

## Protection of water resources



### Project information

Project code	02012
Sector	Water supply
Funding	Donation
Country	Uganda
Location	Catchments of the Mpanga and Semliki rivers, Uganda
NGO	Join For Water
Project duration	4 years (2022-2026)

### Why OVO believes in this project

This project is committed to two tracks: **fair access to drinking water** on the one hand and the protection and **preservation of freshwater ecosystems** on the other.

In 2022, work focused on diagnostics: identifying challenges and discussing concrete solutions, in collaboration with local communities and partners.

### Context

Uganda faces a number of challenges. The country is among the poorest countries in the world, and ambitions around sustainable development are under pressure from a **very rapidly growing population, climate change, and ecosystem degradation**. For example, between 2016 and 2018, total arable land increased from 59% to 71%. Between 1990 and 2010, Uganda lost 37% of its forest coverage. Moreover, the area of **wetlands** (swamps) declined from 15% in 1994 to 9% in 2020. These dynamics put pressure on **freshwater resources and ecosystems\***. Without water, the economy also runs dry.

### Purpose

Join For Water aims to **strengthen communities** against the impacts of these changes. This by protecting water sources and source zones through tree planting, riverbank strengthening, erosion control, sanitation infrastructure and adapted agricultural activities. We are also committed to **building knowledge among local people**.

## Social impact

A total of **3,552 ha** of freshwater ecosystems will be protected and **121,500 people** will directly feel the impact of the project through improved and sustainable access to **ecosystem service\*** (drinking water, water for agriculture). The total population of the working area (~1 million people) will be indirectly affected through improved water management and a healthy environment.

## Co-funding sought via OVO

2022	€ 25.000
2023	€ 30.000
2024	€ 30.000
2025	€ 30.000
2026	€ 25.000

## Topic

- Sustainable
- Well-being
- Water Resources
- Ecosystems