

# Ethiopia Needs Safe Water



## There's A Crisis

The crisis is water.

This year, over 500,000 Ethiopian children will die before the age of 5. One out of every 10 children never has a first birthday. Water-related disease is the single biggest killer of infants and the principal cause of illness in adults in Ethiopia.<sup>a</sup> Water-related diseases are a particular threat to people with HIV/AIDS.

Only 12% of the rural population of Ethiopia has access to safe drinking water and 7% to basic sanitation.<sup>b</sup>

The water crisis also stagnates the overall development of the country. Women and girls spend hours every day collecting water from distant sources, and in addition are expected to cook, collect firewood, tend fields and care for the sick.. Women could spend this time at paying jobs. Girls could be attending school.

The difficulty in providing lasting solutions compounds the problem. Despite good intentions on the part of those who help, most water systems no longer work.



## The 2005 Ethiopia Water Initiative

Rotary Clubs in Rotary International District 5030, Seattle, WA, Rotary District 9200 Ethiopia and WaterPartners International are teaming up to bring safe water to Ethiopians in need. The 2005 Ethiopia Water Initiative will benefit over 25,000 people residing in the poorest, drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia. The 2005 Ethiopia Water Initiative will:

- Help Ethiopians build and maintain sustainable, safe water systems and sanitary latrines;
- Reduce the amount of time spent by women and children collecting water;



- Decrease the prevalence of water and sanitation-related diseases with water and sanitation infrastructure and health education;
- Promote integrated water resources

management at the local level with a focus on maintaining the quantity and quality of drinking water; and

- Promote reforestation activities to control land degradation, maintain groundwater supplies and in some cases generate income for beneficiary communities.



This is a project of Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5030, 9200, and other Rotary Clubs throughout the United States.

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## Help us turn the tap.

<sup>a</sup>The Official Summary of The State of the World's Children, UNICEF 2004.

<sup>b</sup>The State of the World's Children, UNICEF 2003.

## Working Together for Success

In order to ensure the success and sustainability of the Ethiopia Water Initiative, Rotary Clubs in Rotary International District 5030 Seattle, Washington, and Rotary District 9200 Ethiopia are partnering with WaterPartners International, an organization with expertise in implementing high-quality water projects.

**Rotary is a World-Wide Service Organization** and Rotary International District 5030 and Rotary clubs throughout the United States will raise awareness of the critical need for safe, clean water in Ethiopia and seek to provide funding for this major water project.

**WaterPartners International (www.water.org)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1990 to address the global water supply crisis. WaterPartners carefully seeks out, certifies, and supports partners that have proven their ability to facilitate high quality, comprehensive community water and sanitation projects. WaterPartners will be facilitating these projects through their Ethiopian counterpart. **WaterAction**, an indigenous non-governmental organization that is one of the strongest local NGOs working in the Ethiopia water supply and sanitation sector.

**Rotary Clubs of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**, in District 9200 will help provide funding and coordinate with the Seattle Rotary Clubs and WaterPartners in prioritizing the most critical areas of need. They will also provide oversight of the water projects and financial accountability.



## A Lasting Solution

Community organization, health education, financial and maintenance training are included in each project. A locally elected water committee takes charge to ensure that user fees are paid. In the end, beneficiaries are completely invested in their project and are able to independently operate and maintain it.

Since 1990, WaterPartners International has helped over 30,000 people in 63 communities develop accessible, sustainable, community-level water supplies. All of the projects WaterPartners has supported have a permanent organizational structure in place to ensure they will continue to operate after the project's completion.



## What Your Donation Will Buy

**\$10,000 and up—safe water for life for an entire village of 300-500 people**  
**\$5000—drilling of a deep well**  
**\$2500—construction of a dug well**  
**\$1000—construction of a water storage tank**  
**\$500—pit latrines for 15 families**  
**\$250—training of 20 village health workers**  
**\$100—training of the caretakers to maintain the water system for one village**  
**\$50—safe water for life for one child**

The impact of these projects is much more than just a safe, new water system. People will learn to take charge of their lives. They will be treated with dignity and given the opportunity to solve their own water supply and broader health problems.

The needs of the poor of Ethiopia are great. However, it is clear that no other intervention will have a greater impact than a well-designed water, sanitation and health project.

## You Can Help!

**Your support is vital.** Together, we can help tens of thousands of Ethiopians have access to clean, safe water in the most serious drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia.

Yes, I want to help make a life-saving charitable contribution. Enclosed is my donation of:

\$2,500  
 \$1,000  
 \$500  
 \$250  
 \$100  
 \$50

Enclosed is my check payable to: **University Rotary Service Fund** and indicate "Ethiopia Water Initiative" on the memo line.

Please bill my credit card:  MC  Visa

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