

Making boreholes to last



20-25%

of new boreholes are thought to fail within two years of construction

Getting siting, supervision and commissioning decisions right would reduce this figure significantly and **save money**

Well-sited, high-quality boreholes **last longer** and are easier to **manage and maintain**



Sites should be chosen which can provide water users with **sufficient water of acceptable quality**, while providing **easy access**.

Siting and drilling must be carried out and supervised by **competent professionals**

Yield and water quality should be **tested** before deciding whether or not to put the borehole into **service**

Boreholes may be equipped with **handpumps** or **solar pumps**, but such decisions must consider **water resources** and the necessary **management and financing arrangements**

