

# Get involved!

**Taste for Life** – WaterAid’s new fundraising initiative, Taste for Life, is all about enjoying food with friends and family while raising funds to help those living without safe water and sanitation. Getting involved is easy; simply organise a culinary feast (dinner, picnic, lunch...), ask your guests to make a donation to WaterAid and invite them to join Taste for Life by hosting an event of their own. [www.wateraid.org/tasteforlife](http://www.wateraid.org/tasteforlife).

**Big National Ceilidh** – On Saturday 18 October 2008 over 10,000 people put on their dancing shoes and took part in the first ever Big National Ceilidh for WaterAid. Following this overwhelming success we are delighted to announce that this year’s event will take place on October 17. Ceilidhs (or barn dances) are wonderful social events that appeal to all ages. Find out more and order a free fundraising pack, including a guide to putting on an event, at [www.wateraid.org/ceilidh](http://www.wateraid.org/ceilidh).

## How you could help in Malawi and Nepal



**£290** well and handpump in Malawi



**£480** a year’s hygiene promotion for 850 people in Nepal



**£2,308** rainwater harvesting system for a school in Nepal

These costs are examples. WaterAid will use your money where the need is greatest.

To update us of your Club’s contact details or for more information please email [community@wateraid.org](mailto:community@wateraid.org) or visit [www.wateraid.org/lions](http://www.wateraid.org/lions).

# WaterAid

WaterAid’s vision is of a world where everyone has access to safe water and sanitation.



## News from WaterAid Summer 2009

Esther Lucius, pictured, lives in Malawi’s Machinga District. She says, “Since the tap we haven’t noticed a reduction in sickness, we have noticed a full stop! There have been no cases of diarrhoea!” Find out how funds raised by Lions Clubs will help more people like Esther this year.

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# Welcome to the 2009 Lions Newsletter!



WaterAid and Lions International share a passion for working towards ending child poverty, stopping the spread of preventable diseases and reaching out to poor and marginalised people such as the blind or elderly.

Donations from Multiple District 105 are currently linked to specific WaterAid projects in Malawi and Nepal, helping thousands of people take their first steps out of poverty every year.

It costs WaterAid just £15 to enable one person to gain lasting access to safe water, sanitation and improved hygiene. This year we are hoping that supporting clubs in MD105 will donate £80,000 towards our life-changing work. This is an ambitious target but with new and continued support from Lions Clubs I know we can do it.

For exciting ideas on how you can support WaterAid, to arrange a free visit from one of our local volunteer speakers or for further information about our work, please do not hesitate to call on **020 7793 4550**.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarina Jesudason'.

Sarina Jesudason  
Community Fundraiser

## A message from WaterAid's Chief Executive Barbara Frost

“Water, sanitation and improved hygiene are essential for sustainable development. Last financial year (1 April 2008 - 31 March 2009) Lions Clubs in Multiple District 105 enabled nearly 5,000 of the world's poorest people to gain access to these basic human rights. Thank you for your support.”

## Lions Clubs bring hope to Malawi

This year funds raised by Lions Clubs in MD105 will help WaterAid and our partners transform the lives of poor people Malawi and Nepal through sustainable safe water, sanitation and hygiene projects.

Malawi's Machinga District is home to one such project. Here, just 40% of the population lack access to safe water and 86% of people use unsafe latrines or go to the toilet in the open. The resulting water-related diseases, such as diarrhoea, contribute significantly to alarmingly high child mortality rates. In the region 205 children out of every 1,000 will die before their fifth birthday.

In the next year the project in Machinga aims to benefit people through a gravity fed water system, investment in new latrines and a programme of hygiene education. The project aims to help 6,000 people access safe water and 9,000 build improved household latrines. 200 children will also benefit from four school latrine blocks, helping to ensure that ill health does not prevent them from getting an education.

This exciting project would not be possible without the kind support of Lions Clubs in MD105 – thank you.



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## Second biggest killer of under-fives being ignored

WaterAid's hard-hitting new report, *Fatal Neglect*, reveals the shocking fact that decision makers are ignoring diarrhoea, the second biggest killer of children under five.

Oliver Cumming, WaterAid's Sanitation Policy Officer, says “Diarrhoea kills more children than HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB combined, yet compared to these diseases, receives little financing and is not prioritised by governments in donor and developing countries alike.” Please visit [www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org) to read the full report.