

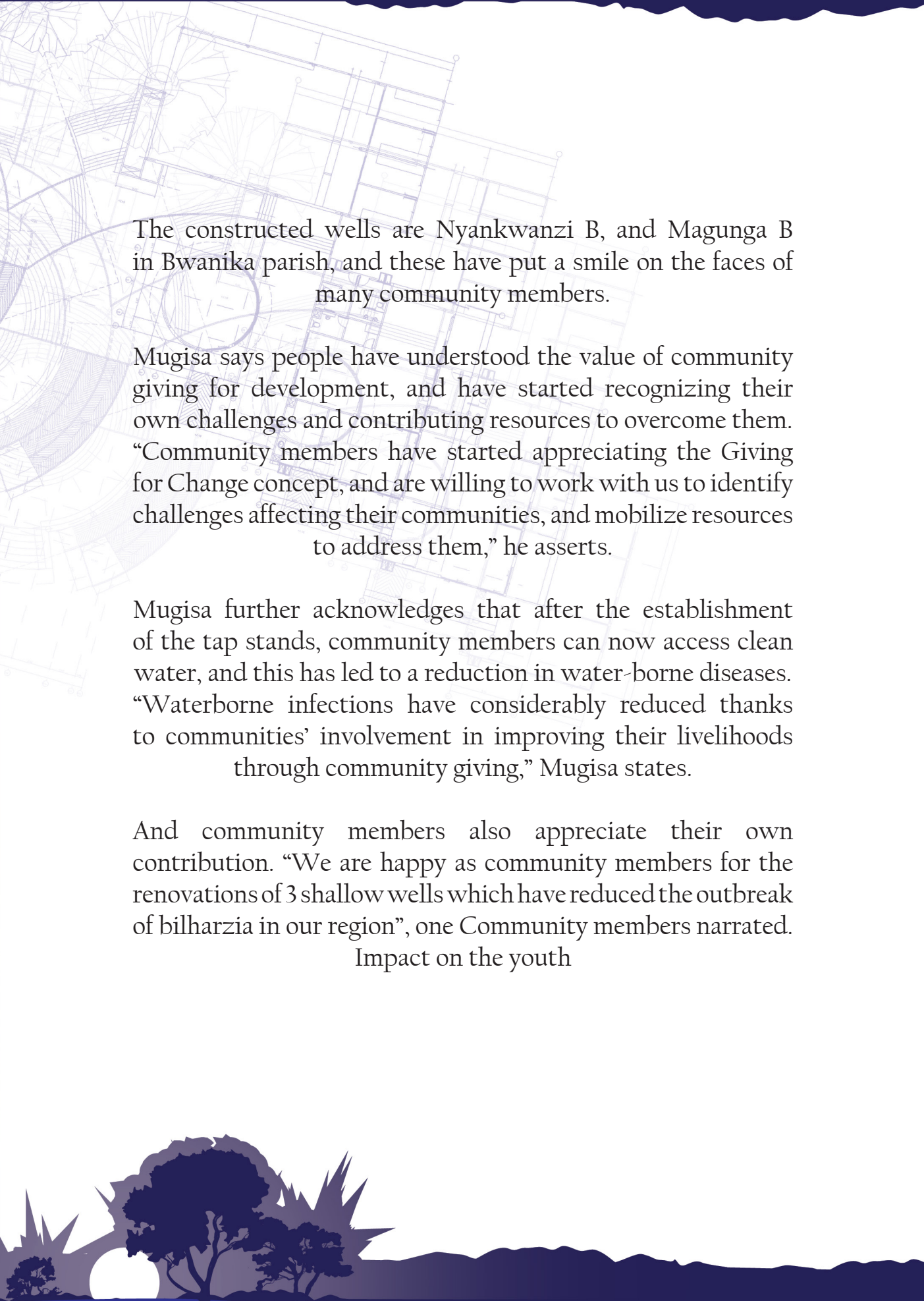
## NYAKASANJA LOCALS FUNDRAISE FOR THEIR OWN TAP STANDS FOR SAFE CLEAN WATER

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**I**saac Mugisa, from Tooro sub-region, is one of the community facilitators that benefitted from a training in 2021 under the Philanthropy for Development Programme. He was trained in facilitation skills and mobilizing support. He says the acquired skills in mobilization, communication, and facilitation, have helped him realize positive outcomes in the implementation of the project (P4D).

Isaac points out that when the project started, the community of Nyakasanja's main desire was to have reliable water sources, which the government had failed to deliver. The community of about 200 households had to fetch water from long distances, which put girls and women at risk of rape/defilement, and communities were contracting water-borne diseases because the water was always dirty.

“As community facilitators, we mobilized our people, encouraging them to raise resources for the construction of clean water sources. Though there was resistance from some of them, many contributed whatever little money they could afford, and we have constructed 2 public tap stands out of the 3 planned ones. Though the 1 tap stand is not yet constructed due to financial constraints, our next plan of action is to mobilize more funds to construct it,” he shares.



The constructed wells are Nyankwanzi B, and Magunga B in Bwanika parish, and these have put a smile on the faces of many community members.

