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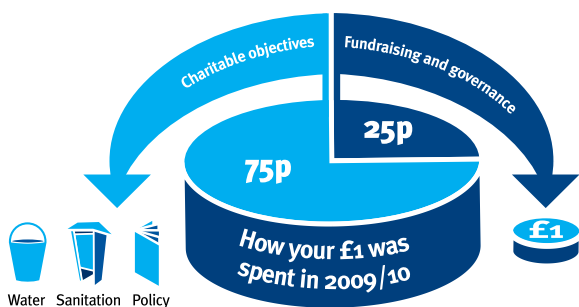
Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2011 edition of *Oasis*, full of stories showing how you are helping us to make a huge impact by saving lives and building futures. Without your support, none of this would be possible – thank you.

There are some really exciting reports from across the world in this edition. On **page 18**, my colleague Fatoumata Haidara tells the incredible story of her childhood, and how her family had to go on the road to find water. You can read about how she escaped from a life of poverty to lead the WaterAid team in Mali.

On **page 10**, you can read my interview with Andrew Mitchell, the UK Secretary of State for International Development. Mr Mitchell talks directly to WaterAid supporters about how and why the new government is putting water and sanitation at the very top of the agenda. Happy reading, and when you're finished please do pass your copy on to friends or family. Did you know you can sign up to receive *Oasis* by email? See below to find out how.

Barbara Frost Chief Executive

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WaterAid transforms lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities. We work with partners and influence decision-makers to maximise our impact.



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Bihar: becoming a pioneer state

Bihar is one of the poorest and most populous Indian states and has been known for its low sanitation coverage. But in recent years, the state government has gone full steam ahead to achieve universal sanitation coverage by 2012.



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The Minister for Public Health Engineering (yellow scarf) building a latrine slab. His rallying cry is “Don’t marry your daughter into a household which doesn’t have a toilet!”

That means building more than 10 million household latrines and to achieve a goal like that you need people power.

Working with the State Minister for Public Health Engineering, WaterAid helped organise a huge solidarity march – called a ‘gram gaurav yatra’ – where ministers walked through hundreds of communities, over several days, spreading the word about good sanitation and offering support to citizens to build their own latrines.

Public demand grew and in the past year alone over 1.2 million household latrines have been built. In order to meet the ever-growing demand, WaterAid has helped the state government develop the first integrated drinking water and sanitation policy in India. There is still a long way to go to achieve 100% coverage in Bihar but by enabling elected representatives to respond to their citizens’ demands for safe water and sanitation, the future looks much brighter.

Radio 4 appeal



Presenter and political commentator Jonathan Dimbleby presented a Radio 4 appeal for WaterAid, which aired in October and raised over £35,000.

The three-minute broadcast focused on the story of a mother in Ethiopia who has to walk miles with her baby and five year old son to collect water from a muddy river. She then has to carry the water and her baby back home in the blazing

heat. This is a scene all too familiar to Jonathan who has reported extensively on Africa, and in particular Ethiopia.

He said, "It has always seemed to me to be to be one of the really dreadful scandals that something as basic and simple as clean water is not available for so many millions of people; so many little ones die because they don't have clean water.

"Water is fundamental, and the provision of assistance that means people can have clean drinking water, through wells or good storage facilities, transforms the lives of individuals, and therefore the lives of communities, and in the end transforms the lives of nations."

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News in brief

Water and sanitation a human right

For the first time, the UN Human Rights Council recognised the right to water and sanitation as legally binding for nation states on 30 September 2010. While experts working with the UN human rights system have long acknowledged this, it was the first time that the Human Rights Council has declared itself on the issue.

BBC interview

BBC Radio 4 featured a powerful interview with a manual scavenger in Bihar, India, on its Today programme in November. Manual scavenging is the job of physically removing human excrement from latrines.

Listen to the interview at www.wateraid.org/newsroom.

House of Commons debate

A parliamentary debate in December proved the impact we are having. The International Development Minister, Alan Duncan (right), promised the UK Government "will support tens of millions of people in gaining access to sanitation over the next four years" and "will also be making new commitments under the bilateral aid review". Watch this space!

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Turn to page 10 to read our interview with Andrew Mitchell, Secretary of State for International Development.



