

Photo Narratives for Ghana Daily Use of Water

GH0101

Volunteer Sasha Bennett is washing clothes by hand using two buckets half full of water. One bucket is for lathering and the other is used for rinsing. Her water comes from a water storage tank situated on top of a cement tower.

By Sasha Bennett
Bongo-Soe, Ghana (1999)

GH0203

Margaret and Ekuia, workers in the Peace Corps Project Nursery in Amisano, Central Region, water some of the Cassia seedlings. Watering thousands of seedlings during the dry season takes over an hour daily.

By Molly Campbell
Amisano, Ghana (1999)

GH0329

The headmaster is at the front desk planning lessons with the teachers at an elementary school in Mafi-Dove. Next to him is the water pot at the school that is used to store drinking water for the teachers. The drinking cup is resting on top of the pot.

By Nell Todd
Mafi-Dove, Ghana (1999)

GH0412

These children are on their way back from the River Dayi. At dawn and again at dusk there is a virtual highway of water fetchers.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0418

A primary student is washing her hands at the school latrine. The tap and poly tank (i.e., running water) is pretty much state-of-the-art technology in the latrines.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0423

Kamla, a Junior Secondary School Form 1 student, is washing his hands at the hand washer. There is no water source at the schools except for the taps at latrines (only four taps for over 700 students) so hand-washing stands have been made for each classroom. There isn't enough water around for fresh water for each wash, but this is a start toward student hygiene.

By Amy Wiedemann
Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

GH0424

Two primary school students are washing the cups, basins, tubs, and other items that will be used for drinking and hand washing that day. Every student brings water to school each day; some of it is put in large cans for drinking. There is generally one cup per can so everyone drinks from the same cup. The water is also used for hand washing, scrubbing, and other activities.

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Gbefi, Ghana (1999)

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Bathing in the lake is a popular activity for those who cannot afford a bathing stall. Schistosomiasis is a big problem in this area and Lake Volta is one of many sources of it.

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

GH0624

This water pump on Lake Volta pulls water out of the lake and shoots it through the over hanging nozzle into trucks. The trucks take the water and wash the roads of dirt and debris during harmattan or they haul it to construction sites.

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

GH0726

Gifty Amenu is pouring water into a water barrel. I use all the water in the barrel in about seven days. The water is used for all purposes—bathing, washing dishes, drinking, etc.

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