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WOMEN'S WATER COOPERATIVE IN TANZANIA

VIDEO

WOMEN PUMP WATER

WOMEN OF COOPERATIVE
WORK

MS. ROSEMARY STEVINI ON
CAMERA WITH OTHER WOMAN

WOMAN FETCHES WATER
FROM OUTDOOR FAUCET

AUDIO

NARRATION

Women helping women is one of the indirect benefits of a new water project this neighbourhood in Dar-es Salaam, Tanzania's biggest city. This water flows thanks to a group of about 25 women working out of this office and the World Bank, which helps fund small cooperatives like this one. Rosemary Stevini is the cooperative's treasurer. (22)

ROSEMARY STEVINI: (Tanzanian) **F**

"I became a member when we saw that we were depending too much on the men, so we decided to come together and help each other with ideas and better ways of supporting ourselves as women." (11.5)

NARRATION

These women sell their water for a small price, 20 shillings a bucket. They mostly sell to other neighbourhood women, who used to have to get up early and walk to fetch water. These

WATER METER RUNNING

taps also help improve health in a city often prone to cholera outbreaks. The water is clean because it comes from a bore, and it is cheaper than water sold by vendors, which can cost up to 500 shillings a bucket. Lydia Henry Neli-Balema is the water company's local liaison. (30)

LYDIA HENRY NELIBALEMA ON CAMERA

LYDIA HENRY NELIBALEMA: (English) F
"In this neighbourhood, we don't have piped water, so all the population here depends on our bore hole. We can see in the numbers, the bore holes have saved them very much."
(12)

WOMEN WALK

NARRATION
Since the water authority and the cooperative sank a bore three years ago, these women have made about 5 thousand US dollars. Sara Nyoni, who is part of cooperative, says they plan to drill more bores and put the money back into water. (16)

SARA NYONI ON CAMERA W/
ROSEMARY

SARA NYONI: (Tanzanian) F
"There were women around, mostly dependent on the men, to get some income from them, they had nothing for themselves, so they formed a group, they started with a small contribution." (11)

WOMEN AT COOPERATIVE
OFFICE / WATER FLOWS FROM
TAP INTO A CONTAINER

NARRATION
The women of the Chamika cooperative began their business to gain independence from their men, and they say the more they make the

more freedom they earn. The Co-op's Mary Machusa says she has learned independence.

(12)

MARY MACHUSA: (Tanzanian) **F**

MARY MACHUSA ON CAMERA

"I've learned ideas, I've learned a lot, I've discovered that I can be free, I can be free, I talk to other women, I can follow other women, and I travel often to learn. I feel free." (15)

NARRATION

WOMEN AT WATER PUMP
STATION

A bucket at a time, a few shillings at a time, the women of this neighbourhood are improving their lives. And at the same time they are helping others—their neighbours, who merely have to walk to a nearby tap for that staple of life—clean fresh water. (17)

WOMAN FETCHES WATER
FROM TAP

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