In 2018 WaterAid Nigeria implemented the Diageo Water of Life project in Kebbi State to provide inclusive access to clean water to the people of D'ka community in Danko/Wasagu local government area of Kebbi State, as well as support community management structures to ensure sustained operations of the water facility. Largely dominated by farmers, many households in D'ka relied on unsafe shallow wells and other unimproved surface sources for their supply of drinking water. This scarcity extremely affects women and girls, putting them at greater physical risk, as many households rely on them to go fetch water from distant areas that are also prone to sand storms.

Now, with the water facility available, over 2,500 people in D'ka, including persons with disabilities, have access to clean water close to home. The facility also serves neighbouring communities with clean water. The Water of Life project was made possible with support from the Kebbi State Government through the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (Kebbi RUWASSA), with technical support of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and with funding from Diageo PLC (Guiness Nigeria).

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