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Finding a fresh water supply from a mountain stream or underground water reservoir is preferable. These water sources might be safer than many alternatives; however, it's a wise precaution to always [purify water](#) before drinking it when you find a source in the wilderness.

WOMEV embarked on a “Clean water for our Community (CWC)” campaign where in collaboration with the Sandpit community assisted in cleaning the catchment which is one of their main source of drinking water, They were also trained how to treat their drinking water

