



Rotary-World Vision WASH Project

A \$1MILLION Rotary Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project

Nothing can improve in the developing world without WATER!

District 5280 through the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club is planning a nearly, \$1 Million Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Collaborated project in Niger, one of the poorest countries in the world! All Club funds with The Rotary Foundation approval will be matched 50% by the Foundation and the whole total matched by World Vision.

Wells Bring Hope is adding \$100,000, the District and has already committed \$40,000. For every \$ your Club donates, it should realize about an \$6 to \$1 leverage.

The project will be managed by the local Niger Rotary Club alongside the professional local World Vision staff on the ground who have been designing and working together on this project for almost a year. Rotary is leveraging the expertise and the donor funding to accomplish one of the largest and most professional WASH projects in Africa. Rotary Clubs and World Vision have been collaborating on projects for over 10 years and completed in excess of \$12 million in project funding.

For detailed information, please ask for the complete project proposal which includes the detailed budget.

Niger is considered the poorest country in the world.

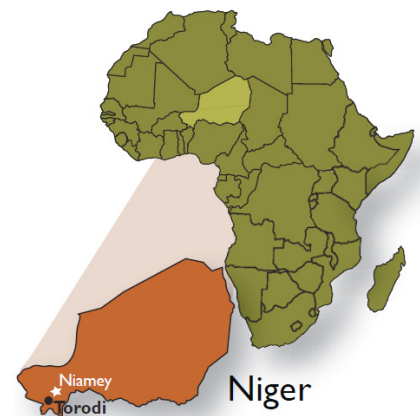
Women and children spend hours each day traveling on foot from their communities to find water for drinking, cooking, bathing, and irrigating gardens. The disparity in access to safe water in urban and rural areas is high. In rural areas, most of the diseases that contribute to a high child mortality rate directly or indirectly are linked to preventable, waterborne infections. It is not just a lack of safe water that keeps these rates high, but also poor sanitation and hygiene practices. It is estimated about 7.5 million Nigeriens (42%) still have no access to safe water. Since 1970, West Africa has had a decline in average annual rainfall of between 15 and 30 percent. Aquifers are being depleted, rendering many hand-dug wells dry and useless.

PROJECT GOALS AND OUTCOMES

The Rotary-World Vision WASH Project will improve the health and wellbeing of 25,000 people in Torodi commune by reducing the prevalence of waterborne and water-related diseases. This will be achieved by increasing access to sustainable safe water sources and



The average African family survives on 5 gallons of water a day, which some have to walk for miles to get.



improving sanitation and hygiene practices. The percentage of people with access to safe water will increase from 46.86 percent to 65 percent, and 50 percent of households will have an improved understanding of good hygiene behaviors. In addition, 80 percent of target communities will eliminate open defecation.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

World Vision is pleased to be working in collaboration with Manhattan Beach Rotary to come alongside Rotarians and World Vision staff in Torodi, to improve the health of 25,000 Nigeriens through increased access to safe water and improved sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Families in western Niger have for too long suffered from life-threatening waterborne illnesses and opportunities lost when women and girls spend so much of their time in the daily search for water, water that can bring heartache along with disease. It has been a pleasure working with Rotary to create a partnership that will bring not just help, but also hope to tens of thousands.

World Vision and Rotary share a heart for giving struggling communities the tools and training they need to thrive and build brighter futures for their children—in this generation, and generations to come. Like Rotary, we have a strong presence in many of these hurting areas of the world, and Niger is ripe for a partnership that puts our combined strengths to work to bring good things to places like Torodi. Having local Rotarians on the ground alongside World Vision's staff also strengthens sustainability efforts.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

World Vision looks forward to another successful partnership with Rotary, one that will change lives for children and families in Torodi. We are grateful to be working alongside Manhattan Beach Rotary and Gaweye Rotary to provide safe water, increased access to sanitation facilities, and improved hygiene—which, when combined, will greatly improve the well-being of those living in this rural, underserved area. Manhattan Beach Rotary's support of \$500,000 toward this nearly \$1 million dollar project will have an immeasurable return on investment, as every young life is precious beyond value. Imagine the potential that will be unleashed when 25,000 Nigeriens have access to these necessities. No longer waylaid by preventable disease, they will begin to shape their futures and transform their communities. Thank you for collaborating with World Vision to help create a better world for children in Niger.



A Nigerien child draws water from a source shared with livestock, which means it will be contaminated with animal waste and potentially dangerous to their family.



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