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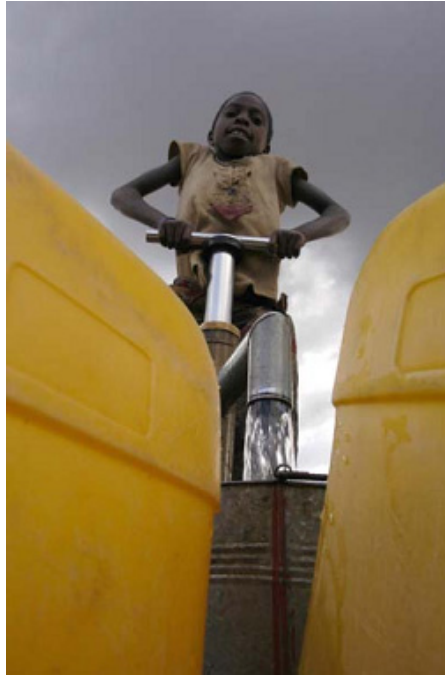
The child on the card is happy, because he has sufficient clean drinking water. This is by no means a given in the world's poorest countries. However, to ensure that more and more people have a sufficient supply of water every day, each year we support drinking water projects in Africa.

This year, together with Helvetas, an international development aid organisation, we are focussing on the province of Cabo Delgado in Mozambique, where less than half of the rural population has access to clean drinking water.



In order to change this, a total of 11 wells or boreholes are being constructed and refurbished. This will mean less disease and a greater life expectancy for more than 16,500 people.

In addition, thanks to the newly built and repaired wells, the children will no longer have to spend up to 4 hours a day fetching water for their families. Instead, they will be able to attend school and use the knowledge they acquire to help to develop their villages.



Caption: A boy by a newly installed water pump



Caption: Women and girls are primarily responsible for fetching water

Helvetas, an organisation for international development, implements construction projects in cooperation with local inhabitants in 20 of the poorest countries. Typical Helvetas projects are: construction of drinking water supplies, connecting paths and bridges and education. Helvetas' work is financed by donations from the public and by the Swiss Government.

Further information: www.helvetas.org