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Case for Support **Water and Sanitation** Hygiene (WASH)



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The Issue and its Resolution

Water is one of the most important resources on Earth. Throughout the Quran there are countless verses where Allah (SWT) describes how He sent water down to Earth for the creation and maintenance of life. HHRD's WASH program provides access to clean drinking water and dignified sanitation through the construction of wells, pumps, rainwater collection units and bathrooms. Access to water and sanitation are recognized as human rights and the countries targeted by HHRD are in particular need.

By providing safe and clean drinking water, we can reduce the staggering death toll suffered by children and families due to diarrheal diseases. In developing countries, up to 80% of illnesses are linked to poor water and sanitation conditions. Typhoid fever, cholera and many other diseases still run rampant. In many remote areas, women must travel long distances to fetch water for family use.



*In extreme cases,
this task can take
up to half a day.*

Irrigation

In addition to drinking and sanitation, fresh water is required for irrigation. Relieving hunger in Africa, Asia and the Middle East must begin with access to clean water. It may seem simple, but we forget that without access to a reliable source of water, food is hard to grow and even more difficult to preserve and prepare. A small investment in a clean, safe source of water can have a huge impact on both crop production and the nutrition for a community.

Dignified Hygiene

WASH goes beyond potable water to facilitate and promote healthy bathroom habits. By providing toilets as a way to separate human waste from contact with people, we can nurture good hygiene, preserve dignity and reduce rates of infection.



Success Stories

Kambini Dispensary is a public health facility in the Western part of Kenya that serves over 4,962 community members. Water inadequacy in the region has been a challenge regardless of rainfall. Thanks to HHRD, rain water is now being collected and stored in a 10,000-litre water tank that benefits the hospital and the community as a whole.

Rajiv Khatri is an orphan student studying in Shanti Shikshya Mandir Secondary School in Nepal. Before the installation of a reverse osmosis water filtration plant, students drank from a water jar, which habitually ran out. They would bring water from home, but in the middle of the day, when they finished their bottles, there was no more. In addition, there were problems with the water the children were drinking. People in Nepal use hand pumps to get drinkable water directly from the ground, which contains a high concentration of physical, chemical, and biological contaminants such as iron, ammonia, arsenic, turbidity, and coliform.

Due to a lack of funds, the school was unable to obtain drinking water facilities from the government. The HHRD Nepal team visited the site and provided a Reverse Osmosis (RO) filter plant, ensuring an end to this far-reaching problem.



Donor Support

Without HHRD's WASH program, especially in rural areas, people would suffer a higher number of water-borne illnesses and deaths. Students would not be able to attend their regular classes, and school performance would be very low. Crops would fail and children would be attacked by rodents while trying to go to the bathroom outdoors. Many people would continue traveling for kilometers in search of water, which is very difficult for older members of the community.

What makes HHRD different from other organizations is the use of local labor. Every country and territory is different, requiring local solutions. HHRD works with businesses and influencers in partner locations to deliver sustainable, high-quality wells, pumps and washroom facilities that function within established communities. Our water schemes are built to strict standards, using only approved materials. They are capable of withstanding harsh weather conditions, and most are designed to last for more than a decade.



A Gift of Water

As mentioned in a Hadith, Sayyiduna Sa'd ibn 'Ubadah (radiyallahu 'anhu) said, '**O Messenger of Allah, what charity is best?**' Rasulullah replied, 'Providing drinking water.' As Muslims, we learn two important things from this hadith; the first is that we are encouraged to give Sadaqah Jariyah on behalf of a deceased loved one, and the second is that the best form of Sadaqah Jariyah we can give is water.

You can be sure that your donation will go directly to building and delivering water collection and sanitation projects. HHRD is a highly rated organization that takes the stewardship of its supporters' dollars very seriously. Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), a nonprofit that evaluates thousands of nonprofits, is the gold standard when it comes to nonprofit ratings. It has rated HHRD as a 4-star (highest rating) public charity for the past 10 years. It has rated HHRD as the top Zakat-eligible charity (score 98.3%). An A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau is another indicator of the effectiveness of the organization.





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