



## FACT SHEET

# ENHANCED WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION IN SWAZILAND

### CHALLENGE

Swaziland's children are plagued with food insecurity and poverty, fueled in part by insufficient access to clean water and poor sanitation. Schools are working to become support centers where students can drink clean water, eat locally grown food, wash hands, and learn about proper sanitation.

### APPROACH

USAID supports the Palms for Life Fund, working closely with the Swazi Ministry of Education and Training, to lead a \$2.2 million project to provide one hundred and twenty schools with clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. Education programs focus on proper maintenance of the new or refurbished water and sanitation systems and also link to school vegetable gardening programs to improve student nutrition. Running from October 2010 until December 2013, this project will reach 42,000 students and their families, calling on parents and community members to assist with the construction and upkeep of rainwater harvesting systems, latrines, fences, gardens and plumbing.

### OBJECTIVES

1. To install water harvesting, water storage and sanitation systems in 120 schools,
2. To establish productive, sustainable gardens of about 0.5 acres per school,
3. To ensure the dissemination of best sustainable practices to pupils and surrounding communities with extensive education and training on water harvesting, garden management, and sanitation.



### RESULTS

- To date, nearly 9,000 youth have been given access to clean drinking water, and more than 11,000 people have benefitted from training in water sanitation and hygiene.
- As of the first quarter in 2013, water and sanitation projects were completed in 57 schools .
- 14 schools have established management committees to oversee the implementation of the water and school gardening projects at their respective schools.

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