

Chantal's story: Everything changed

Chantal lives in Burkina Faso, in a village called Sablogo. She lives in the community with her mum and 4 siblings. Chantal is 11-years-old and is studying in class four at primary school.

Chantal is just like lots of 11-year-olds, she enjoys playing with her brothers and sisters. Her family are Christians and she enjoys the celebrations her community hold to mark Christian festivals. Her community joins together to cook and share a meal on these feast days.

Chantal has lived in Sablogo her whole life and she can remember how everything changed when WaterAid helped to bring clean water to the village.

Before Sablogo had clean water, she would often have to go and dig into the sand in a nearby riverbed in search of water. She would help her mum to scrape the water from the sandy riverbed into containers which they carried home to drink and to use to cook and clean. Collecting water took a long time and the water they found was often dirty. The dirty water would make Chantal and her siblings ill.

She says, 'We used to drink that dirty water. It wasn't good. I didn't like this water because it was dirty. When I drank it, it



gave me a bad feeling of sickness.'

WaterAid installed a borehole in Sablogo which provides clean water. The borehole is near Chantal's house and everything changed. She isn't tired any more from the difficult journey carrying water from the riverbed and she no longer has to drink dirty water which makes her ill. She likes the water because it is clean and drinking it has made her feel much better.

Chantal can now enjoy playing with her brothers and sisters, studying for school and sharing feast days with her community all thanks to clean water.



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