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**“If I didn’t have to collect water, I could play with my friends.”**

Dear Lions Clubs

These are the words of six year old Nancy, who lives with her family in the remote village of Tombohuaun, Sierra Leone. Together with her younger cousin Lucy, they’re very much the village’s own double act - singing, dancing and showing off, just like many of our own children and grandchildren will be doing this Christmas. Not a day goes by when Nancy and Lucy aren’t by each other’s side, but one thing threatens their special relationship. Dirty water.

My colleague Abigail recently returned from Tombohuaun, where she saw for herself that every day Nancy and Lucy have no choice but to drink water filled with dirt, parasites and disease. Three times a day Nancy heads off with her Mum, Fatu, to the edge of the village, where, at the foot of a mussy slope, is what Abigail describes as a puddle. It has a distinct brown colour, with flies and mosquitoes buzzing around it. I’m sure you are as appalled as I am to hear that this is Nancy and Lucy’s only source of water.

It’s water that has already taken lives, and stolen childhoods. But this Christmas, as one of our most valued supporters, I wanted to invite your club to be part of a unique opportunity to give Nancy and Lucy a brighter future.

**As part of our Untapped appeal, the UK Government is matching any donation made before 31 January 2018 up to £5 million.** Today, by giving a special Christmas Gift, your club can help bring clean water to Tombohuaun and other villages like it - and see your gift doubled to help twice as many children like Nancy and Lucy.

**This Christmas, please help to bring Nancy and Lucy the gift they so desperately need.**

Clean water will mean everything to Nancy, Lucy, and their friends in Tombohuaun. Today your club has an incredible opportunity to help bring it to them - it makes me so excited for their future.

In the meantime, thank you so much from all of us at WaterAid for your club’s continuing support. To inspire your members visit [www.wateraid.org/uk/uk/service-orgs-untapped](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/uk/service-orgs-untapped) and download our film. I hope you have a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

*Katrina Kilkenny*

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Between now and 31 January 2018, the UK Government will double every donation to the Untapped appeal, to help bring clean water to twice as many children like Nancy and Lucy.



Nancy and Lucy are inseparable.

