

Gult-5 Water Point

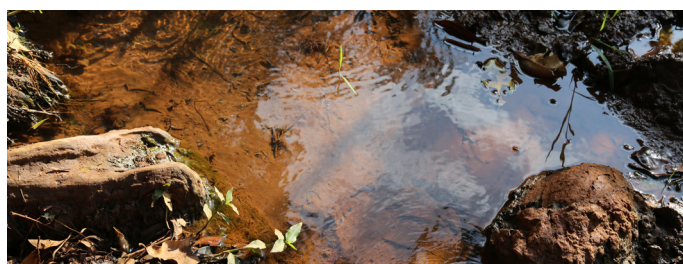


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This water point is located in Gult-5 village of the Yeloma kebele, Bahir Dar Zuria district, Amhara region. The water point which was named after the village was constructed in May 2012. The water point is really close to the community and due to its gender sensitive design it is easy to collect water from it. The Gult-5 water point provides a little more than 300 community members with safe water supply. Previously the community used to drink from an unprotected spring. Although the spring is not that far away, it could take up to three hours waiting to collect the water from the spring. Also waterborne diseases occurred repeatedly. Thanks to the new point, now the community is healthy and productive.

The Water Point

Well type	Hand Dug Well
Diameter and depth of the well	1.5 m/12m
Height of water column	7m
Diameter of the cylinder in the well	1.2m
Construction start date	April 2012
Total Construction Cost	1759 EUR
Community Contribution	425 EUR (24%)
GoF Contribution	1334 EUR



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Enkurkaz spring, the old water source, where the community used to collect water.

WASH Committee (WASHCO)

This is a committee of five people who were elected from the community to manage the water point. Two of the committee members are women.



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Gult-5 WASHCO members at the water point in the village.

From left to right: Tesema Gebey, Gashaw Asme, Mame Amare, Yalew Derse and Birhane Birle.

Apart from the common responsibility, each member of the committee are having various duties. Mr. Gashaw Asme is the chairperson of the committee and he carries the overall responsibility of the management of the water point. He has donated a piece of his land to the community which serves now as the Gult-5 water point.

Mr. Yalew Derse is a treasurer. He oversees the income which is generated from the water point. It is his role to ensure that the water tariff is collected and saved regularly. At the moment the water tariff is 0.40 cent/year per household but the plan is to increase the tariff to 3.2 EUR/year per household. The community has also deposited 20 EUR as an upfront cash contribution to a bank account in the local micro finance institution which can later be used for the operation and maintenance of the water point.

Basic operation and maintenance is the responsibility of Mr. Tesema Gebey as he is the pump attendant. He is also the secretary of the WASHCO. Since its construction, the Gult-5 water point has never stopped functioning. Mrs. Birhane Birle is the store keeper and Mrs. Mame Amare is the controller of the financial and physical assets of the WASHCO. The committee has also hired a guard to manage the daily service of the water point.

WASHCO is also active in mobilizing the community to keep the village and the water point clean. In this community, Friday is dedicated to cleaning the village including the compound of the water point. Gult-5 village is also one of the Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages of the kebele.