



COMMUNITY WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT AMAL



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Summary

FI'SABIL'ILLAH UK has finalised its latest project which will be the construction of 2 community water wells. The 1st community water well will be located in Mali and the 2nd will be located in Indian Occupied Kashmir (also known as Jammu and Kashmir).

The community water wells will be constructed in areas where there is currently no access to clean and safe water supplies for the local community, including those of the surrounding areas. The local people currently have to walk long distances to find a source of water for their daily needs and this source will often not be clean and safe.

The communities of both areas have requested support in the construction of a community water well. Unfortunately, neither community has the finances to build a community water well and have requested our financial assistance to do so.

The total beneficiaries of the community water well in Mali would be 40 families or around 300 people and in Indian Occupied Kashmir it would be around 1,100 people.

The cost of each community water well is expected to be in the region of £2,100 or £4,200 in total for both.

The construction of a community water well is a way for a person to earn blessings in this Dunya and a way to continue to earn blessings in the Akhirah. The Prophet Muhammed (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: ***"The best charity is giving water to drink."*** [Ahmad]

Country Profile: Mali

The Republic of Mali is a landlocked country in West Africa. Mali is the 8th largest country in Africa with a population exceeding 15 million. Mali's area covers around 480,000 sq. miles. Mali consists of 8 regions and its borders on the north each reach deep into the middle of the Sahara Desert. The population of Mali mainly reside in the south.

Mali is one of the poorest countries in the world and the average worker's annual salary is \$1,500. It is estimated that around 36% of the population live below the poverty line. The life expectancy of a male is 51 years and for a female 53 years.

The vast majority of Malians are Muslim (90%) with the remainder being made up of Christians (5%) and the Indigenous (5%).



Location Profile: Dukato Village

Dukato Village is situated in the rural town of Sanankaroba, in southern Mali, which is around 25 kilometres south of the Malian capital, Bamako.

The village of Dukato has a population of 8,000 people with almost 3,000 men and more than 5,000 women and children. The number of households is estimated to total around 1,500.

The main economic activity in the village is agriculture and livestock with other secondary activities. The villagers of Dukato are mainly farmers and herders. However, most are very poor with large families.



Project Details - Mali

Dimensions

- The depth of the water well will be between 13 metres and 19 metres with the width being around 1.2 metres. The water well will aim to produce at least 1,500 litres of water per day.

Capacity

- Around 40 families will benefit from the community water well which equates to almost 300 people. More than 60% of the beneficiaries will be women and children. Around 70% of the families benefiting will be Muslims with the remaining 30% being Christian.

Community Water Well Structure

- After its digging and construction, the water well will be covered by an iron plate in order to protect it from pollution (in order to keep the water supply clean and safe) and from the danger of children or animals falling down it.

Timescales

- As soon as the funds have been raised, the construction of the community water well should take no longer than 6 months In Sha Allah.

Country Profile: Indian Occupied Kashmir

Indian Occupied Kashmir is located to the north of India close to the Himalayan mountains. It shares an international border with China in the north and east. The line of control separates it from the Pakistani administered territories of Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

Kashmir has a population of over 12.5m and is an area that covers around 85,806 sq. miles.

The vast majority of Indian Occupied Kashmir is made up of Muslims (68%) with the remainder made up of Hindus and Sikhs.



Location Profile: Rambalpura Kunzer, Baramulla

Baramulla is a town in the Baramulla district – 1 of 22 districts in Indian Occupied Kashmir and the 2nd largest by population – around 1m.

Baramulla town is the largest town in the district and the 4th most populous town throughout Indian Occupied Kashmir – around 200,000 people with males representing 55% and females 45%. The Rambalpura Kunzer, where the community water well will be constructed, has a population of around 1,100 (males: 500; females:600).

The main economic activity in the village is agriculture and horticulture. The area is known to be a producer of world class apples.



Project Details – Indian Occupied Kashmir

Dimensions

- The depth of the water well will be between 125 feet and 130 feet with the width being around 1.2 metres. The water well will aim to produce at least 1,500 litres of water per day.

Capacity

- Around 1,100 people will benefit from the community water well. Around 60% of these people are female.

Community Water Well Structure

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Aims of Project Amal

The aim of Project Amal is to help improve the health and hygiene conditions of the families in each of the respective areas by constructing a community water well. This will help facilitate easy access to safe water in the village for domestic use and for livestock. The community water well in Mali will also benefit both Muslim and Christian families.

The water wells, to be constructed, will aim to produce at least 1,500 litres of water per day. The water wells will be sufficiently deep to extract clean and safe water. An iron plate will be used to cover the water well as a means of protection from pollution and accidents.

The requirement for clean and safe drinking water is urgent as the communities currently rely on stored rain water or water obtained from areas away from the village. There are no natural springs in the area. The villagers in Mali, often women and children, will walk over 2 kilometres to find a source of water for their daily need and this water is often not clean and safe. In Baramulla Town, there is currently an issue with contaminated water. There are some streams flowing through the villages and some community taps.

The main water diseases in the areas is cholera and diarrhoea. The only treatment available, for the moment, is to bleach the drinking water. This is not understood by many of the villagers and is not accessible for everyone. The current water storage systems are jars, seals and barrels.

The community water wells will be constructed using a participative approach. The local communities will set up committees that will take care of the maintenance of the water wells and ensure good usage by the local communities. The local communities will provide much of the labour in the construction process providing a small boost to the local economy. It is hoped that the construction of the community water wells will also be good for community relations.

The benefit of the construction of the community water wells can be summarised as follows:

- It will permit easy access to safe water sources for the communities for their daily consumption via a protected water well;
- It will reduce the diseases linked to unsafe water in the communities;
- It will reduce the difficulty on the population, predominately women and children, of going long distances to find water sources; and
- It will improve the communities' health condition and permit an economic and social boost.

Cost Details - Mali

A comprehensive assessment of the project has been carried out and all work has been costed. A breakdown of the £2,100 total cost is shown below:

Materials	£1,272
Labour	£456
Other	£372
Total:	£2,100

Cost Details – Indian Occupied Kashmir

A comprehensive assessment of the project has been carried out and all work has been costed. A breakdown of the £2,100 total cost is shown below:

Materials	£1,514
Labour	£406
Other	£180
Total:	£2,100

This document has provided further information on FI'SABIL'ILLAH UK's community water well project. We now need your support to make this a reality for the Dukato and Rambalpura Kunzer communities.

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