

Our Local Lead Partner

INA works exclusively through trusted local partners that ensure a deep knowledge of the needs of the community they belong to and tailored technical expertise.

Bole Bible Baptist Church Child Care and Community Development (BBBC) has implemented integrated development projects for the past 20 years aiming at creating access to opportunities for a better standard of living for underprivileged and vulnerable communities.



INA x Rotary Partnership

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, through its entity, Operation Toilets Australia (OTA), has been very active in international water and sanitation projects since 2015, having completed two District Grants, four Global Grants and five Direct Grants in India, Ethiopia, and Nepal with a Global Grant in the planning stage.

For the past three years (FY 2020-23), INA has worked in partnership with the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central in their capacity as an authorised cooperating organisation that is recognised by The Rotary Foundation and has successfully completed a District Grant and a Direct Grant in the Shurmo District in Ethiopia in partnership with OTA. INA has a proven track record with Operation Toilets Australia.

Since July 2024, INA and OTA have renewed their collaboration through the EWASH project in Ethiopia, and other exciting projects are yet to come!

The total value of all OTA projects completed or in progress and planned since inception is AUD\$1,750,000.

Find out more about us

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Ready to visit the EWASH Project in Ethiopia?



The EWASH Project

Since July 2024, Operation Toilet Australia (OTA) and International Needs Australia (INA) have been implementing an exciting project in Ethiopia to improve access to safe water supply, sanitation and hygiene practices for individual households, communities, schools, and clinics.

Supported participants: around 2,000 adults from the most vulnerable Households and 7,000 children in 15 schools.

Objectives:

- Increased awareness of water service, sanitation and hygiene practices.
- Increased access to improved water and sanitation infrastructure (latrines and handwashing facilities)
- Increased access to and management of water service (water points/lines)

What are we working on?

We're building gender-segregated latrines in 15 schools, conducting awareness and sensitisation campaigns in schools and communities on best hygiene and sanitation practices, supporting the construction of latrines for vulnerable households... and much more!

Where and Why

Ezha District, Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, 60 to 80% of communicable diseases are attributed to limited access to safe water and inadequate sanitation and hygiene services. The baseline study showed only 12.6% of households do not have a latrine, and 64.7% of households in our target communities practice open defecation and no households have a dedicated place for handwashing with water and soap.

This project will be implemented in Ezha Woreda of Central Ethiopia Region. Only 52% of the schools in the target areas have improved latrines separated for boys and girls, while only 35% of the schools have water sources. Along with schools, the participants of the project will be extremely vulnerable family with no access to sanitation and latrines.

Traditional latrine in Ezha



NEW school toilet



Join the visit!

Join the team from OTA and INA the coming November 2025 in their visit to the project sites to witness the impact of the project and hear from the communities we support how the intervention is changing their life!

Our local partner will organise meetings with community representatives and groups, visits to schools, health facilities and individual project participants. All in total safety!

Here's a brief idea of the itinerary:

- **Sat 8th** : departing from Melbourne
- **Sun 9th**: landing in Addis Ababa and meeting with our partner's Board of Director
- **Mon 10th**: Travel to Shurmo (project area) and meeting with the project team
- **Tue 11th**: project visit - schools & farmers
- **Wed 12th**: project visit - health centres
- **Thu 13th**: debrief with the team and travel to Ezha (project area 2)
- **Fri 14th**: project visit - schools & women saving group
- **Sat 15th**: goodbye and travel back to Addis
- **Sun 16th**: visit of Addis Ababa
- **Mon 17th**: visit to the Australian embassy in Ethiopia and departure from Addis Ababa

Total budget (including flights, accomodation, transportation and main meals): **2,950 AUD***

- price may vary slightly depending on the time of booking

Witness with your own eyes the needs and incredible strength of the communities in Shurmo and Ezha, while diving into the beautiful Ethiopian landscape and culture!