

### **Well #3 Takrabe Community**

#### **OCCUPATIONS OF THE PEOPLE**

**The major occupations of the people in the diocese are farming and fishing. The agricultural sector is the single most important economic sector in the area. Four-fifths of the labour force is in agriculture and over five percent engage in fishing on the Volta Lake. The area is an important producer of yam, cassava and maize. Other major crops are groundnuts, cowpea, rice, plantain, cocoyam, oil palm, kola, avocado pears, pineapple, cocoa and citrus. Other crops produced are coffee, bananas, vegetables, mangoes, coconuts, spices and potatoes.**

**Almost all the districts engage in fishing activities. There are a number of busy markets along the Lake where people from all over the country and from neighbouring countries such as Togo and Burkina Faso converge to trade in various items. Other occupations include animal husbandry, trade and craft industry. Animal husbandry is extensively practiced especially in the savannah areas. The main livestock are cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and poultry. This part of the country is a major supplier of meat to the country as a whole. It is worth noting that big farms in this area do not belong to the local people. Rather, people from other parts of the country who have financial resources come to invest in the area. There are no large-scale industrial activities currently in the area but small agro based enterprises thrive due to easy availability of cheap raw materials. These include palm oil and kenel oil extraction, soap making, carpentry and woodworks.**

**The rocks here are mainly sedimentary. This rock formation makes it generally difficult to get shallow ground water from hand dug wells here compared to other areas of the country.**

#### **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

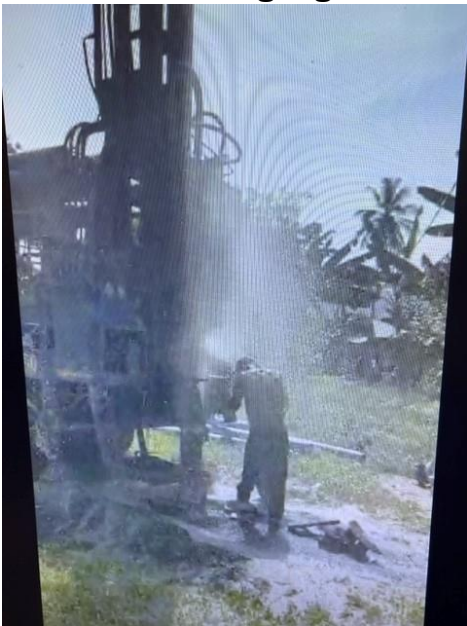
**Takrabe is in a district with a population of about 4,750 people. It is a rural settlement and the people in the community are engaged in farming activities with most of the women being traders. The community is deprived of basic social facilities including potable water. A polluted river is the community's main water source for domestic purposes. It is sad to note that communities located at the upper course of this river which is the main source of water supply contaminate the water through various activities leading to water borne diseases such as cholera, dysentery, typhoid fever, hepatitis A, and diarrhea.**

**During the rainy season (April to October) the people are able to store water dripping from the rusted roofs of their houses for domestic use.**

**The situation gets worse during the dry season. Mothers together with their children have to get up very early and walk a far distance to get water as the river they depend on dries. This affects businesses and life in general in the community. This proposal is to provide a mechanized borehole in order to get clean water for the people especially women and children.**

**TARGET BENEFICIARIES** This water project will benefit the people in the community. It will give them an abundant supply of safe and clean water which will also prevent them from waterborne diseases. A reliable water supply that is close by will lead to a reduction in the amount of time spent in getting water for everyday use.

**Takrabe drilling rig**



**Takrabe River where people were having to draw water prior to the well being drilled**



**Water being pumped out of new borehole**



**Woman filling containers with first water**



**Water tanks and water collecting area**



**Takrabe village Dedication plaques**





Community gathering for the dedication of the well



Women collecting water



Thank You letter

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Dear Deacon Lloyd,

I, **Simon Oheneasah** write as Chairman of the Takrabe Roman Catholic Church Advisory Board, and on behalf of the entire Takrabe Community to express our gratitude to you for the borehole provided for us. Please, extend our gratitude to the family of the Late Annie Mark for their generous financial donation of the funds to provide a borehole for our community in memory of their Beloved One.


The water supply from the well has brought an end to dependence on unclean water from streams that bring us water borne diseases.

Knowing the benefits of good water supply, the Catholic Community has gladly donated the land for the borehole, but it is being run for the benefit of the whole Takrabe community.

A member of the Takrabe community has been selected to be in charge of the sale of water from the well for a token fee. The money accruing from the fees collected will be put in a special account for the maintenance of the well.

On behalf of the Takrabe community, I wish to state that all efforts will be made to maintain the project in order that the community continues to benefit from good water supply.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Oheneasah  
(Chairman, Takrabe Roman Catholic Church Advisory Board)