charity: water

SPONSOR A WATER PROJECT
OUR WORK.

Charity: Water sends 100% of your donation to the field. On average, our water projects cost about $20 per person.

Charity: Water funds water projects in 19 developing countries around the world. We choose countries based on their very limited access to a safe water supply, high rates of water-related deaths and whether we have exemplary local partners on the ground who can implement the projects.

We vet local partners carefully and choose only those with a track record of work in their region. We then work alongside them to choose the best technologies and locations for each project. We grant funds to the field every three months, using extensive line-item budgets and detailed grant agreements.*

*Note: A donation may take up to three months to be designated to a project. This depends on when we receive it during the quarter. To help reach those regions most effectively, we don’t allow donors to designate the country where their water projects will be built. Our water programs team determines all water project locations based on our quarterly funding cycle.

The 19 Countries:
Bangladesh
Bolivia
Cambodia
Central African Republic
Cote d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of Congo
Ethiopia
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
India
Kenya
Liberia
Malawi
Nepal
Rwanda
Sierra Leone
Tanzania
Uganda
WATER PROJECTS.

The water solutions we invest in depend on each region’s water availability, culture and economic circumstances. We fit the project to what has been proven to work best in that local area. The following are our most utilized technologies:

**A HAND-DUG WELL.** Hand-dug wells are possible in areas with a high water table. The opening takes 1-3 months to dig, and the entire community usually participates in the construction.

**A DRILLED WELL.** A well is drilled when the water table is not reachable by handdigging. A professional drill team typically takes 3-4 days to drill a well. Drilled wells are deep enough to yield more potable water than hand-dug wells, but are also more expensive.

**SPRING PROTECTION.** Spring protections are systems that safely store and pipe clean water to communities. When freshwater breaks the earth's surface, boxes are placed over the source of the spring to protect water from contamination.

**RAINWATER CATCHMENT.** Rainwater catchments are utilized when groundwater is not available or is in short supply. Rain gutters are installed on the roofs of houses or buildings and direct the flow of rainfall through a series of pipes into a holding tank.

**BIOSAND FILTER.** Water flows through a biological layer of microorganisms that eats its contaminants. It’s then filtered through a layer of sand to remove impurities. Finally, it’s dispensed into a clean bucket, providing clean, safe drinking water for an entire family.

**REHABILITATIONS.** When communities have broken or abandoned non-charity: water projects nearby, the most cost-effective way to help is to repair and improve on these existing projects. We also promote maintenance education to prevent future breakdowns.
SPONSORSHIP PROCESS.

A water project takes 18 months to implement, complete and then report on. We are committed to sustainable water projects, which require planning and problem-solving; so before the physical construction of the water project, our partners need a considerable amount of time to effectively prepare and engage the community.

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MONTH 1-3
- You make a donation.
- charity: water works with local partners to choose the best project technology and create budgets for the project(s).
- charity: water grants to partners at the end of the quarter.

MONTH 4-6
- Our partners prep the community to start building the project.
- Water committees, hygiene trainers and maintenance support teams are recruited and trained to manage the water point.
- Partners determine how much the community will contribute (fees, materials and/or labor) to the project.

MONTH 7-9
- The community and schools start attending hygiene and sanitation trainings.
- Drilling permits and materials are purchased. Project sites are evaluated for physical construction.
- Physical construction of the water point begins.

MONTH 10-12
- The water project’s construction is completed.
- Training of the community continues, covering safe channels of water supply, waste management and personal hygiene.
- Partners review the functionality, community response and impact of the project.
- The field team submits required project reports to charity: water.

MONTH 13-18
- You get a hard copy of the completed project report in the mail, which has GPS coordinates, photos, a description of the community and how you’ve helped change their lives. charity: water uploads the info on Google Maps to view anytime at charitywater.org/projects.

*please note that timeline may be adjusted due to project delays.

