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## Providing clean water in Malawi

### Helping Sailes to get back to school to achieve his dreams

To improve water sanitation and hygiene and reduce diseases United Purpose has a number of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects in both households and public premises which includes primary schools.

These projects have the added benefit of making energy savings; by reducing the emissions needed to collect and then purify water from contaminated sources. This work generates carbon credits which can be sold to create funding for more community development projects in schools and villages.

But primarily, these project provide vital clean water to communities struggling with water-borne diseases and diarrhoea. Jane and Sailes Chikasamba from Kauta Village have been part of this struggle.

Sailes (pictured) hasn't been doing very well at school for the last couple of years. He gets up at 2am to make the long journey to the river to collect water. He would often return after school had started and his teacher wouldn't let him into class. Sickness from drinking polluted water would also keep him from his studies.

"The children would fall sick at least twice a month", his mother Jane explains, "and one child died of cholera and

then the disease spread through the whole village claiming more lives".

The future for Kauta village looked bleak but everything has changed since United Purpose installed a water pump and set up a local committee to maintain and protect the pump.

"We are very happy now and I can see a bright future", Jane now says. "The water is also helping us to grow our vegetables, I haven't heard of any cases of sickness and Sailes is coming top of his class".

Now with clean, safe water literally on tap, and much more time to study, Sailes can work towards his dream of being a radio presenter.

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