

## **Let Justice Flow: Thirsting for Justice World Development Appeal 2011**

### **UGANDA: Confidence' Story**

**One of the first villages to benefit from a water and sanitation programme through the Kigeze diocese was the village of Mungara.**

A 45 litre water jar which stores rainwater collected from her roof means that only towards the end of the dry seasons does Confidence Turyam have to walk the several times daily round trip of 5km to collect enough water for her family.

During the two rainy seasons the water runs off the roof and collects in the jar ready for when she needs it for drinking, cooking, washing and all the 101 uses we all have for something we take for granted.

Water is so precious that Confidence keeps the tap locked just in case it would be accidentally turned on and the precious liquid wasted.

For most purposes the rainwater is clean enough to use straight from the tank but for drinking it is still boiled and allowed to cool.

It is then poured into a carefully cleaned container and stored carefully for when it is needed.

Confidence is married to Emanuel they have three children, Ivan, Clinton and Sheena. Emanuel works in the nearby town and Confidence looks after the children, tends the animals and works in the fields.

All the time saved from fetching water means more time to spend with the children. They also have more time and, when they are not a school, they help by looking after the hens or helping their mother with the work in the fields.

Like most families Confidence has enough land to farm though it is split over several locations. She grows potatoes, beans sorghum and bananas.

There is sufficient rainfall to water the crop but one benefit of having an easy supply of water is that she can spray her crops to prevent disease and increase the yield.

That means that she has more to sell and with the extra money confidence has made she had been able to save enough to pay for an additional tank to given her an adequate supply of water that will last through the dry season.