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## Completion

The project for safe drinking water in Quatila Village, Oromia Region in Ethiopia, was completed in February 2022. More than 3200 people benefit from safe drinking water close to their living environment. Now – especially women and children – don't have to walk miles to fetch water in a polluted or nearly dry river. This is especially risky during the rainy season because of the heavy rainfall and flooding.

The project has been considerably delayed due to COVID-19 and the effects of climate change. Nevertheless, it is now operational, in line with the pre-set objectives.

#### Water Committee

Part of this project is the appointment and training of a so-called Water Committee, consisting of 7 people and 2 water salesmen. The committee is responsible for the income and maintenance of the well. A maintenance package has already been delivered.

### Participation and collaboration

There has been excellent cooperation with all kinds of local authorities. Technical support was obtained from the local water offices. The local authorities have cooperated well in the realization of this project. The local population has enthusiastically helped, among other things, with the installation of the fence.

#### **Donations and grants**

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