

TEENAGE GIRLS CONVINCED THE PRIME MINISTER TO PROVIDE THEIR SCHOOL WITH CLEAN WATER TO ENSURE THEIR RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Children Engaging With Decision Making

Sub-Saharan Africa: Tanzania

In Tanzania, a group of teenage girls created a campaign for clean water in their village. The only source of water in their community was a river located 7km away, and they amplified this reality, through a campaign that attracted worldwide attention, triggering a positive response from local authorities. They were able to meet with the Prime Minister of Tanzania to demand clean water and other essential services. Soon after, a clean water pipe was installed near the school. Before the new clean water supply, it would take up to two hours for them to collect water – the long journey meant they would miss their classes. Now it takes only 15 minutes to collect water, allowing the girls and their classmates to stay in school.

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