

This graph shows the number of Lifewater project beneficiaries by country over time. As shown by the top line, over the last 5 years, the number of people serviced has doubled from 50,000 in 2015 to over 100,000 in 2019.

As the scope of the need and the magnitude of effort required to meet the need has become increasingly apparent over time, Lifewater Canada leadership realized that we were spreading ourselves out too thin. To provide sustainable water systems to reasonable numbers of people, it is necessary for us to focus on working more intensively in fewer areas. As a result, in 2011, Lifewater stopped working in Zambia and in 2018 wrapped-up work in Nigeria. The ending of work in Nigeria was a logical program closing as the drill rig had been shot-up in a Boko Haram attack, and both the Head Driller and Program Coordinator had passed away from unrelated events.

In 2019, the number of beneficiaries was virtually identical to that served in 2018 as equipment and truck breakdowns plagued all teams. During this time however, there was extra effort placed on finalizing work on team compounds including provision of secure storage, mechanic garage facilities, and office space to ensure better continuity of operations.