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The remote village of Malalani, situated at the foothills of the Ndau Mountains, is 110 km from the nearest urban center, the town of Mwingi. The village dug a well that collects a limited amount of runoff rain water from the mountains. Unfortunately this water is not potable for human consumption. The nearest source of fresh water is the village of Nuu, approximately 40 km away. Residents of Malalani must purchase this water and pay for transportation in order to bring it to their village.



Malalani Secondary School, a co-ed day school of about 180 students, is allowed to take only 3 liters of water daily from the town well. Due to regular bouts of insecurity from Somali raiding horsemen in the area, the school wanted to provide dormitories for the 80 girls who attend the school. Although the school has installed several tanks for rain water collection, their supply was inadequate for the girls' dorm.

Children's Food Fund/World Emergency Relief provided funds to install a system of gutters and a storage tank to harvest the rainfall which gives the school the additional capacity to store 10,000 liters of rainwater.

The school wasted no time in establishing the new boarding facilities and the impact has been tremendous. The girls now live at the school and focus on their studies. They no longer have to walk long distances to attend school daily, risking robbery and physical harm.