

Photo Narratives for Kenya Value of Water

KE0101

Volunteer Jen Denzin is washing clothes, using one bucket for lathering and one for two "rinse cycles." We wash clothes about once every two weeks to conserve water. The water is very dirty, but we use it until it almost looks black before changing it.

By Drew Denzin
Ololulunga, Kenya (1999)

KE0226

A man makes paper from local sedges, a fibrous plant. The fibers are immersed in a basin of water and soda and then are dried on trays. There is a growing market for homemade paper. It is simple to make and all materials are found locally.

By Kendall Rondeau
Miharati, Kenya (1999)

KE0229

The metal container on the left with the purple basin beneath it is a common handwashing system at restaurants in Kenya. This one holds charcoal in the top to heat the water.

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KE0305

Anthony Wachira is holding a piece of 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.

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Mt. Kenya National Forest, Kenya (1999)

KE0312

PCV Kim Shumlansky visit with Mama Jerry, who is picking the crop in a tea field. The elevation and heavy rains of Kangaita are good conditions for the tea to grow.

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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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