

# SAVING LIVES WITH SAFE WATER

## LIFESTRAW CARBON FOR WATER, KENYA



780 million people in the world still do not have access to safe drinking water. Many suffer from waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea - the third leading cause of death among children and adults in Kenya where 86 children die every day. This project is cutting carbon and providing safe water following the distribution of 877,505 LifeStraw Family filters to households in Kenya's Western Province. The gravity driven point-of-use water filters require no electricity or consumables. The project relies on carbon finance. Without it, filters would not have been distributed at scale in the region and the on-going operations, including education campaigns, could not be maintained.

LifeStraw Carbon for Water employed 4,000 health educators for the distribution campaign and was selected as a 'lighthouse' project in 2012 by the United Nations for 'shining a light on climate action'. It has won a host of awards acknowledging its innovation and impact.

See the project come to life in this [video](#).

### DELIVERING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



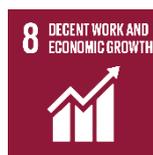
Providing safe water reduces risk of contracting waterborne diseases like typhoid and cholera



Better health means more time to spend at school



This project provides safe water to 4 million people in Kenya



4000 health educators were employed to distribute the filters, and there is ongoing employment providing training and monitoring usage



Safe water is a vital part of creating clean and healthy living spaces, where communities can live sustainably



The project cuts carbon by removing the need to boil water to make it safe to drink. The project is funded through climate finance



Reduced demand for wood fuel helps protect local forests

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## TESTIMONIAL

### JULIUS KESIS

“I used to be sick on and off for 5 years. Whenever I visit hospital I am told you are suffering from Typhoid and Amoeba [Dysentery]. I spent between 2000 to 3000 shillings each time I visited hospital on treatment but still the problem persisted. My appetite became poor and [my] health continued to deteriorate. I went to many hospitals...was advised to boil water for drinking but my problem became worse I even contemplated taking my life...It was costly to buy firewood for boiling water...LifeStraw Family became my saviour....Since the day I received [it], I have always used [it] to filter my water. Nowadays I rarely visit Hospitals and when I do, it's because of other infection like Malaria, cough etc. LifeStraw has helped to save money that we used for treatment of typhoid, amoeba, firewood and charcoal to boil water. The money we save, we buy books for our children, food and farm produce”.

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## IMAGE GALLERY

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