



## Clean Water for Lukong Teaching Guide

Dear community leader,

We are so pleased to present to you with this copy of the children's book "Clean Water for Lukong"! The book was written with two main teaching goals in mind: (1) as a colourful storybook for early readers to improve literacy, and (2) as a tool to introduce children and their families to the topic of the importance of clean water.

As a teacher, community leader, or interested parent, you are encouraged to place the book in a school, public library, or other location where many people can access it.

There is also a song that goes with the book. "The Kumbo Water Song" can be downloaded for free from [www.patmoore.net/book-and-song.html](http://www.patmoore.net/book-and-song.html) . It's fun to sing and can involve the whole community. Change the name "Kumbo" to the name of your community – make it your own!

"Clean Water for Lukong" is intended for young children to be read to, and for early readers, with a skill level of about grade 3.

Here are some ideas for using "Clean Water for Lukong" as a teaching tool:

1. Read the book to children (your class, or a reading circle for example). Show them each picture as you read the story.
2. Talk about the importance of having clean water for drinking, cooking, and washing.
  - a) Clean water is very critical in staying healthy – avoiding stomach problems and other illnesses.
  - b) To keep water clean, it is very important to wash our hands, and to be sure not to touch the water spout with dirty hands, or to let animals around the water tap, or the buckets we use for clean water.
  - c) Keep the buckets covered so mosquitoes, flies and animals stay out of them. Wash the buckets.
3. Help children and others who are learning to read, by having them read the book out loud. They can read out loud together, or take turns reading a page, with your guidance.
4. Act out a play based on the story! That's what some kids in Cameroon did! Their parents loved the performance!
5. Make up your own teaching guide too.

I hope you enjoy Clean Water for Lukong!

*Pat Moore*

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Kids in Ghana, being read to by a Canadian Teacher Volunteer.



Girls enjoying clean tap water.



A public stand tap in Kumbo, Cameroon.



The water is running!

A community meeting about keeping water clean.



Inspired by her volunteer assignment in Kumbo Cameroon, Canadian Singer/Songwriter and Author, Pat Moore put her creative energy to work, writing Clean Water for Lukong, the story of a day in the life of a little boy named Lukong. Lukong is learning about the importance of clean water, and how proud he feels to play a role in the family by helping get the water from the public stand tap, keeping it clean, and helping with related tasks. Beautifully illustrated by Mary Moore, this book serves both for literacy, and to teach about clean water.

