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# WATER RESOURCES INTEGRATION DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (WARIDI)

## SUCCESS STORY

*Over 135,000 villagers will gain access to clean water from 16 construction schemes in Tanzania*

The Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (WARIDI) has committed \$2.1 million to support the supply of clean water in five local government authorities (districts) that will benefit over 135,000 people in the Iringa and Morogoro regions.

The 16 water schemes are being completed in Mvomero, Kilosa, Kilombero, Kilolo, and Iringa districts, and include water pumps from borehole wells and gravity-sourced schemes.

As part of these efforts, WARIDI is constructing pump houses and new water storage tanks, drilling water boreholes, and supplying electricity, water meters, and treatment units. The project is also repairing water distribution points where existing infrastructure needs renovation.

Local contractors and laborers are completing the construction work under a strict quality assurance program, with labor contributed by villagers accounting for 14 percent of the overall USAID investment (\$294,470).

In addition, the projects are being supervised on-site by 16 recent engineering graduates, male and female, who have been recruited under the WARIDI Internship Program.

“This project is a real savior for us. We are looking forward to it with open arms because there is a huge challenge of water in our village. On behalf of my team, let me thank the American people for this support,” said Bahati Mwinyimvua, an elder of Melela village.

Bahati says the villagers get water from wells, or sometimes twice a week from old pipes that were installed in 1977 that now pose a health risk due to their degradation. By May 2018, clean water is expected to flow from the newly established water points in Morogoro and Iringa villages due to WARIDI activities. This will transform the lives of villagers in these areas, especially for women who must walk long distances to get water from unsafe wells, risking both their security and the health of themselves and their families who consume the water.

The WARIDI project is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and is implemented by Tetra Tech in collaboration with partner organizations Winrock International, Resonance (formerly SSG Advisors), local government authorities (LGAs), the private sector, and civil society organizations.

The goal of the WARIDI project is to expand into 20 districts total and provide 1.5 million Tanzanians with improved access to clean water and sanitation.

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