

WELL4AFRICA NEWS AND ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Dear brothers and sisters, peace and good!

Through God's Mercy, we continue the social initiative "Well4Africa", the aim of which is to ensure human right to water by drilling boreholes in poor areas of Africa where the Franciscan Family is present. All year round "Well4Africa" accepts applications from English, French and Portuguese speaking countries in Africa. Project application criteria and guidelines are available [here](#).

Thanks to the joint effort of the Secular Franciscan Order and our benefactors, since 2018, the social initiative "Well4Africa" has already implemented 14 water projects: Namane water project in Malawi (2018), Kihani water project in Uganda (2018–2019), St. Lawrence water project in Kwipululu, Malawi (2019–2020), Sibi water project in Ghana (2020), St. Peter's water project in Masenyane, Zimbabwe (2020), Shisong water project in Cameroon (2020), Kongo water project in Ghana (2020–2021), Mutemwa water project in Zimbabwe (2021), Afua water project in Cameroon (2021), Mbohtong water project in Cameroon (2022), Kanafa water project in Ethiopia (2022), Bagnai-Moulvoudaye water project in Cameroon (2023), Bambui water project in Cameroon (2024), and Wiini water project in Ghana (2025).

Follow all news of the social initiative on the well4africa.eu website which is available in 8 languages: English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, German, Hungarian, and Lithuanian. Support "Well4Africa" by following and sharing our social media: Instagram [@well4africa.eu](#) and Facebook [@well4africa.eu](#).

We hereby provide the report on implemented and ongoing "Well4Africa" water projects in 2025.



Wiini water project in Ghana

This is already the third water project that "Well4Africa" has implemented in collaboration with the Franciscan Capuchin Friars Mission in Ghana.

Wiini village is located in the Nkwanta North District, Oti Region, Ghana. It is 8 kilometres from the district capital, Kpassa, and approximately 400 kilometres from the capital city, Accra.

The Franciscan Capuchin Friars provide pastoral care for St. Michael's parish in Kpassa and its 20 outstation churches. Since Wiini is a farming community without a school, children are often required to work on farms and fetch water from the river, which negatively affects their education. To address this need, the Capuchins established an evening school called *La Sapienza*, where children receive basic literacy and numeracy education during evening hours. After two years of training, the children are helped to enrol in schools in Kpassa. The new water project was therefore essential for the health and well-being of both the community and the students.

The Wiini water project involved several stages. First, experts identified a suitable drilling site through geophysical surveys.

A borehole was then drilled to a depth of 98 metres and fitted with protective casing pipes to prevent contamination. After testing the water quality and pressure to ensure it met potable standards, a 1.5 HP submersible solar pump was installed at a depth of 93 metres. Since hand pumps often require frequent repairs, a more sustainable and efficient solar pump system was chosen. A tower structure was built to hold a poly tank, allowing gravity-fed water distribution. Pipes and taps were installed to provide convenient access to clean water through multiple distribution points. The project was successfully completed and officially inaugurated on 23 March 2025.

The beneficiaries of this water project include the entire community of Wiini, consisting of 120 families, as well as residents of the neighbouring villages of Bitaba and Nlakaba. In total, approximately 175 households are expected to benefit. In rural villages of Ghana, a household typically consists of five to eight members.

Before this project, the people of Wiini relied solely on the Kpassa river, located 2 kilometres away, which was unsafe for drinking and domestic use. The water was muddy and polluted with plastic waste. During the rainy season, people also collected rainwater, but there remained a great need for a safe and sustainable water source.

This water project has significantly transformed the lives of the people of Wiini and the surrounding villages. By providing access to safe drinking water, it has greatly benefited the community and reduced the need for children to fetch unsafe water. This has improved the health and well-being of children and pregnant women by reducing the risk of waterborne diseases. The borehole has had a major impact on the quality of life of the villagers, who now have access to clean drinking water. *“Access to clean water is no longer a daily struggle. We thank Well4Africa for your commitment to human dignity and health, and we look forward to future collaborations in service of those most in need,”* says fr. Robinson Melkis OFM Cap, Mission Delegate of the Franciscan Capuchin Friars Mission in Ghana.

The works were carried out by “Global Tech Boreholes Ltd” from December 2024 to March 2025. The company provided a one-year warranty for the borehole and solar pump system and agreed to provide service support. Bernice Nignalijal, a local primary school teacher, was trained and assigned to manage the pumping of water into the poly tank and to ensure that the system functions properly.

