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Program: Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN)

Principal partners: Global Environment & Technology Foundation (GETF)

Countries:	**Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda**
Project Name:	*RAIN Water for Schools in East Africa*
Funding:	**The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation:** $224,999.95 **UN-HABITAT:** $107,287.29
Location:	Lake Victoria Region
Project Duration:	November 2011 – November 2012
Beneficiaries:	18,000 students and teachers in 20 schools
Key Partner:	• UN-HABITAT
Activities Summary:	Providing sustainable access to safe drinking water, basic sanitation and hygiene in 20 schools in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) as a means of improving the health of children and contributing to a clean and healthy learning environment

Program Background:

- **Grant period:** 2010-2015 (6 years)
- **Program Description:** RAIN supports a wide range of water-related projects in response to Africa's **significant** challenges in meeting the MDGs on water. Projects are designed to meet specific community needs including water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); productive use of water; and watershed protection.
- **Partnership:** In 2009, The Coca-Cola Company announced a six-year, $30 million commitment to provide access to safe drinking water to African communities through RAIN. As the flagship initiative of The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation (TCCAF) and in partnership with other donors, RAIN will provide at least 2 million Africans with access to clean water by 2015.
- **Implementation:** RAIN currently supports 42 projects in 27 countries across the African continent and by 2015 will launch over 100 water programs across Africa.

IMPROVED WATER AND SANITATION FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

In Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, the three countries surrounding Lake Victoria, over half of the population lacks access to basic sanitation and over one-third lacks access to safe drinking water. This water and sanitation crisis contributes to the high rates of infant mortality and the prevalence of waterborne diseases. In response to the crisis, the Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN) is contributing to a clean and healthy learning environment in 20 East African schools.

With more than half of the population of East Africa below the age of 15, schools have seen dramatic increases in enrolment. Unfortunately, school infrastructure has not been able to keep pace with this growth. This project will provide 18,000 students and teachers in 20 schools surrounding Lake Victoria with rooftop rainwater collection systems and improved sanitation facilities. The rainwater harvesting systems will provide safe drinking water to the schools while demonstrating a source of safe drinking water to the local communities and building local capacity for the construction of appropriate water supply and sanitation technologies. These environmentally-responsive and low-cost construction technologies will also help to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation is working with UN-HABITAT to improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation for students and teachers across East Africa.

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