



## Global Problem Solvers: The Series – Season 1, Working Well

### Episode 1.2 – The Problem Teaching Companion

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#### Episode Summary

This episode sets out a problem for the team—and the students—to solve, analyze and articulate, i.e., contaminated well water in the home community of Global Problem Solvers team-member Kelile. In Malawi, the team explores the cause of the broken well, the conditions that led to the problem, and the impact it is having on the local community. By directing students to see problems in terms of the fundamental causes and system-wide effects, this episode highlights why the defining characteristic of social entrepreneurship is its determination to identify solutions that go beyond quick fixes.

#### Worksheet

1. Select the three themes you hear in this episode?

- Teamwork                       Identifying the problem                       Marketing  
 Skateboarding                       Gathering data

2. How is the broken well affecting the village? The children?

3. Describe your own creative solution to maintaining the village wells. Feel free to use your imagination!

4. What social problems do you see in your community or country? How would you gather data about these issues?