A PROJECT IS COMPLETE WHEN:
- Hygiene and sanitation programs are established and the community has undergone full training on best practices.
- Local water committees and maintenance teams are in place. They’ve been trained to own and manage their new water point.
- The physical water project has been constructed.
- Our partners have had several months to work with the community and their new functioning water solution.
- Our partners report back health and hygiene outcomes.
Once the project is complete, local partners submit detailed reports to us. We update our donors and upload all the photos and project descriptions to Google Maps. We share each water project publicly with a virtual plaque that recognizes the community and the donor who made the project possible.
THE COST OF A WATER PROJECT.

$5,000 donated for a water project

⇒ water project built in a village

⇒ an average of 250 people get clean water

WATER PROJECT IN A VILLAGE.

100% of funds are used to implement water projects in the field. $5,000 can fund a water project that serves an average of 250 people with clean, safe drinking water.*

* Water project costs vary greatly by type of intervention and region; these costs have been averaged out.

HERE’S WHERE THE MONEY GOES:

PREPARATION.

• Site evaluation and clearing.
• Mobilization of construction materials and equipment.

FUEL.

• Staff transport to and from hygiene trainings.
• Shipping materials.
• Necessary to operate a drill rig and other construction equipment.

SOFTWARE.

• Materials for hygiene and sanitation trainings.
• Tuition for communities’ water and sanitation workshops.
• Community education and ownership of project.
• Ongoing review of how the community is maintaining their project.

HARDWARE.

• Construction materials (vary greatly per project).
• Site clearing.

REPORTING.

• Internet.
• GPS devices.
• Digital cameras.

LOCAL STAFF INVOLVED IN DIRECT PROJECT WORK.

• Drillers and engineers (and their drivers).
• Water and sanitation supervisors.
• Community mobilizers.
• Pump mechanic in each village.

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SCHOOL OR HEALTH CLINIC.

WATER PROJECT IN A SCHOOL OR HEALTH CLINIC.
$20,000 can fund a water project at a school or health clinic to serve up to 1,000 people with clean, safe drinking water. *

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WHY DO SCHOOLS OR CLINICS NEED THEIR OWN PROJECTS?
Half of the world’s schools don’t have access to clean water. As a result, kids in developing countries collectively miss millions of school days each year to stay home sick with waterborne illnesses or to spend their mornings walking far for water. Lack of clean water and latrines in the developing world affects girls especially — and many in the developing world drop out when they hit puberty.

Safe health practices require safe water within reach. When nurses or doctors spend time walking for water or boiling that water to guarantee it’s safe, they lose precious minutes helping their patients.

In an emergency, schools and clinics are the safest havens for communities to gather or find shelter. Without clean water or sanitation, these areas can easily become breeding-grounds for waterborne and contagious diseases.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES (IN ADDITION TO COSTS LISTED ABOVE FOR VILLAGE PROJECTS):
• Hygiene training for school sanitation clubs.
• Hygiene training for teachers and nurses.
• Handwashing facilities.
• Construction of two double-block latrines for boys and girls or patients and clinic staff.
SPONSOR A WATER PROJECT.

Please remember: we vet each partner and project location carefully. We don’t allow donors to choose where their water projects will be built or which partner will implement them.

1. WRITE A CHECK.

Be sure all checks are made out to “charity: water” and write “[your name]’s well sponsorship” on the memo line so we know who to recognize on your water project.
Send checks to: charity: water, 200 Varick St., Suite 201, New York, NY 10014

2. SPONSOR YOUR WATER PROJECT ONLINE.

Visit charitywater.org/donate. We’ll automatically tag any one-time $5,000+ donations as project sponsorships and use the name you submit with your online gift.

3. FUNDRAISE ONLINE USING MYCHARITY: WATER.

Swim, dance, sell lemonade or give up your birthday or wedding gifts and ask for donations to water projects instead. You can do anything to raise money for water on mycharitywater.org.
Start your own individual fundraising page, set a goal, track donations and form fundraising groups. As always, 100% of the money you raise goes directly to water projects.
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