



LIFEWATER CANADA

Fall 2020 Newsletter



COVID-19 didn't stop us, thanks to your support!

What could've been a very difficult year for Lifewater Canada – one in which COVID-19 threatened to drastically limit our ability to provide safe water to people in Africa and Haiti – has been the most successful in our 25-year history.

More wells were drilled or repaired, and more children and families received access to safe water, than during any time in the past for Lifewater. We are very thankful to God – and to you – for this.

When the pandemic hit Liberia, Kenya, and Haiti, our teams were forced to stop working. But local governments quickly designated well drilling and pump repair as essential services, so our teams were back in action!

By the end of the fiscal year on June 30 the teams had drilled a record-breaking 128 new wells and rehabilitated 10 more. They also repaired an unprecedented 470 wells and built 44 water catchment systems. *More than 445,000 people have benefited, all due to your financial and prayer support.*

Please continue to offer people help and hope through safe, accessible water.

Lynda Gehrels
President, Lifewater Canada

PS - You are supporting Canada's top-ranked water charity, and one of the top 10 among hundreds of all types of charities in terms of their impact, or 'bang for the donor's buck.' The rankings come from Charity Intelligence, an impartial organization that evaluates the performance of Canadian charities based on several key factors including operational efficiency. Thank-you for your very generous support. We hope you'll continue to give with confidence!

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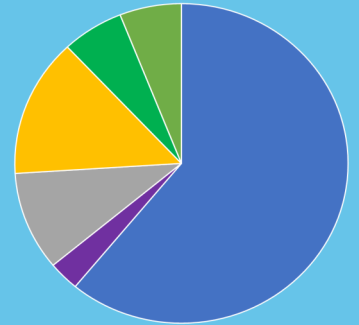
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Your donations at work!



Wells & Catchments - 61%

Well & Pump Repair - 3%

Hygiene & Sanitation - 10% *

Infrastructure - 14%

Overhead - 6%

Training - 6%



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- ✓ Well Drilling
- ✓ Pump Repair
- ✓ Hygiene Workshops



COVID-19 is REAL Call: 4455



Wear mask



Wash hands



Cough on your elbow



Keep your distance

This is a pandemic prevention poster in Liberia — part of the comprehensive COVID-19 public awareness campaign

Because our overhead is only 6%, every \$1 you invest provides a child or adult with safe water for a year!

You can . . .

- Drill a well for \$3,500 to \$5,000 (USD)
- Pay for half a well for \$1,800 to \$2,500 (USD)
- Pay to repair an average 10 wells for \$500 (USD)
- Pay to repair an average 5 wells for \$250 (USD)

Responding effectively to COVID-19

Your donations have protected people in Africa and Haiti against COVID-19. With your generous support, we've been able to dedicate more than \$100,000 to important hygiene and COVID-19 precautions. We've organized community workshops, and arranged for roadside billboards, radio ads, and flyers in Liberia so people can recognize pandemic symptoms, and know the importance of wearing masks, physical distancing, and constantly disinfecting surfaces. We also speeded up our well drilling and repair work to increase the number of available water points, which decreased the likelihood of large crowds. And lastly, we offered concentrated disinfectant for free at many of our Lifewater wells in Kenya.

Liberia: Safe water for 60,000 people

Thanks to strong support from our donors, the Liberian Drill Team completed 79 wells in the 12 months that ended June 30. That was 13 more wells than in the previous fiscal year, and by far the largest total during Lifewater's 25-year history in Liberia. The total number of children and adults receiving safe, accessible water from these new wells was 60,174.

The average number of people using each new well is 762, or more than double the 300 we prefer to avoid over-using a well and causing the pump to wear out too soon or the water source to be depleted. This highlights the need for your support to drill more wells in Liberia.

Liberia's infrastructure still lags far behind that of other African countries, due to a prolonged civil war and an Ebola outbreak that sparked a profound economic downturn. Our drilling rigs are helping many communities to rebound.

Haiti: Drilling, repairing, building capacity!

Our Haiti drill team finished a record-breaking 47 wells in Haiti in the fiscal year that ended June 30. About 38,000 more Haitians, living in the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, now have access to safe water, thanks to the generosity of our donors that paid for these wells.

Your generosity also enabled us to replace the pumps in four wells, and repair the pumps in another 470 wells, in Haiti that were no longer working. More than 383,000 children and adults are benefiting from this replacement and repair work – an enormous impact for which we truly praise God.

The average number of people using each of the new wells in Haiti is 809, or far beyond the 300 we prefer to avoid wearing out the pump or depleting the water source. This highlights in Haiti, just as it does in Liberia, the need for your support to keep drilling more wells.

Northern Haiti is an ideal region in which to drill wells because it has high-quality ground water that our rigs can reach with a more than 95% success rate. It's also easily accessible for our volunteers who come from overseas to help with the drilling projects.

Kenya: Adding wells, pumps, and storage

We drilled two more wells in Kenya that have begun providing safe water to about 950 people during the past year. Your donations also resulted in six damaged pumps being replaced, and the installation of an additional 44 more water catchment or storage systems that are aiding at least 2,100 people. Women's groups in Kenya looking for a hand-up, not a hand-out, are playing a leading role in our water projects there.



Dirty water claiming lives

Why is safe water so vital? Because without it, children like the ones above — and their families — must drink dirty water from swamps, ponds, and other potentially deadly sources.

We received this message recently from a pastor in Kenya: "The outbreak of waterborne diseases is frequent and has claimed the lives of many children below the age of five."

The World Health Organization says someone — usually a child — is dying every 37.5 seconds from drinking dirty water and/or inadequate hygiene. *You can save lives. Please give today.*

Want to have a growing impact? If you aren't yet, consider giving monthly!

When you give to Lifewater each month, you know that day by day, more and more people are drinking safe water because of your consistent support. Our monthly donors tell us they also like the convenience — **just call our office (807-622-4848) to arrange recurring giving**, then forget about it. A monthly donation of any amount is welcome. Each \$1 gives safe water to a child for a year. And so, for example, a recurring \$30 donation would give safe water to 30 more children each month. To all our monthly donors: THANK YOU!

Want to give more but can't afford it now? Why not add Lifewater to your will?

All of us face financial constraints that stop us from being as generous as we'd like. One option is to include a worthy charity such as Lifewater Canada in your will. There are significant tax advantages to this type of estate planning. Please call us at 807-622-4848 to learn more.