



REWILDING COMPANY | Afforestation and Reforestation in Sierra Leone and West Africa

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES OF THE REWILDING COMPANY**

### **REPORT ON THE HAND – DUG WELL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

Location: Mabureh Village, Kasseh Chiefdom, Port Loko District.

Date: 6th May 2024.

#### **Introduction:**

The Carbon and Community Development Department of the Rewilding Company is delighted to present a detailed activity report documenting the successful construction and unveiling of a hand-dug well in Mabureh Village, situated in the interiors of Kasseh Chiefdom. This initiative was designed to provide sustainable access to clean and safe drinking water for the community and was executed in close collaboration with community stakeholders.

#### **Activity Details:**

##### **1. Planning and Preparation:**

- The project's initiation involved a comprehensive assessment of the water needs in Mabureh Village, identifying the pressing need for a reliable water source to support the community's daily activities. This was based on report of the needs assessment survey that was conducted in February of 2023.

- A dedicated project team, comprising members from the Rewilding Company, local authorities, and community representatives, were assembled to oversee the planning and implementation phases of the project. This culminated in the identification of a strategic well site and the choice of contractor - Mariat & Sons Constructions after evaluation.

## 2. Construction Phase:

- Skilled and experienced laborers were engaged by the contractor to meticulously dig the well, adhering to industry best practices for hand-dug well construction to ensure its structural integrity and sustainability.
- Regular progress review meetings were held to monitor the construction process, evaluate milestones achieved, and promptly address any challenges encountered during implementation.
- The construction of the well was completed within the stipulated timeframe and budget, underscoring effective project management and coordination among all stakeholders involved.

## 3. Water Testing:

- Water samples were taken from the well upon completion of the construction phase and sent to the **Sierra Leone's Standards Bureau** for testing. Analysis was conducted on the water and both Microbial and Chemical tests confirmed the purity and safety of the water for drinking and other domestic purposes.

## 4. Unveiling Ceremony:

- An official unveiling ceremony was orchestrated on the 2nd of May 2024 to commemorate the successful completion of the well and underscore its transformative impact on the community.
- District, chiefdom, and community stakeholders and local NGOs were graciously invited to partake in the event, symbolizing their unwavering support and dedication to the project's realization.
- Inspiring speeches were delivered during the ceremony by key stakeholders, emphasizing the pivotal role of the well in enhancing access to clean water, promoting community health, and fostering overall well being among residents.
- Though generally characterized by celebratory moods, the Managing Director, Carbon and Community Development Manager, Admin and Finance Manager and other staff of the Rewilding Company used the happy occasion to underscore the need for community members to own the Rewilding Company projects, and hence take the lead in the fire prevention and management drive.
- Dance troops and traditional celebrations soon ensued the arrival of the entourage and became a permanent feature throughout the ceremony. Happy faces and

appreciative songs of praise for the Rewilding Company and its impact on Maburaeh and Kasseh through its community development initiatives became the order of the day.

## **5. Impact Assessment and Future Plans:**

- The hand-dug well has already begun to positively impact the lives of the residents in Mabureh Village by providing them with sustainable access to safe drinking water, alleviating the burden of water collection, particularly for women and children. This first-of-its-kind hand-dug well in Mabureh community serves to reduce if not prevent waterborne diseases, the abuse of young and vulnerable women and girls, and by extension, teenage pregnancy due to walking very long distances to fetch water from far away streams or neighboring community wells.

- The Carbon unit is committed to conducting regular maintenance checks on the well to ensure its continued functionality, address any potential issues promptly, and sustain the well's operational efficiency.

- In line with our commitment to community development, future initiatives are being contemplated to further support the evolving needs of Mabureh Village and stimulate sustainable development in the region.

## **6. Conclusion:**

The successful construction and unveiling of the hand-dug well in Mabureh Village signifies a significant milestone in the community development initiatives championed by the Rewilding Company. The project's success exemplifies the collaborative spirit and dedication of all stakeholders involved and serves as an impressive reminder of the profound impact that can be achieved through purposeful and sustainable development interventions.

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