Letters

The letters here are selected from the many enquiries received by our Supporter Care Team throughout the year.



Water for Beauty

Dear Oasis,

I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the Jonathan Dimbleby Radio 4 appeal. I have listened to many Radio 4 appeals but have never before been prompted to donate. However, this time I have donated! It was very well written, very pithy and clear, and of course Jonathan did a brilliant job in reading the appeal. One question: you say on your website that this year you hope to build toilets in Beauty's village in Zambia. What about taps for clean, running water? Is that not possible? With thanks for all the excellent work that you do.

Naomi Brown, Kendal, Cumbria

Dear Naomi,

We really appreciate your feedback. The Radio 4 appeal was an amazing opportunity to raise awareness of our life-changing work and I'm really pleased that you found it inspiring and decided to support us.

We plan to start work in Beauty's village in Zambia in 2011 and will be providing every household with improved latrines as well as digging a borehole as part of our project.

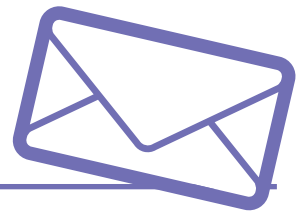
We are working on providing sanitation first, as not only will this have a greater impact on the health of the community, it will also help people understand the links between poor sanitation and illness. In Kayola village the problem isn't so much water shortages as water source contamination by nearby open defecation. The shallow wells currently used dry up in the dry season and we are concerned that the water quality is very bad as these 'shallow wells' are just wide holes dug into the dirt, totally uncovered and unprotected. And when the water was tested we found it to contain faecal matter.

By first tackling sanitation, we hope to stop deadly germs from spreading about the community and prevent them getting into the water supply. Then when all the community are using latrines we will dig a borehole and ensure the water source is protected so it cannot be contaminated.

**Katy Martin,
WaterAid Supporter Care Team**



See pictures of our work in Zambia on page 16.



Digging toilets

Dear Oasis,

I think you are doing a fantastic job in helping the world by giving thousands of people internationally access to safe water. I believe access to fresh water is an important geographical issue and you are dealing with it in a way that should be praised and acknowledged. I particularly liked your most recent 'Dig toilets, not graves' campaign. I think you have gone about addressing this issue in a very clever way that is sure to catch people's attention. Thank you so much for all the great work you do. I am very glad the world has organisations like you.

Helena Zavesky, Australia

Dear Helena,

We're really pleased that you liked our 'Dig toilets, not graves' petition. It is a tragedy that diarrhoea kills 4,000 children every day in the developing world but you and over 86,000 others signed our petitions last year calling on world leaders to prioritise these issues, because it's entirely possible to stop this tragedy easily and for good.

The UK Government has dedicated 0.7% of Gross National Income to overseas aid and we're now lobbying them to pledge £600 million a year of that to water and sanitation. This could provide 100 million people with water and sanitation by 2015, so they too can look forward to a healthier future. If you would like to learn more about campaigning with WaterAid please visit www.wateraid.org/getinvolved.

**David Martin,
WaterAid Supporter Care Team**



See how we are providing sanitation in crowded urban areas on page 12.



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Talk to us!

We love to correspond with you by phone, letters and emails but there are other ways to have a conversation with us. If you're a Facebook or Twitter user then sign up to 'follow' WaterAid today. You can also watch short films on YouTube and then discuss them. Join the growing community of WaterAid supporters who are debating and discussing all manner of issues. Every day on Twitter, we'll also post links to interesting news, events and pictures from our work. Start talking now at:

www.facebook.com/wateraid
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www.youtube.com/wateraid



WaterAid's Supporter Care Team can be contacted at **supportercare@wateraid.org** or on **020 7793 4594**.

The road to New York!

100 Days and Spending Review petitions

In David Cameron's first 100 days as UK Prime Minister 9,689 WaterAid supporters sent him messages calling for an increase in funding for water and sanitation, with the MDG summit firmly in mind.

3,428 of you followed up by sending an email to Chancellor George Osborne and Secretary of State Andrew Mitchell to ensure they put the PM's promise of an increased budget for development aid into action.

