

Photo Narratives for Kenya Value of Water

KE0101

Volunteer Jen Denzin is washing clothes, using one bucket with soap with two “rinse cycles.” She washes clothes about once every two weeks to conserve water. The water is very dirty but she uses it until it almost looks black before changing it.

By Drew Denzin
Ololulunga, Kenya (1999)

KE0226

This man is making paper from local plant fibers (sedges). The fibers are immersed in a basin of water and soda and then are dried on special trays. There is a growing market for homemade paper. It is simple to do and all materials can be found locally.

By Kendall Rondeau
Miharati, Kenya (1999)

KE0229

The metal container on the left with the purple basin beneath it is a common hand washing system at hotelis (restaurants) in Kenya. This one holds charcol in the top to heat the water.

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Miharati, Kenya (1999)

KE0305

Anthony Wachira is holding a piece of a pipe recently shattered by a herd of elephants. The water pipes lie buried beneath the path leading from the water intake structure to Kangaita Village.

By John and Kim Shumlansky
Mt. Kenya National Forest, Kenya (1999)

KE0312

PCV Kim Shumlansky is with Mama Jerry in the tea fields. The altitude and heavy rains of Kangaita are good conditions for the tea to grow.

By John and Kim Shumlansky
Mt. Kenya National Forest, Kenya (1999)

KE0335

The outhouses in Kenya are all squat-style which makes cleaning them with a bucket of water and a straw broom very simple. Small children are not allowed to use outhouses until they are about four, old enough to squat over the opening.

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