

Photo Narratives for Ghana Daily Use of Water

GH0101

Volunteer Sasha Bennett is washing clothes by hand using two buckets, each half full of water. One bucket is for lathering and the other is used for rinsing. My water comes from a water storage tank situated on top of a concrete tower.

By Sasha Bennett
Bongo-Soe, Ghana (1999)

GH0203

Margaret and Ekuia, workers at the Peace Corps Project Nursery in Amisano, Central Region, water some of the Cassia seedlings. Watering thousands of seedlings during the dry season takes more than an hour each day.

By Molly Campbell
Amisano, Ghana (1999)

GH0329

The headmaster is at the front desk, planning lessons with the teachers at an elementary school in Mafi-Dove. Next to him is the water pot at the school that is used to store drinking water for the teachers. The drinking cup is resting on top.

By Nell Todd
Mafi-Dove, Ghana (1999)

GH0412

Children return from the River Dayi. At dawn and again at dusk, there is a virtual highway of water-fetchers.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0418

A primary student is washing her hands at the school latrine. The tap and plastic storage tank (to supply running water) are pretty much state-of-the-art technology in the latrines.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0423

K Kamla, a junior secondary school form 1 student, is washing his hands at the hand washer. There is no water source at the schools except for the taps at the latrines (there are only four taps for more than 700 students). Hand-washing stands have been made for each classroom. There is not enough water to provide a fresh supply for each wash, but this is a start toward better student hygiene practices.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0424

Primary school students wash the cups, basins, tubs, and other items that will be used for drinking and hand-washing this day. Every student brings water to school each day. Some of it is put in large cans for drinking. There is generally one cup per can, so many people drink from the same cup. The water from home is also used for hand-washing, scrubbing, and other activities.

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Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

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Bathing in the lake is a popular activity for those who cannot afford a bathing stall. Schistosomiasis, a blood disease, is a big problem in this area and Lake Volta is one of many sources of the disease.

By Steve Tester
Kpong, Eastern Region, Ghana (1999)

GH0624

A water pump on Lake Volta pulls water from the lake and will shoot it through the overhanging nozzle into trucks. The trucks take the water and wash the roads of dirt and debris during *harmattan* (the windy season) or they haul it to construction sites.

By Steve Tester
Kpong, Eastern Region, Ghana (1999)

GH0726

Gifty Amenu pours water into my storage barrel. It takes about seven days for me to use all the water in my barrel. I use the water for all purposes—bathing, washing dishes, drinking, and such.

By Chris Botzman
Akome, Volta Region, Ghana (1999)