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## Striving for Borehole Drilling Professionalism in Africa: A Review of a 16-Year Initiative through the Rural Water Supply Network from 2004 to 2020

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**Abstract:** Borehole drilling in Africa is a complex, multi-disciplinary activity involving a range of stakeholders. This review examines the professionalisation of borehole drilling in Africa through the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) from 2004 to 2020. The RWSN is a multi-stakeholder initiative through the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) has endeavored to raise the professionalisation of borehole drilling and management skills. The authors engaged in a series of stakeholder consultations and workshops, as well as desk research, to explore the current state of borehole drilling in Africa. The authors engaged in a series of stakeholder consultations and workshops, as well as desk research, to explore the current state of borehole drilling in Africa. The authors engaged in a series of stakeholder consultations and workshops, as well as desk research, to explore the current state of borehole drilling in Africa.

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**1. Introduction**  
Borehole drilling in Africa is a complex, multi-disciplinary activity involving a range of stakeholders. This review examines the professionalisation of borehole drilling in Africa through the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) from 2004 to 2020. The RWSN is a multi-stakeholder initiative through the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) has endeavored to raise the professionalisation of borehole drilling and management skills. The authors engaged in a series of stakeholder consultations and workshops, as well as desk research, to explore the current state of borehole drilling in Africa. The authors engaged in a series of stakeholder consultations and workshops, as well as desk research, to explore the current state of borehole drilling in Africa.

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