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02 | 90% of those who die from waterborne diseases are under the age of 5 .

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It's not hard to think about water today. In the western world, we face growing concerns about our stewardship of the world's most precious resource. There's talk of shortages, evidence of reservoirs drying up and of course, plenty of people who simply don't care.

But forget about us.

Most of us have never really been thirsty. We've never had to leave our home and walk 8 kilometres to fetch water. We simply turn on the tap and water comes out - clean.

Yet more than 1.1 billion people on the planet don't have clean water. It's hard to imagine what a billion people looks like, but imagine it as one in six of us. One in six people in our world don't have access to the most basic of human needs. Something we simply can't imagine going 12 hours without.

Here we'd like to introduce you to a few of those one billion people. They are very real and they need our help. They didn't choose to be born into poverty where the one water supply is a polluted swamp that they share with animals.

I invite you to put yourself in their shoes, look at their faces, follow them on their journey. These are people like you and I who have dreams, aspirations, hope. When you look through the photos imagine what it's like to carry 25kg of water in a yellow fuel can, to dig with children in sand for water, to line up at a well and wait 8 hours for your turn. Then to do it all over again, every day.

Make the decision to help. We're not offering grand solutions and billion dollar schemes. We're not tackling governments, we're giving every day people clean water. We've found it's the simple things that work, like freshwater wells, rainwater catchments and sand filters. We're building latrines so that girls are encouraged to go onto secondary school. We're helping to break the poverty cycle.

1 billion - that's a lot. Start by helping one.



Who we are

BeyondWater is a charitable organisation bringing clean, safe drinking water to communities across East Africa. We build wells, latrines, teach hand washing programs and hold a peer support program for youth. We engage with communities so that they are involved with each project, this way , they have ownership for it.

BeyondWater directs the funds to project costs, funding sustainable water solutions in areas of greatest need. We work to raise awareness of the water crisis through events, fundraising exhibitions and other public awareness campaigns.



Why

1 billion people on the planet don't have access to safe, clean drinking water. That's one in six of us.
Another 1 billion don't have access to a toilet. That's a lot of people without basic human rights.



5,000 children die each day from diseases caused by a lack of safe drinking water and proper sanitation. In sub-Saharan Africa, a baby's chance of dying from diarrhoea is almost 520 times greater than in Western countries. Diseases such as diarrhoea are caused by drinking contaminated water and kill more than 2.2 million people each year. That's equivalent to 20 jumbo jets crashing every day. Children under 5 are the most susceptible to waterborne disease. Their developing bodies often fail to withstand the amount of parasites normally found in contaminated water sources.



Average Water Use

AVERAGE WESTERNER: 350L/DAY

AVERAGE PERSON IN A DEVELOPING NATION: 18L/DAY



An average person in the West uses about 350 litres of water daily cook, clean and drink. An average person in a developing to nation struggles to find 18.



Building a well

A freshwater well can cost \$20,000, depending on the region and the depth required.

BeyondWater partners with local organisations on the ground to build and rehabilitate freshwater wells. When the water table is high, wells can be built by hand with the help of the entire community. Once the well is built, each community forms water committee. These committees are educated about the importance of hand washing and proper sanitation. They are responsible for ensuring that their well stays clean and maintained.



How is a well built?



We identify communities and villages in need of clean water. Sometimes it's through our staff and implementing partners visiting new countries and actively seeking out communities in need. At other times it's through people reaching out to us.

We find partner organisations working in the country and they become our implementing partners. We don't drill the wells ourselves as it would take years of research and training to learn about the soil conditions and become familiar with the culture of each country.

Our model is to find the best in the business and increase their capacity instead. The organisations we partner with have years of experience in providing clean water and basic sanitation. BeyondWater staff then visit the projects, monitoring their success and sustainability, and the ability to provide comprehensive reports to our donors.

The drilling process takes anywhere from 3 - 5 days, depending how deep we have to go. In some countries where the water table is high, wells can be hand dug. In other regions, heavy machinery and days of drilling are necessary.



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Water changes everything

Wells transform communities. Preventable waterborne disease are drastically decreased. Long walks to muddy rivers and swamps are no longer necessary. Time spent collecting water is reduced, offering women a chance to earn an income and children a chance to get an education. Wells bring people together and offer improved health, a better quality of life and hope for a better future.



Latrines

980 million children worldwide do not have access to adequate toilets. The number one reason girls don't go on to secondary education is that they do not have single sex latrines. BeyondWater wants to be able to give young people dignity through the provision of latrines with running water and hand washing facilities.



The Girl Project

For many girls hitting puberty is something to be feared. When your parents are only earning \$2 per day the thought of buying sanitary products is not high on their list. The result is that girls are spending up to 3 months each year out of school. It puts them further at a disadvantage and their future options are slim.

Giving girls sanitary products is an effective way to help break the poverty cycle. The longer they stay in school, the more likely they are to succeed in providing for their families.

We hold monthly peer support programs across Kenya & Rwanda for girls who currently attend school but struggle to find the funds for sanitary products. Businesswomrn who excel in their field come and share with the students key principles to success.

Attendees have a small meal at the conclusion of the session, this might be the only thing they get to eat that day. Each girl receives a health pack that includes sanitary pads and toilet paper.



Community Awareness Program

Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.

Kofi Annan

A real key to bring about change is to bring information and practical skills into communities. We have a team based in Kenya who present a multi-media and hands on program. There, they teach about water poverty, good water usage, sanitation and hand washing programs.

For many community based organisations, they have a small portion of land which supports the feeding of the children in their care. However, while they have a passion, they don't necessarily have the practical skills to ensure quality irrigation systems and farming techniques. Our specialist is out in the community working with these groups so they can become self-sustainable.

Education, wisdom, skills, knowledge . It works.



Insight Tours

Our best advocates are those who get first hand experience on what life is like here in East Africa.

Visitors get to see a different side of Africa - taking a food parcel to a family within The Girl Project, visiting schools we support, having a meal with a Kenyan family, seeing our projects as they happen and experience life as a Kenyan does. You get to be involved with the young people and families on a daily basis.

Life in Africa is never dull and boring. There's a variety of activities from extreme sports to bird watching and everything in between. White water rafting, bungee jumping, stand up paddle boarding, mountain climbing, safaris - we organise it all.

Group sizes are limited and there's a minimum one week program you can enter.

Insight Tours not only benefit you, they benefit the communities we work with. We are able to employ locals and put funds back into the work of BeyondWater.



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