We've only got **100** days

Public debate

At a panel discussion in September, WaterAid Nigeria's Juanita During was the sole NGO representative alongside International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, who would represent the UK Government at the MDG Summit just two weeks later. This was our last chance to influence them and in her moving speech, Juanita left this powerful thought in their minds: "We need an integrated aid system that is dictated less by who can shout the loudest and more by where the need is greatest, as told by the poor and most vulnerable in the developing world for whom the MDGs are literally a matter of life and death."

What are the 'MDGs'?

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were established in 2000 and are internationally-agreed targets to reduce poverty by 2015. In September, world leaders met in New York to discuss the progress made on the MDGs.

Dig toilets, not graves

167 spades were dug into London's Trafalgar Square to symbolise the number of children who die every hour from diarrhoea. This dramatic installation drove home the point of our 'Dig toilets, not graves' campaign which highlighted this very fact. Diarrhoea can be stopped easily and for good using simple sanitation solutions – and that's where you helped to make our message even stronger. Thank you so much for lending your name to this huge campaign, which was the last push from supporters before the Summit.



David Parry/PA Wire/WaterAid

2010 was a hugely important year for our campaigning work. All roads led to New York for the UN Millennium Development Goals Summit in September – and here's what you helped make happen...

And then we arrived at the UN Summit

Your ongoing campaigning efforts meant that we were able to make a real impression on decision makers gathered in New York. By the time we got to the UN Summit, over 86,000 WaterAid supporters had carried out a campaign action calling for politicians to address the water and sanitation crisis. We presented these along with a spade from our 'Dig toilets, not graves' installation to leave a lasting impression throughout the three day Summit. After this final push, the Summit began...

A giant poo stalks the Big Apple, raising awareness of the crisis!



UN Headquarters

What more can you do?

You can keep up to date with future campaigns by visiting www.wateraid.org/campaigns and signing up for regular updates.

What happened?

There was progress! The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon made an announcement that recognised the importance of water and sanitation in ending poverty and dramatically changing lives:

“Access to water and sanitation will free up time and enable mothers to provide children with a healthy start in life. Experience shows that girls are more likely to attend school where there is proper sanitation... let us build an unstoppable tide for progress.”

The UK Government made public statements that water and sanitation are going to the very top of the UK's development agenda. Watch this space!

So what's next?

Now that the words have been spoken and papers have been written, they must turn into action if it's going to make a difference to people's lives. We need world leaders to follow through on their promises so that these goals can be achieved. With their commitment and action, people living without safe water and sanitation can be reached with these basic human rights.

We won't stop campaigning until this happens and hope that you will continue to show your solidarity for the 2.6 billion people without a safe toilet and the 884 million people without clean water.

Andrew Mitchell

UK Secretary of State for International Development

Our Chief Executive Barbara Frost discusses the UK Government's approach to tackling the water and sanitation crisis and getting public money to those most in need.



As we sat in Andrew Mitchell's office at the Department for International Development (DFID), around the table where UK development policy gets made, the Secretary of State's determination to make an impact on the water and sanitation crisis was clear from the off:

"The Coalition Government has put tackling this at the top of our development agenda. We've said in the House of Commons that we plan to bring water and sanitation to tens of millions of people over the next four years and I reiterate that point today."

I could tell that the Minister's passion for this cause came

from seeing first-hand what water and sanitation, or indeed the lack of it, means to people around the world.

"I was in Dhaka in a slum with a railway line running through the middle, and I was there just at the point that clean water had arrived. It was clear from people's delight at this facility that life had been transformed.

"I've seen examples where the state is absolutely essential [to service delivery]. I've seen private delivery of water where users pay tiny user fees. I've seen examples of all different types of model working and that is why, armed with that experience from my time in opposition, I come into

government with an utterly un-ideological approach.

"What I want to do is take water, sanitation, and indeed health and basic education, to the people at the end of the track in our world that don't have it. I'm utterly disinterested in the ideology. I just want to go with what works."

The Department for International Development's own results last year show they are making strong headway, with over four million people reached with clean water and over 15 million with sanitation in Africa and South Asia.

But with hundreds of millions of people across the developing world still living



WaterAid/Layton Thompson

without, and with austerity measures being taken in the UK, how does he plan to persuade the public to support international development?

“We’re looking at the tangible results we can achieve and independent evaluation to persuade people the money is well spent. The Independent Commission for Aid Impact reports to Parliament, not me. So the ability for ministers to sweep inconvenient news under the carpet will be gone.”

