Welcome to the Global Water Community Newsletter, Summer Edition! This newsletter is intended to bring readers up to date with Global Water’s recent activities.

The next few pages describe some projects in Central America and Africa that we are either currently working on or just finished. Through our water, sanitation and hygiene related projects, we are able to have an impact not only with public health issues but children’s education, women’s rights and environmental sustainability.

In addition to sharing with you what projects we are currently involved with, we feature two donors and share how they came to think about water issues and how they partnered with Global Water. We hope these stories inspire you to think about how your unique interests and talents can support Global Water’s efforts!

Health & Sanitation

Today 2.5 billion people, including almost one billion children, live without even basic sanitation. Every 20 seconds, a child dies as a result of poor sanitation. (UN Water)

Access to Water

Around the world, Women and Children have the responsibility to fetch water for the entire family and as a consequence, walk great distances to obtain their daily needs of water for drinking, bathing and cooking. This is a very laborious, dangerous and time consuming task, which leaves little time to pursue other opportunities such as education or work.

Poor sanitation facilities result in the spread of microbial disease and can lead to a water source becoming vulnerable by fecal contamination. Microbial diseases cause diarrheal symptoms, which if persistent can even cause death.
Projects in Central America Update

We are keeping busy with sixteen village and school projects in Central American countries, including Guatemala and Nicaragua. Here are details of two projects as examples of the work in which we are currently involved.

Las Moras School, Guatemala

Las Moras School is located in the outskirts of the Department of Huehuetenango. This school project has benefited the 22 students who attend the school, 2 teachers and the families that live in the surrounding community.

The Las Moras School project includes the construction of an 8-faucet hand washing station, rainwater catchment system and a 2,000-L tank. The parents of the students and the teachers provided all the labor to construct the facilities and a local organization purchased all the materials and will provide all long-term follow-up for the project.

La Cantzela School, Guatemala

La Cantzela School is located in the rural outskirts of the Department of Huehuetenango. This school project has benefited the 296 students who attend the school, 10 teachers and the families that live in the surrounding community.

The La Cantzela School project includes the construction of an 8-faucet hand washing station, rainwater catchment system, a 2,000-L tank and a concrete patio. The social norms in this community are very traditional. The women and children carry water two or three times a day for the various domestic chores, cooking and cleaning, while the men take charge of the farming, bringing the firewood, etc.
Projects in Africa Update

We successfully finished projects in Sierra Leone drilling five wells for communities and schools. Here are some details of two projects that were recently accomplished.

The wells drilled in these two communities have had a life changing effect on the village members. Closer access to water immediately relieves women and children from spending much of their time during the day traveling to search for water. Now they have time to pursue things such as an education and business opportunities, for instance selling hand made products. There are also new agricultural opportunities that have never been available in these arid regions before. However, the main benefit will be the improved health of the communities associated with drinking clean water.

Serabu Village, Sierra Leone

Four wells were drilled in the village of Serabu. Each well supports about 1,000 people with clean water. The water sources in this region vary depending on the time of year, transportation, and rainfall. Prior to this project, the primary source of water for the communities was either from a municipal well several miles away or hand dug ditches, which dried up for most of the year.

Mosenesie Junction Village, Sierra Leone

The village of Mosenesie Junction is a small rural community of 1,000 people, populated by the most dominant tribal people, the Mende that predominate the South-Eastern provinces.

The ten year civil war that ended in 2002 left the country deprived of education, training opportunities and income generating activities. Men are often farming a long distance from their home while the women are the lead person in the home and the children are the prime source for labor. The children have the prime role of fetching the family’s water.
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