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HOW TO MAKE YOUR HANDPUMP LAST LONGER



This is your new Handpump, It will provide you with clean and safe water for a long time if you take good care of it.

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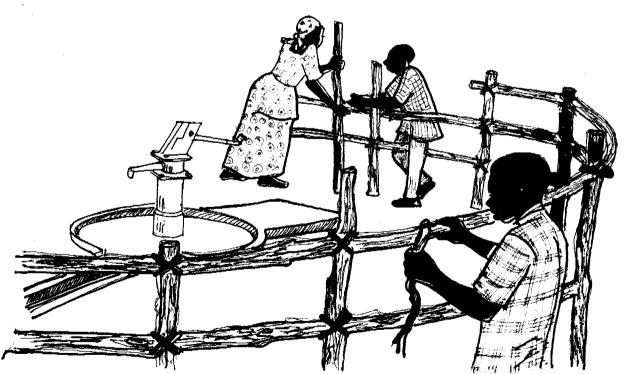
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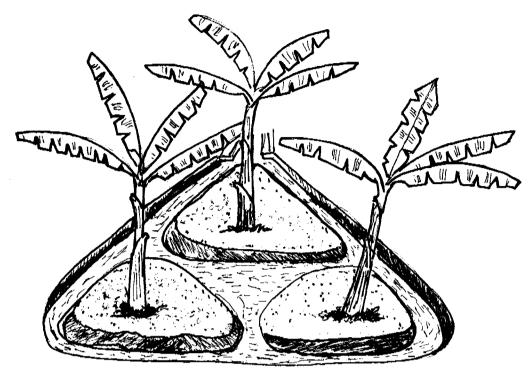
Your Handpump will last longer and serve you better if you:



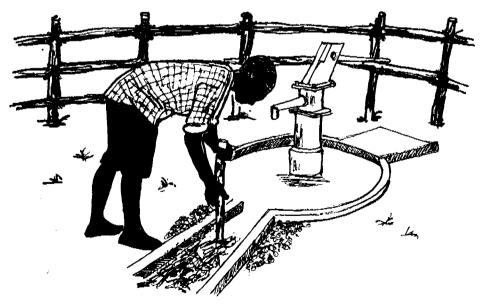
1. Cut the grass and keep the site clean.



2. Build a fence around the hand pump to keep the animals away from it.



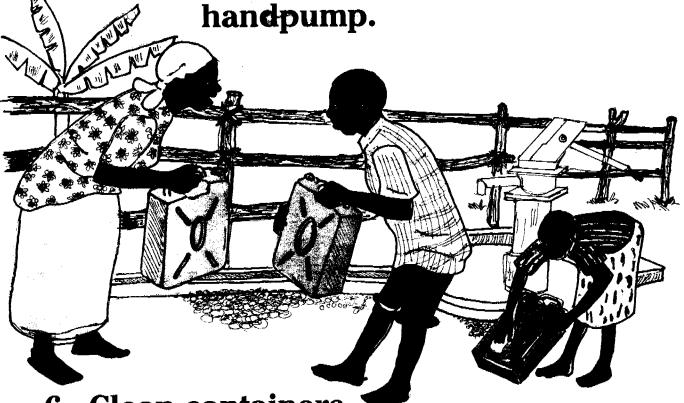
3. Dig trenches and plant bananas in the soak pit,. it will allow evaporation of excess water.



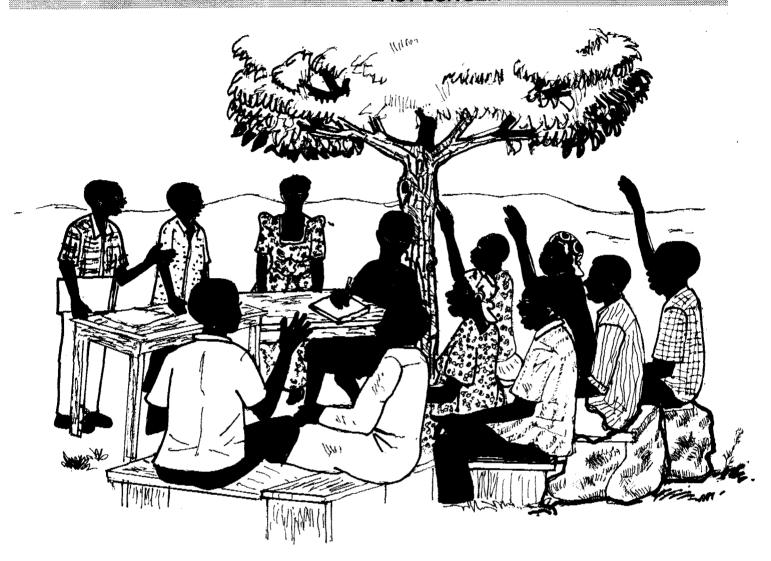
4. Keep your soak-away clean.
It will prevent blocking and allow
the waste water to flow smoothly.



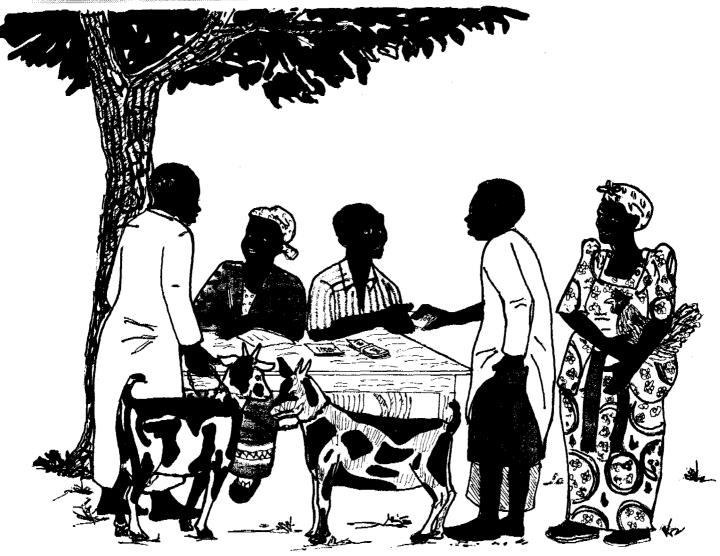
from playing with and around the



6. Clean containers before fetching water, to ensure that the water collected remains clean.



7. Elect a good Water User Committee (WUC). The members of this committee should be honest as it will be their responsibility to handle the Operation and Maintenance funds.



8. Collect enough money for buying grease spare parts, and spanners for the Care-takers. The money should also be used to pay for the Handpump mechanic who carried out the minor repairs.

The money can be collected in cash, or contributions in kind for example goats, chicken, which can later be auctioned.



9. The Water User Committee (WUC) should open an account for the Operation and Maintenance funds collected. This will ensure that you have money for service and repair of your hand pump whenever required. The money for (O & M) of your source should be collected on a regular basis. For example, monthly and then banked on the (O & M) account.



10. The Water User Committee can buy the necessary spares from the nearest spare parts shop.



11. Work together with your caretakers so that your handpump lasts longer.

