - offered to us in Texas

# Future Outlook



## Strategic Goals for 2026

Q1

- 2<sup>nd</sup> latrine block
- Fun Run - WWD2026
- Build Unicef partnership
- Second farmer training
- Launch “Proclaimer” program
- Build out new & improved Hygiene Training program

Q2

- Drill large borehole for Kiviyuru - water for 1500
- Run multiple hygiene trainings / add bucket filters
- Womens trainings - feminine safety and hygiene
- Kitchen garden trainings for farmers
- Evaluation of all programs

Q3

- Move into second village, begin data collection
- Relationship building with key leaders
- Full water assessments
- Rain catchment, bucket filters
- 1<sup>st</sup> farmer training

Q4

- FOLLOW UP visit and hygiene training at VILLAGE #1
- Bible program rolled out
- Latrines constructed
- prepare for borehole / water well
- Hygiene trainings / tippy taps constructed



## Conclusion

Green Tap Burundi has a very long-term outlook. We hope to be established for decades to come, impacting each community with change, hope, empowerment, water, health, hygiene, agriculture. We hope to see new micro-sconomies spring forth.

We hope that Green Tap changes and morphs along the way to meet needs better, to enage innovative community members more effectively, to see new opportuniies for enhanced WASH partnerships.

Green Tap hopes to see the entire WASH sector in Burundi boosted and more connected. We hope to see improved srategic and effective partnerships bringing bigger impact.

We do not want to rush. We would like to be thorough and consistent, always listening to and being guided by the communities we serve.

We always want to learn and grow and develop. We want to be a blessing.

Thank you for reading,

Sincerely,  
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