

MAZA YI MOYO / WATER IS LIFE

In rural Angola in 2016, approximately 68% of the population did not have access to clean water. Maza yi Moyo, which means “Water is Life” in Kikongo, was launched as a partnership between Episcopal Relief & Development and Igreja Anglicana em Angola (Anglican Church of Angola, or IAA). Supported by a grant from USAID, this four-year program mobilized 48,416 people in the 81 communities of Songo to reduce the frequency and severity of water-and sanitation-related diseases, particularly in young children. The USAID funding for the program concluded at the end of 2019.

Thanks to Maza yi Moyo, community access to safe drinking water rose to 52% through the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Team’s construction of 126 water sources, while household latrine availability reached a total new coverage of 68%, through the population’s complementary efforts to construct latrines. The community’s efforts resulted in 6,344 households now having a private latrine.

Beyond providing access to clean water, the Maza yi Moyo project reinforced other critical strategies for long-term sustainability. In these four years, the WASH Team also succeeded in mobilizing 107 Savings with Education (SwE) groups that continue to offer critical financial and business training as well as small business loans to individuals and groups. SwE groups help people without access to financial institutions or strapped by traditional money-lending scenarios, becoming a stepping stone to greater social cohesion and the formation of village cooperatives. Maza yi Moyo also elevated the voice of women by ensuring equal representation between men and women on each WASH Team.

Episcopal Relief & Development is proud to partner with IAA to promote women leaders, to help create economic stability and to provide clean water to communities in Angola

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