

# Solomon, Uganda

Solomon is 11 years old and lives in Ogwete village in Uganda.

WaterAid and a local organisation helped the village community to build a borehole (well) so everyone had access to clean, safe drinking water.

The community have plans to build another well so people don't have to walk so far for water.

Find out how Solomon's life has changed because of the well. >>

Solomon Odeke at his family's bathing shelter. →



↑ The drying rack.



↑ Solomon with Clement, the village leader.

## Q&A

### **Hi Solomon, how did you collect water before the borehole was built?**

“My family used to collect water from the swamp and the water was milky and smelt very bad. Now that we have a borehole in the village we use it to collect drinking water. The water looks clean now and it doesn't make us ill. We still use the swamp water for washing utensils and sometimes for bathing because the borehole is half an hour away.”

### **How has having a clean and safe supply of water affected your life?**

“My family have also built a dish rack, a bathing shelter and a latrine. I'm very proud of my village and my home now.

“I like the new bathing shelter because it is much more private. The shelter is made from trees which we collected from around our home.”

### **What have you learnt about how to keep healthy?**

“I know that I should wash my hands after using the latrine so that I do not get ill. It gives you a stomach ache if you have dirty hands and then eat food.”



### **Uganda**

Two-fifths of the population live with no supply of safe water.