

## WHY SOS CLEAN WATER?

The Organization grew out of its founder and president personal experience. Two years ago, he returned to his home town of Abidjan in Ivory Coast. His childhood best friend invited him to his village, Fimana, located in the city of Seguela, where his parents live. He was so excited because he had not seen them for more than a decade. When they arrived in the afternoon, around 6:00 PM, his friend's sister-in-law, Madoussou Bakayoko, went to the river to get water for them to drink and take a shower. On her two mile walk to the river she was bitten by a snake, but she did not know this right away. She returned home, told them that she thought that she had stepped on something in the dark and her foot is hurting her. Her husband told her that he would take her the next day to nearest city to see a nurse because there isn't any in the village. Around 8:00 PM, the lady's foot began to swell and she was in severe pain. His friend's dad came to take a look to see what was going on. He told them by experience that the lady had been bitten by a snake. They tried to bind her leg but it was too late because the venom had already moved up her leg and the lady could not wait until the next day to see a doctor. She passed away that night. She was married for less than a year; she was 19 years old and 5-months pregnant with twins - her first children.

He has always felt responsible in some way for her death and that image will forever be embedded in his memory. For this reason he wants to do everything he can to help his friend's villagers first and then other African villages as much as he can to gain access to one of the most precious natural resource: SAFE ,CLEAN and POTABLE WATER by digging community wells. That is why he decided to create a non-profit organization (SOS CLEAN WATER) to achieve this goal.