

Kakrao prayer update – August



Dear Friends,

Here in the UK we've had a mixed bag in terms of weather this summer. We've had lots of sunshine and even a heatwave, but we've also had our fair share of rain too. Too often, we consider rain as a nuisance or 'bad' weather, but it's important to remember how much we really need it.

News from Sylvia:

One of the greatest challenges in recent months for our farmers in Kakrao has been a lack of water. During the dry season, water supplies are at an all-time low causing families to prioritise what little supply they have for household use rather than irrigating their crops. This has a big impact on farm production and limits the amount of food they can grow to feed their families and sell to earn an income.

Sylvia and the team have been working hard to ensure farmers become resilient even in times of drought. They have trained 187 families to harvest rainwater effectively by building rainwater catchment tanks. These clever storage areas capture rainwater runoff, usually from the roof of the house, and direct it into the tank. This means that farmers can capture plenty of water to store for a period of up to two months after the elapse of rains. Alongside this, the team have successfully protected five springs so community members have access to safe, clean water. Protecting a spring involves capturing water at the source and diverting it to a tap, which protects the water from contamination and improves access for the community.



"Before we used to wake up as early as 4am to go for water thinking that it not yet contaminated at that time, but now we can go for water any time of the day," Lillian Mbaja, community member using Kachacha spring.

Community members fetching water at Kachacha spring

Please pray:

- Praise God for farmers like Lillian (in the photo above) who now have access to clean, safe water for their homes and farms to flourish.
- Please pray for more people to receive Send a Cow training so that they are able to withstand the difficult dry months.
- Please pray that families would be able to produce fruitful crops despite the difficult growing conditions.

Thank you for your continued prayers.



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