

Dear donor, interested person,

Thank you for opening this June newsletter! A lot has happened since mid-December 2024 and we are happy to share it with you!

A short reminder: What do we stand for?

Our goal: to provide clean drinking water to 4,000 families in Sierra Leone by 2027.



With the experience gained in 2024, we have decided to sharpen our strategy to three main activities:

1. Support small projects that are initiated by local communities and do not always have sufficient financial capacity to start the project, but do have the ability to continue to manage a clean water project that has already started with external support.
2. Facilitate projects of other NGOs by supplying and training in the use of the Tulip filter systems at cost price.
3. Set up a distribution structure for the water filters. By being able to supply the Tulip filter systems commercially to local families by ourselves, but also via local distributors, we expect to reach our goal of 4000 families more quickly. And... local distributors will earn some income by selling the filter sets.

For each of the main activities, we have already received requests from potential partners during our trip in November 2024. We are currently starting these up. For action line 1 we are working on a **clean drinking water project for Matam village**, a village with 50 families in the centre of Sierra Leone. See the story and some photos below.



1) A new year: another step towards greater impact.

At the end of 2024, we made a tour through Sierra Leone, guided by Benson Kandeh, whom we met during our first trip to Sierra Leone in November 2023. The aim of this tour was to gain a better understanding of the current water supply situation in urban and rural agricultural areas.

Benson introduced us to various groups of residents in various cities and villages. There we saw how people struggle with the battle for clean drinking water. When we showed the Tulip water filter system during the visits, there appeared to be a lot of interest in it. Various interested parties indicated that they wanted to purchase it themselves and/or distribute the filter system locally.

Picture: Open walk-in at a community center in a neighborhood of Kenema (Eastern Sierra Leone).



As a small foundation, our scope and impact are of course limited, which is why we have chosen, together with Benson Kandeh, to also bring the Tulip filters to men/women via other local interested parties. One can become a distributor after training in the use of the Filter system, which also focuses on WASH: Water, Sanitation & Hygiene.

In order to be able to do this, we set up an import company at the beginning of 2025: “SAFE WATER 4 SALONE” Limited, with the foundation as (co-) shareholder and Benson Kandeh as local manager. This import company makes it possible to import Filtersets directly and deliver them to distributors at a reasonable price, who will then deliver them to paying customers. We expect that it will mainly attract customers in the more urban areas.



Safe Water 4 Salone

“SAFE WATER 4 SALONE” can also carry out larger (national) projects itself. Coincidentally, we already received a first request at the end of 2024 from a government agency in Sierra Leone, which wants to offer clean water to patients in hospitals. Hospitals often still depend on water from wells or insufficiently clean tap water. Currently we are in discussion for a potential pilot project.

1) Clean drinking water in MATAM: Water well repair and delivery of filter sets.

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- [Puramed](#) (Bergeijk-NL)
- [RDPlastics](#) (Haaksbergen-NL)
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for their financial contributions a project is currently being carried out in which we will provide all 50 families in the village of MATAM (in central Sierra Leone) with Tulip water filter systems. Also one of the defective wells will be renovated and a group of local youth will be trained in well maintenance.



This project is being carried out in two stages. Early in June, the renovation was carried out on one of the wells, with a small group of young people already being trained in the work. See the photos below.

Pictures: Water well renovation: our motto is “Local solutions for local problems”



In addition, a first partial delivery of 10 water filter systems was carried out, to allow a group of families to get used to the new method.

Based on the positive initial experiences, we will deliver the remaining 40 filter systems in July.

Pictures: instruction and distribution of the first 10 Tulip Water filter sets in Matam.



During the second visit, Benson will guide the previously trained young people in independently renovating a second water well in the village. A nice next step towards a long-cherished wish of the local population to eventually get all six water wells operational again.

2) Meet our team: Benson Kandeher our local partner in Freetown

"My name is Benson Kandeher and I am from Sierra Leone, West Africa.

I was born on February 8, 1991 in Kenema, Eastern Sierra Leone.

I started my primary school in Seventh-day Adventist school and transferred to public secondary school to stay until my final exams, with the requirement to continue to university.

Later, I was admitted to university to study Natural Resources Management, a university degree. I spent four years to complete it and eventually graduated with distinction as one of the top students in my department.

After my university career, I decided to follow my passion, something I had wanted to do long before I went to university, so that I could help my village and the surrounding villages in my district.

I decided to fully commit myself to my mission and passion and started looking for solutions to solve the water crisis in my village and the surrounding communities and to equip the youth with the skills to solve their own water problems.





After several attempts and failures, I was finally able to come up with a solution that would help solve the water and sanitation problems in rural villages. Thanks to the implementation of that solution, thousands of people have been blessed with safe drinking water and sanitation and many young people have been trained in the skills, which has already had a great impact in all districts of Sierra Leone.

Last year, I came into contact with Safe Water For Africa. Our shared vision and ambition led to something impactful. They decided to give me the opportunity to serve as the Director of Safe Water for Salone, here in Sierra Leone."

3) Finally...

We have come to the end of this newsletter. Thank you for your interest in our goal: Safe Water for Africa

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One Tulip filterset provides one year round *safe drinking water* to a family of seven.

A complete Tulip filter set with 2 buckets for approximately 7,000 liters of safe drinking water costs EUR 40,= Annual replacement of the core filter costs approximately EUR 27.50 We appreciate every Euro donation!

The **assembled-set** is ready for use and consists of:

- Tulip Filter (replacement set)
- Spigot (blue or white)
- Fast hose + hard brush
- Two 10 liter bucket s & lids incl. holes
- Instruction set



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