



September 2026 Newsletter

A Variety of Projects in a Variety of Places

More *Clean Water for Africa*™



TGUP's [*Clean Water for Africa*](#)™ program delivers World Health Organization-quality purified water to schools in Uganda for \$.44 (44 cents) per child, per year. It's the lowest cost/highest quality clean water program in Africa, by far.

We just committed to delivering systems for 30 more schools and medical clinics. Each installation costs \$1,200. It lasts 10 years and helps thousands of children over the life of the

system. Thank you to our partner, the Nsawo Community Development Project for its local part of this campaign.

New *Science Lab in a Box*™ Installations in Kenya

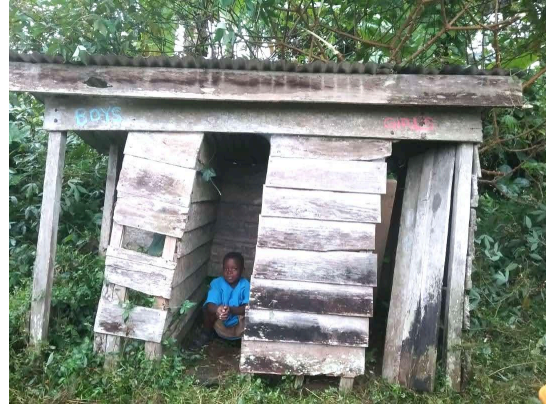
We just completed installation of 5 of our [*Science Labs in a Box*](#)™ (SLaB) in Kenya. Here are students at the Tumutumu School for the Deaf celebrating their new lab. Kiini Sustainable Initiative, one of our partners in Kenya, managed the installations.

SLaB provides everything needed to allow world-class laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. We've installed more than 60 in six developing countries. Over a SLaB's life, the cost comes out to \$.75 (seventy-five cents) per student helped. Is that worth it to bring somebody into the modern world?



New Latrines in Cameroon

Latrines are not glamorous. In fact, they're a crappy business (sorry; couldn't resist). But without them, you can't run a school. The kids will be pooping in the bushes and everybody will be running around, ankle deep, in their own E.coli. It doesn't work.



So, we have inadvertently become The Latrine Kings of the World. We've got it down to a science, where we can deliver one stall **for about \$1.19 per student**, per year. Here's the Before and After of a new set we just finished at the Mbabe School, in Cameroon. Which one would you rather use? Thank you to Action for Change, our Cameroon partner, who carried out the work.

A Playground in Indonesia

Some people might think a playground is a "nice to have" for an elementary school. But ask any school administrator and they'll tell you that the children do a lot better in class when they've had the chance to play at lunch. Or, before school. Or, after.

It seems to have something to do with full body awareness, or hand-eye coordination, or such. The beautiful thing is that playgrounds need no instruction manuals. The kids immediately know what to do with a slide or a swing set or monkey bars.

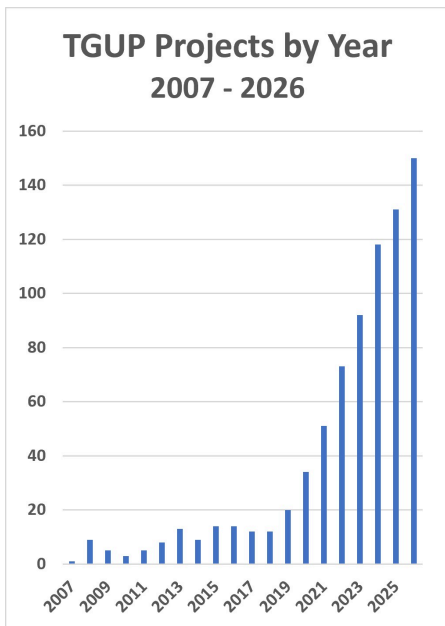


Here's a playground we just finished at the Keling School in Indonesia. See the slide and monkey bars at the far right, behind the swing set. The whole thing cost \$1,500. If you could hear the children squealing, you'd know what a great deal that is. Thank you to the donor and our Indonesian partner who made it possible. Children need to play!

Final Word: The Glide Path to the End of the Year

TGUP projects take about 3 months from conception to completion. That gets us from the project idea and budgeting, through construction, to certification and notification of donors. Three months. So, the "glide path" to finishing 2026 is largely in place.

Last year, we completed 130 projects, or one about every three days. This year, we'll do 150 +/-, or about one every 2.4 days. This chart shows what that looks like since we began, in 2007.



This [will bring to 775](#) the number of projects we will have completed since we started. Over their lives, those projects will help almost 6 million of the world's poorest people (mainly children) have just a slightly better chance in life.

One request which we don't make often: We're running short of our goal for this year for funding [our Save a Girl](#)™ sanitary kits. One SaG kit costs \$8 and helps keep an adolescent girl in school for four years. It might be the highest return on human investment in the world.

In January, we [distributed our 1,000,000th pad](#), to a middle school girl in Kenya. If you would like to help—any amount will help—just

[click here](#).

Anyway, this is really working. We had no idea when we started 19 years ago that we would one day be here. We are certain we will get to 10 million people helped. We're pretty confident we can hit 20 million. After that, it's too far out to imagine, but there's no reason it should stop.

This is OUR vision and mechanism for how to improve the world. It's obviously working. Thank you for your support that makes it possible. The world is a better place for it, for everybody.

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