

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) LIRA UGANDA
BRIEF SOLVATTEN DISTRIBUTION REPORT IN THE VILLAGES IN THE OURSKIRTS OF LIRA CITY
THE FOURTH SOLVATTEN PROJECT IS SUPPORTED BY SI SWEDEN
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The 4th Solvatten Project is being implemented in four villages; namely Omitto, Akitenino, Adyel, and Telela A, on the outskirts of Lira City. The beneficiaries were drawn from the four villages. They are close together, and it is therefore very convenient to gather the beneficiaries together for the implementation of the project.

Under the 4th project, 72 Solvatten kits were received and distributed to the beneficiaries who were earlier on identified by SI Lira. The kits were well received by the women, who were very excited about the project, and they pledged to put the kits to use.

The distribution was centrally carried out in one location in Akitenino Village. The majority of the young women within the age group of 23 to 49, and 2 women aged 50 years, benefited from the project.

The SI Lira Expert, Ms. Josephine Aloba, introduced the Solvatten Kit to the beneficiaries, explaining what Solvatten is, its purpose and functionality (Explaining the vital parts, colour changes and how to tell when the water is ready for use), with emphasis on its usage of solar energy and energy saving, providing clean water for drinking, bathing, tea, and other domestic uses. She emphasized the need for careful handling and safety of the Solvatten kit.

Below, Ms. Josephine Aloba is introducing the Solvatten kits to the beneficiaries



Using the training manual enclosed in the Solvatten boxes, the beneficiaries who could read were guided through the manual to enhance their understanding of the Solvatten Kit. She implored the women to always refer to the manual whenever in doubt about how the Solvatten works. Each beneficiary was given the kit and the manual for their use and reference.

Below, the women are being taken through the Solvatten training manual



After a thorough explanation, Josephine proceeded to practically demonstrate how the Solvatten equipment is filled with water, emphasizing which side is filled first and why it should be so while keeping the other with a black cover tightly closed to avoid damage to the kit. She also demonstrated the filtering function, how it works, and when to replace the filtering linen in case it gets dirty due to impurities which may be in the water, and also to use the second opening with a black cover for pouring out the hot water.

Before distribution, there was a question-and-answer session with the women seeking answers to some of the questions below:

- i. How many times a day can the equipment be used to boil water
- ii. How many hours does it take to the water to boil
- iii. How does one tell that the water is ready

Overall, the women demonstrated a clear understanding of the usage and benefits of the Solvatten kit. They also indicated that they have received a piece of valuable equipment that will be of great help and therefore need to keep it safely and safeguard it from theft and or damage. Below is a demonstration of how to fill the kit with water.

Josephine helps a beneficiary to fill the Solvatten Kit



Below, the women pose for a photo after receiving the Solvatten kits



Josephine was flanked by three other Members of SI Lira, Lucy-First, on the left in green, followed by Mrs. Leah Lemo in an orange-yellowish dress, and Mrs. Felistas Atim Odyek, standing 3rd right with a headscarf.

The women beneficiaries send their heartfelt gratitude to the women of Soroptimist International Sweden for their kind gesture in ensuring their livelihoods are improved. Special thanks to Sister Carola for not only coordinating the project but also financing the project activities that made the distribution a success.

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