

Just Add Water



Brent Stirton

WaterAid's water and literacy appeal for Rotarians



WaterAid – water for life The UK's only major charity dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.

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Adding water – Erika’s story



Erika Makalli at the new tapstand in Mbalawala, Tanzania, that has transformed her life

WaterAid/Alex Macro

Twelve year old Erika Makalli lives in Mbalawala in the Dodoma region of Tanzania. Here she explains the difference that having clean water close to home has made.

“Before we got clean water in the village my life was so very different. I was constantly sick and had horrible, itchy skin because I could never wash properly. I had to get up at 4am and walk a long distance to find water. It took two hours and I could only collect a small amount of water to take home.

I used to try and rush to get to school and wouldn't be able to wash or have any breakfast beforehand. Most of the time I missed school altogether because I was sick or just exhausted. In fact the school closed down for ten months in 1998 because so many children were sick it wasn't worth opening it.

I now wake up at 5am and clean the house. I brush my teeth and go to get water from the tapstand. It takes me 15 minutes to go and bring back one 20 litre bucket of water.

I usually do this about three times a day. Then I wash and prepare breakfast with the clean water.

After breakfast I leave for school which is a 15 minute walk. I don't have to take water to school with me as the school now has a tapstand too. When I get home I do my homework and collect more water and start to prepare supper for the family. Then I chat with friends and play games and then have a good wash. At 8pm I eat supper with the family and we sit around telling stories together.

If I still had dirty water I probably wouldn't have had any real education at all. Also, some of my friends would probably have died from the diseases we used to get. Now I feel I can at last look forward to a brighter future. Perhaps I will be a health and hygiene teacher when I leave school.”

As Erika demonstrates, now that WaterAid has worked with her village their health and literacy is likely to continue to improve.

Understanding the interplay between water, sanitation, education and poverty is crucial if organisations like Rotary and WaterAid are to work together to tackle poverty in a sustainable way.

Just Add Water and give an education

In 2006, WaterAid is celebrating 25 years of providing safe water, effective sanitation and hygiene education to some of the world's poorest people. By the end of the year, we hope that we will have increased the total number of people we've helped to gain access to clean water to 10 million.

To aid us in this goal, we are asking Rotarians throughout Great Britain and Ireland to lead the way in fundraising for our Just Add Water appeal by focusing on the links between education, literacy, clean water and effective sanitation.

Just adding water can have a tremendous impact on a community, as Erika's story reminds us. With less time spent collecting water and with fewer water-related diseases, adults have the time and energy to make a living, school attendance increases and literacy rates improve. Ask your Rotary Club to Just Add Water this year and help people in Tanzania help themselves out of poverty.

Fundraising dates and ideas

Why not use the dates suggested below to focus on fundraising for the Just Add Water appeal, and help to ensure that other children like Erika have time to spare for school.

Sing for Water at the Thames Festival –

17 September – join the fun or support the singers online at www.justgiving.com/singforwater2006 Contact us if you would like more information on arranging your own sponsored sing.

Harvest Festival – encourage your local church or school to take part in the WaterAid Church Harvest and School Harvest appeals. Contact us for free resources and advice.

World Toilet Day – 19 November – did you know 2.6 billion people do not have somewhere safe and clean to go to the toilet?

Turn wine into water – by holding a wine tasting event you could raise funds for a WaterAid project.

Christmas spirit – perform WaterAid's own adaptation of a classic Christmas panto, 'Aladdin and the Magic Bucket'.

World Water Day – 22 March – why not make a splash and raise funds for WaterAid on this special day?

For a free fundraising and information pack please email rotary@wateraid.org



A lesson under the trees at Kashishi Primary School, Tabora, Tanzania

- **Tanzanian school attendance increases by 12% when water is available within 15 minutes instead of being more than an hour away**
- **11% more girls attend school when there are sanitation facilities available offering proper privacy**
- **Adding one year to the schooling of all adult females in a country increases GDP per capita by around £380**
- **For every 10% increase in female literacy you can expect a 10% increase in life expectancy at birth**

Clubs and Districts can make a difference

We aim to raise £ _____ for Just Add Water



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A lesson at Mbalawala Primary School in the Dodoma region of Tanzania

In Tanzania, on average:

£160 pays for the cost of training a teacher to facilitate 'child to child' hygiene education

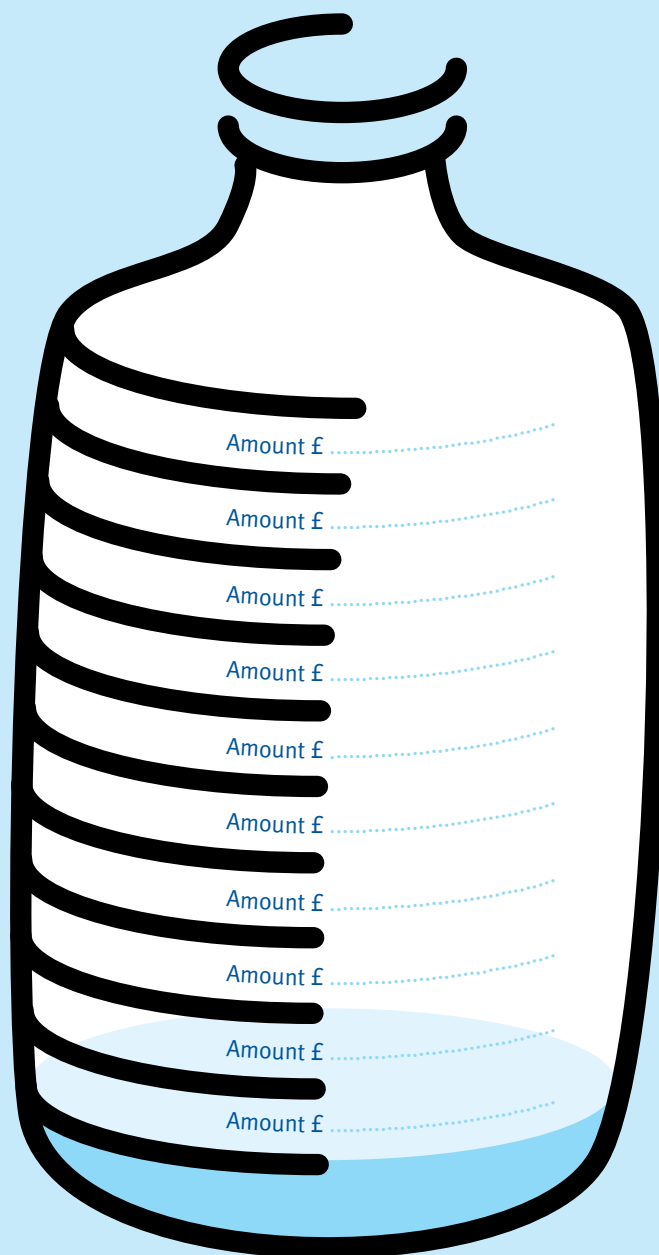
£500 pays to construct a 10 metre hand-dug lined well

£1250 pays to protect a spring source capable of providing up to 1000 people with safe water

£5000 pays for a diesel engine with 30 horsepower to drive a motorised pump providing water for up to 5000 people

Rotary Clubs can help *lead the way* in providing communities with safe water and sanitation and in turn help children in some of the world's poorest countries gain access to an education to work themselves out of poverty.

To make a donation towards projects in Tanzania, for information on how your donation can make a difference or for support and advice about organising an event for WaterAid's work, please call Sarina Jesudason on 020 7793 4550 or email rotary@wateraid.org



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