

"in him was life,
and the life
was the light
of all people."

John 1:4

A little rain has come so nine year old Asanti has gone with her mother and sister to collect water from the small pond. The water is brown and unpleasant. It is not safe but in the drought that has battered their home in Ethiopia, they are grateful for what they have.

It has rained but they do not know when it will fall again. They must be careful of every drop.

Once Asanti's family could depend on the rains but no more. With no rain, crops do not grow. They have little to eat and become ill from drinking the polluted water. They need help.

Their story is not the only one. In south Uganda, Great Grandmother Farazia prays for water. Everyday her grandchildren spend hours fetching water, polluted water. Farazia knows a rainwater tank will make all the difference. Little by little she is saving what she can to pay for her half of the tank. By supporting this year's Christmas Appeal, you will help her and other carers of children affected by HIV and AIDS get the tanks they need to supply good clean water. The water that is essential for life.

Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, the United Nations agreed to a new agenda for sustainable development made up of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The goals are interconnected and cannot be achieved in isolation. They are a commitment made together for the people of the world – no one shall be left behind.

The sixth goal deals with the urgent need for clean water and sanitation – some 844 million people do not have basic water services and 4.5 billion lack access to safely managed sanitation. The statistics are staggering but cannot be ignored. SDG6 commits governments to take action on water management, protect water ecosystems, and fund safe water and sanitation.

Give life

At Christmas there is no time for such misery. With the writer of the Gospel, we want to share life. Like John, we must resist what is unjust and look towards the light. Life without water is impossible.

The needs are clear. We cannot ignore them. Please support the work we do together to share the essence of life.

Give water this Christmas. Please support the 2019 Christmas Appeal.

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Her need is CLEAR.