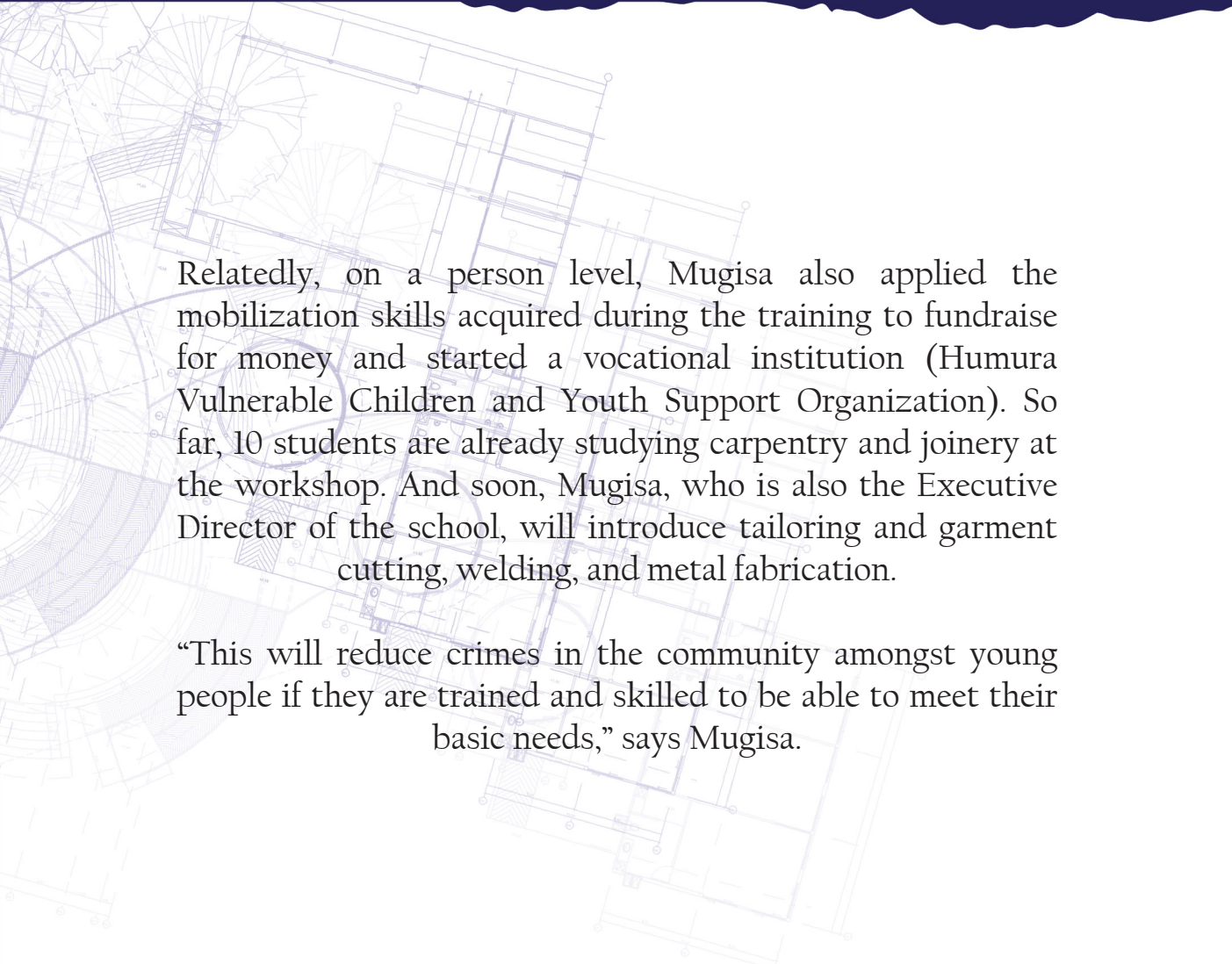
Mugisa says people have understood the value of community giving for development, and have started recognizing their own challenges and contributing resources to overcome them. “Community members have started appreciating the Giving for Change concept, and are willing to work with us to identify challenges affecting their communities, and mobilize resources to address them,” he asserts.

Mugisa further acknowledges that after the establishment of the tap stands, community members can now access clean water, and this has led to a reduction in water-borne diseases. “Waterborne infections have considerably reduced thanks to communities’ involvement in improving their livelihoods through community giving,” Mugisa states.

And community members also appreciate their own contribution. “We are happy as community members for the renovations of 3 shallow wells which have reduced the outbreak of bilharzia in our region”, one Community members narrated.

Impact on the youth





Relatedly, on a person level, Mugisa also applied the mobilization skills acquired during the training to fundraise for money and started a vocational institution (Humura Vulnerable Children and Youth Support Organization). So far, 10 students are already studying carpentry and joinery at the workshop. And soon, Mugisa, who is also the Executive Director of the school, will introduce tailoring and garment cutting, welding, and metal fabrication.

“This will reduce crimes in the community amongst young people if they are trained and skilled to be able to meet their basic needs,” says Mugisa.

