



Because water is life

Someone – usually a child – is dying every 20 seconds in the developing world from diarrheal diseases.



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The diseases occur because people don't have access to safe water. They must rely on dirty water that no one wants to drink.



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Those who survive must fight sickness that prevents children from going to school and parents from working – creating a never-ending cycle of poverty.



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To get water, people must often walk long distances. Women and girls do most of the walking. It's difficult (water is heavy) and it's dangerous (leaving them vulnerable to attacks by snakes, animals, and humans).





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The time involved prevents many girls from being in school all day. They fall behind and often drop out – which continues the cycle of poverty.



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In response, Lifewater Canada was formed in 1997 to drill wells in Africa and then in Haiti.



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In addition to creating new wells, we rehabilitate broken-down wells. This usually involves replacing the hand pump and surrounding concrete pad.



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Often, the only thing needed to get safe water flowing again is to fix a well's hand pump. We've fixed thousands – on our wells and on those of organizations no longer maintaining them.



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Another way to help thirsty people is through rainwater catchment and storage systems. They provide insurance against seasonal dry spells.

Thanks to our donors, we have installed these systems at more than 250 schools in Kenya, and provided them in other community settings.



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Each system, including eavestroughs, downspouts and a 10,000-litre storage tank, is linked to a communal sink for drinking and hand-washing.



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So Lifewater Canada is building community
toilets and hand-washing stations in villages
and at schools and churches.



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Toilets are vital to girls and women during their menstrual cycles so they can care for themselves with dignity.



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If their local school has no toilet, many girls stay home – and fall behind in their studies, sometimes dropping out.



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Another reason why girls may drop out is because they can't afford to buy sanitary pads for use during their menstrual cycles.



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So Lifewater is providing washable sanitary pads. They are part of the health and hygiene training we offer in many communities.



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Each Lifewater Canada project in Africa and Haiti is meeting the needs of at least 400 children and adults each day.



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Lifewater achieves that while keeping overhead costs below 10%. It's possible because in Canada, we rely mostly on volunteers and part-time employees who work from their homes.

Overseas, we rely on drilling and repair teams that we train and equip, and that are paid only after each project has been completed.

What about our impact?

- More than 12,400 water projects completed so far
- More than 6 million children and adults benefiting



Helping that many people, while keeping overhead costs below 10%, has made Lifewater one of Canada's 10 best charities for the last five years in a row. It's one you can always trust.

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