



Water supply in Gondwe, Zambia

About WfW

WASSER FÜR WASSER (WfW) is a Swiss non-profit organization based on the simple realization that access to and availability of safe drinking water is vital for all people, but not guaranteed equally for all. This is why since its foundation in 2012, WfW has been supporting projects focussed on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) vocational training in urban areas in Zambia and Moçambique.

Key information

Country: Zambia

Place: Gondwe, Lusaka

Project focus: Water supply / local ownership

Project duration: ongoing / since 2019

Beneficiaries: 8'600

Project costs: 816'000 USD

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Initial situation

The human right to sufficient, safe, physically accessible and affordable water is based on the conviction that water is a common good that must be available to all, regardless of financial means. In the structurally neglected Gondwe district of the Zambian capital Lusaka, however, less than 8% of the approximately 8,600 inhabitants have safe access to drinking water. Most people still obtain their water from unsafe boreholes, exposing them to considerable health risks. In addition, securing the daily water supply takes a considerable amount of time, which significantly limits the overall opportunities for development, especially for women.

Safe water supply

The current project focus lies on the systematic improvement of the water supply in Gondwe. In cooperation with WfW and the municipal water supplier Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company, the Gondwe district will be connected to the securely managed municipal water supply through a 10.5 km long pipeline network. Phase 1 has been successfully completed and residents have committed to support the costs of their household connections. In phase 2 the water network will be implemented and will enable all residents to access water directly from their homes. The project costs are borne by WfW and the Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company, with private households contributing to their household connections.

Maintenance of the network will in turn be financed from revenues generated through water bills, thus establishing a self-sustaining system. Experience shows that with a greater sense of collective responsibility, the financed infrastructure can be used safely and on a long-term basis.

With USD 10'000 donated through its "Christmas Charity Project 2020" the Toray Membrane Europe AG is supporting access to safe drinking water in the households of about 100 people in Gondwe, Lusaka. WfW would like to thank you for this support.