

Photo Narratives for Ghana Access to Water

GH0202

Ekua Kwaako, a nursery worker in the Peace Corps Project Nursery in Amisano, Central Region in Ghana, draws water from the reservoir to begin the process of hand-watering thousands of tree seedlings.

By Molly Campbell
Amisano, Ghana (1999)

GH0213

Peace Corps Project Nursery workers, along with Molly Campbell (second from right) inspect the nursery reservoir as it fills. Water is being pumped into the nursery reservoir so seedlings can be hand-watered during the dry season. This is part of her work as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

By Molly Campbell
Amisano, Ghana (1999)

GH0304

Kojo (whose name means Monday-born) is crossing a small stream to a nearby village. This stream is the traditional source of water (for drinking and bathing) for the village. Boreholes are now in the village for safe drinking water and to prevent diseases caused by drinking river water.

By Nell Todd
Mafi-Dove, Ghana (1999)

GH0308

Samuel is pumping water from one of the eight boreholes in the village. The boreholes are a social gathering place for women and children. The pump was specially made in Ghana to allow local people to easily maintain and repair it.

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Mafi-Dove, Ghana (1999)

GH0323

This water pipe is used for pumping water from the Volta River to the town of Adidome, where people then fetch water from standpipes. The Volta River is downstream from the dam that created the largest manmade lake in the world. Damming the river has damaged the river ecology; however, the dam is used for generating electricity in the area.

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Mafi-Dove, Ghana (1999)

GH0402

A boy helps a young girl lift her bucket. Water is heavy, and generally the containers are so big, it is impossible to lift them alone.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0419

Kwame, a junior secondary school form 2 student, shows off the rain catchment system and poly (plastic) tank that feeds the tap at the school latrine.

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Edem is scooping the water from the big basin to a smaller bucket that he can carry. Because of the long lines at the borehole, it is generally more efficient for children to draw the water into a big container and then either make trips with a smaller bucket (as Edem does) or call on someone bigger from home to come and carry it.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0629

Toga is pulling water from a well in a container made from the inner-tube of an automobile tire.

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

GH0718

Gifty Amenu is bringing water to my house. Because I am a teacher, the children do not allow me to carry my own water.

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