"Hippo Rollers"

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>> Today we're at the typical rural real community called Holnek nicely spread out homes but very little infrastructure, particularly lack of access to water.

People carry water in buckets on their head, and that's about five gallons.

The Hippo Water Roller was designed by two engineers, they started designing a wheelbarrow that had a low center of gravity, the wheel was the most expensive component. That's when the idea was born, let's put the water inside the wheel.

>> Then I'm supposed to with this water I fresh from there, I supposed to wash hair, and I supposed to cook, I supposed to clean the floor, then we () it up like it is too small.

>> It's a tradition and a cultural issue really that women are left with the task to collect water and provide water for the home. That automatically drags in the children, the children also play a part there as well.

>> It is so difficult and I'm tired, you know.

>> How does it feel? How does your head feel?

>> Is not feel good my head.

>> When the women get older, they tend to feel the impact on their spine and it can cause a lot of pain and premature aging.

This particular container can actually carry 24 gallons. Today we are handing out 100 of these Hippo Water Rollers. They ask communities to keep
pushing government to give them water on tap.

>>> We don't have water, that's -- that's why we are here today.

>>> Really the situation is that it's going to take many, many years.

We have distributed about 27,000 of these rollers to date. It may sound like a lot, but it's barely scratching the surface in terms of the need.

The mothers in the homes now have more time to stay on other important household tasks. A lot of children who spend so much time collecting water can now regularly attend school. The benefits are immediate. As soon as a family's given one of these it changes their life straight away.

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