

*RainCatcher Uganda + ROWAN = Clean Drinking Water for the village of Mawanga:
Jack Rose of RainCatcher & Kelsey Young of ROWAN design, deliver & implement clean-water
filter systems for the people of Mawanga.*



Mawanga is a village in central Uganda, with a past of alcohol abuse and wildlife poachers. Residents from this community have always been shunned by other villages. But in recent times the tide is changing and there is redemption. The word *Mawanga* means: *A coming together of Tribes & Nations*. And this is the case today: people from America, Asia and Europe, and other parts of Africa, have all been drawn to Wawanga – to help those who have been neglected and rejected for so long.



When visitors first step onto the rich soil of Mawanga, they can see the new hope in this community – and find new bore holes for water, medical clinics, schools and development programs. With a local *Church of God* branch, *Compassion International* school and ROWAN (Rural Orphans and Widows AIDS Network) the people of Mawanga are becoming empowered to solve problems and make a difference.



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ROWAN is supporting over 100 orphans, 80 widows and widowers, and 120 people living with HIV/AIDS throughout 15 surrounding villages. As we assess the local challenges, it becomes clear that the most serious ongoing battle is the effort to eradicate diseases from dirty water. Even as we continue to dig more bore holes, there is a constant need for point-of-use water filters like the ones in images above.

ROWAN introduced the filter to the local *Compassion International* team, and now *Compassion Headquarters* is begging for more. To quote the Health Inspector of Bugiri District, “I have seen countless attempts to clean our drinking water, and this is by far the most efficient.”