Valentina Matiku spent the majority of her younger years trekking across the blistering hot savannah for water – albeit dirty – so her family could drink, farm, bathe. Time spent on the life-sustaining task meant time not spent gaining education to forge a more promising future.

Sadly, Matiku’s story is not unique. However, today Matiku is in school, no longer burdened by daily water retrieval. This life-changing turn of events is thanks to Lions in Austria, who used a US$77,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to help Lions in Tanzania expand water access to several rural Tanzanian communities, including Matiku’s.

The Land for Life project brought three new wells and six new water tanks to the Mara Region, construction crews focusing on infrastructure and other project volunteers on training residents to use new agriculture and fish farming equipment. The project has eased water scarcity and increased farming output for nearly 5,000 people.

“I used to go far to fetch water from a dam where animals drink,” said Matiku. “Having water access in my village is a savior.”
A Precondition for Existence

1 in 3.

That’s the number of people in the African Region impacted by water scarcity2. Vital to improving health and community welfare, water – the lifeline many worldwide take for granted – poses challenges for many in this part of the world. The toll is palpable.

Access in Schools
- <50% water
- <40% adequate sanitation
  in West and Central Africa4

SOURCES/NOTE: 1,2World Health Organization; 3,5,6,8United Nations; 4,7UNICEF; grant limits subject to change

THAT’S AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN REGION.
GLOBALLY, IMPACTS LOOK LIKE THIS:

10% lower disease burden
with global access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation5

6,000 children die
of water-related diseases every day7

Return on US$1 Investment

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