



ATLAS CAZENGA

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Water: Improved stand posts, but still expensive

WATER IS A PRIORITY

Lusia is a volunteer for her local ACA, the neighborhood water committee that takes care of the standpipe in her bairro. Lusia has been in Cazenga for five years, but only this year has the standpipe started to work. With it there has been change in the affordability of water – it's now cheaper (5 Kz for a 20 liter container) and more accessible. Water is the priority problem for people in Cazenga, and women bear the burden since they're usually the ones fetching it.

"Water is an important part of everyone's life, water is life! Without water you can't

do anything. You can't clean, cook or drink."

Lusia volunteers at the standpipe to manage the distribution of water, she enjoys it because she can provide a service for others, meet friends and chat; but sometimes she also has to put things in order: "Sometimes people try to jump the queue, but I get them in line" she says with a smile.

More standpipes and better management of water will help families obtain sufficient water at affordable prices.



SOLUTION: ACA

ACAS ARE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES OF RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT WATER DISTRIBUTION. THEY WORK TOGETHER WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT DISTRIBUTION OF WATER AT STANDPIPES IS ORDERLY AND PAYMENTS ARE COLLECTED AND USED FOR MAINTENANCE. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ENSURES TRANSPARENT MANAGEMENT AND THAT RESIDENTS MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE LOCATION OF STANDPIPES.

PRICE PAID PER LITER BY PROPORTION OF POPULATION

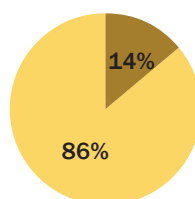


WATER IS EXPENSIVE: 67% OF HH PAY MORE THAN 20 KWANZA FOR A LITER OF WATER.

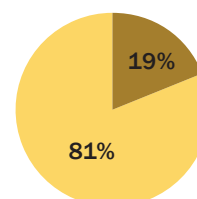


LACK OF ACCESS

Only 14% of people in Cazenga have access to water in their homes. Yet even though most people rely on standpipes, 81% think the prices are too expensive.



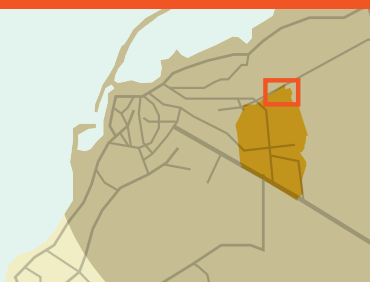
% hh without public water service



% hh don't think price of water is right

HOJI-YA-HENDA: TIME LOST FETCHING WATER

- + STAND PIPE
- 100 METER WALKING AREA
- 200 METER WALKING AREA



Water Not Available



Waiting in Line



Long Way to Walk



"There's been no change, there's never good service"

"Improved, now water is not lacking from the standpipe like before."

"Nothing's changed because the difficulties continue."

"It's improved because there are more water standpipes."

RUA TIKC

RUANGOLA KILUANJE

200 M



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