

Share the Blessings Borehole Application Guidelines

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At Share the Blessings, we are working to provide clean water to areas where it is difficult or impossible for the community to access a source of safe, clean water. To that end, we look for certain characteristics in the locations where we construct our wells. Because we want to ensure that the water can be used by all in the community, we look for a location such as a church or school, where the whole village can access it. Not only do these locations provide a stable location, they generally have someone who can take responsibility for maintaining the well once we have finished construction. We have found that unless a person or an organization is specifically responsible for it, the borehole can easily fall into disrepair.

On rare occasions, we may fund a borehole outside of a church or school if we can be sure that someone will be responsible for it. Accordingly, the application should include sections about:

1. Information about the organization requesting the borehole. What type of community approval and commitment has been obtained? How will the community be involved?
2. Information about the location. Present evidence that the land has been surveyed to determine whether a borehole can be dug there.
3. Information about the current water situation, how it affects daily life, and the impact a borehole would make.
4. Who would benefit from the borehole, particularly the number of households, children, and orphans?
5. Who will be-in-charge of maintaining the borehole, making sure it is functioning properly, and if it does break, who will be responsible for organizing the repairs?
6. How will money be raised in case of a problem with the borehole?
7. Keeping in mind that we can only fund hand-dug boreholes, how much is it estimated to cost? A specific breakdown of the costs should be provided. We ask that you obtain a quote from the firm as soon as possible and send it to us.
8. A timeline of the various stages of the work.
9. At the current time our efforts are focused in Africa where we have established or are in the process of establishing appropriate organizations to coordinate with requesting groups, construction companies and others as required.
10. The borehole should have terms under which it is open to public usage by the local villages, but not to interrupt the activities of a school or church.
11. If the borehole is on private property, the landowner must be willing to guarantee public usage via a legally binding document.
12. Photos of current water source, planned construction site pre-well and post-well.
13. We require the borehole's geological coordinates to be able to locate it on google earth.
14. A Share the Blessings plaque will be affixed to the well.