

Erika Makalli, Tanzania

Twelve year old Erika lives in Mbalawala Village in Tanzania.

Girls are usually responsible for the collection of water. Where there is no clean water source, they have to collect water from contaminated sources such as muddy pools with harmful bacteria.

Mbalawala village has had clean water for just over one year now. WaterAid started work in this village two years ago, motivating the people and laying the groundwork for the tapstand project.

Now it is complete and everyone knows about good hygiene, the village is clean. There is a café in the village as people have more time and money to be enjoying these simple pleasures.

Here, Erika talks about how the safe water supply has changed her life. >>



↑ A tapstand has changed life in the village.



↑ Before the pump many women and children spent two hours a day collecting water.