The amount donated to the project was EUR 6,467. A video about the Wiini water project in Ghana, created by the local community as a gesture of thanksgiving, is available [here](#).



Ongoing water projects

In July 2025, another water project was launched in Cameroon. The project involves the construction of a borehole in Bindoumba, a Baka Pygmy village in Djoum, in the Southern Region of Cameroon, Central Africa. As the Franciscan Family in Cameroon continually works to improve the living conditions of poor and vulnerable people, particularly communities such as the Baka Pygmies, it recognized the need for this project. The new borehole is expected to improve living conditions in the area and help reduce the risk of waterborne diseases that threaten this ethnic minority.



The OFM Cap Custody of St. Francis of Assisi in Cameroon has committed to monitoring the Bindoumba water project, which is under the responsibility of the OFS National Council of Cameroon. The amount donated to the project is EUR 7,470.

Join us in organizing a fundraising campaign for “Well4Africa”!

We greatly appreciate the support of all OFS national fraternities, which regularly transfer their donations. The analysis of annual income, expenses and balance of “Well4Africa” budget is provided on the table below.

Year	Balance at the beginning of the year (EUR)	INCOME (EUR)	EXPENSES (EUR)	Balance at the end of the year (EUR)
2018	0	38,803.60	19,616.52	19,187.08
2019	19,187.08	48,440.36	41,358.57	26,268.87
2020	26,268.87	34,573.67	26,909.54	33,933.00
2021	33,933.00	22,743.17	24,383.95	32,292.22
2022	32,292.22	9,853.00	26,377.33	15,767.89
2023	15,767.89	7,718.80	9,004.45	14,482.24
2024	14,482.24	21,706.10	17,648.58	18,539.76
2025	18,539.76	9,874.83	7,550.00	20,864.59

We never tire of repeating that every regular (monthly) donation to “Well4Africa” can make a real impact on the life of our Franciscan Family in Africa. There is a possibility to donate to “Well4Africa” [via PayPal or with Debit or Credit Card](#) offering one-time, monthly or yearly donations. For other possible ways of donation, please refer to <https://well4africa.eu/index.php/donate>.

The “Well4Africa” Coordination Team has prepared a roll-up as a visual presentation of this social initiative of the Secular Franciscan Order. Please see its English version on the last page of this report. If your National Fraternity wishes to organise a fundraising using this roll-up, we will gladly design the same layout in your language. We kindly ask you to contact us by email at well4africa@gmail.com.

We would like to express our appreciation to all national fraternities which have assigned their “Well4Africa” [contacts by countries](#). New contact persons are very welcome to join our team!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us conclude by sharing the good news that “Well4Africa” will be presented at the 6th World Apostolic Congress on Mercy (WACOM), which will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, from June 7–12, 2026. Mercy always calls for action. The thematic session, “Presentation of the Well4Africa Social Initiative,” will introduce participants from around the world to the origins of the OFS social initiative, which over the past eight years has already implemented fourteen significant water projects in six African countries. It is a truly precious opportunity for us, as Franciscans, to witness our beautiful charism while celebrating the special Year of Saint Francis. *Il Poverello* of Assisi, patron saint of the poor, pray for us, that like you, we may always act guided by mercy!

Fraternally,

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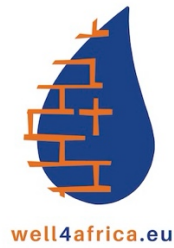
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WATER IS LIFE

WATER IS JOY

WATER IS GIFT



„WELL4AFRICA“ SOCIAL INITIATIVE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER



Help us to ensure human right to water
and to drill boreholes in poor African countries
where the Franciscan Family is present.



Jesus said to her,
"Give me a drink."

John 4:7



Namane, Malawi (2018)
Kihani, Uganda (2018-2019)
Kwipululu, Malawi (2019-2020)
Sibi, Ghana (2020)
Masenyane, Zimbabwe (2020)
Shisong, Cameroon (2020)
Kongo, Ghana (2020-2021)
Mutemwa, Zimbabwe (2021)
Afua, Cameroon (2021)
Mbohtong, Cameroon (2022)
Kanafa, Ethiopia (2022)
Bagnai-Moulvoudaye, Cameroon (2023)
Bambui, Cameroon (2024)
Wiini, Ghana (2025)