And his advice for us? “Focus on the results that you are achieving in order to engage people across Britain whose generosity to people less fortunate than themselves is

clear and marked and we saw it again in the response to the Pakistan floods.”

I ended our conversation by saying that we had done exactly that, and even though times were hard, WaterAid’s public support is actually growing.

“All power to your elbow!” he said. And, now convinced that the Government is committed to WaterAid’s vision, I knew he meant it.

“I’m utterly disinterested in the ideology. I just want to go with what works.”

To watch Andrew Mitchell deliver his message to you and to hear Barbara’s thoughts immediately after the meeting, visit www.wateraid.org/andrewmitchell

For more information on DFID’s work go to www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/Features

Technology

The Gulper

This manually-operated pump solves one of the biggest challenges in providing sanitation in crowded urban environments: emptying latrine pits when they get full. The Gulper is basically a hand pump that fits on top of a permanent pipe rising out of a latrine pit. The handle is raised and lowered and, with the help of valves in the pipe, the waste is lifted out of the nozzle and into a container.

In many cases, private contractors run collection services, taking the waste away to municipal treatment works. Emptying and disposal happens on a regular basis, keeping urban environments cleaner and providing business opportunities.

This means 'Get your latrine emptied for less' in Swahili. The motor-cart will take full containers to the waste treatment works.

The Gulper is fitted onto a valve in the middle of a concrete apron at the top of the riser pipe.

Technology posters

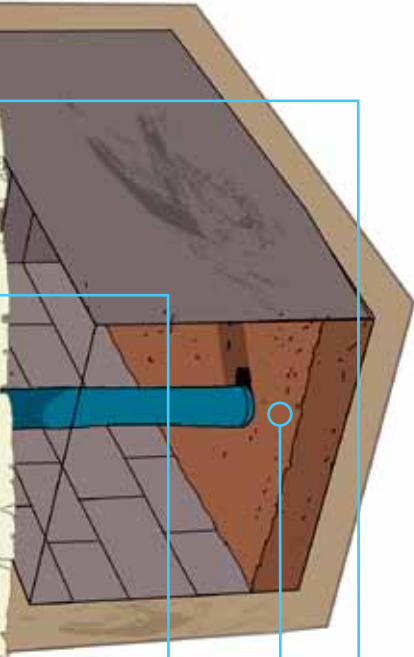
Download posters explaining key technologies used in WaterAid's work such as the Gulper, the rope pump, the composting latrine and the ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine. www.wateraid.org/technology



Wearing protective garments, the operator lifts the handle and 'pulls' waste up and into the container.

The pit sits under the latrine building above.

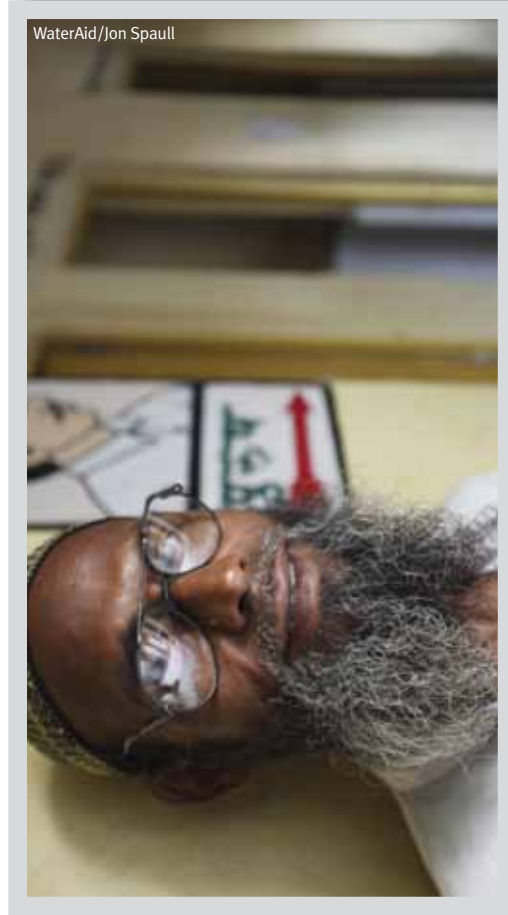
Latrine building.



WaterAid/Eva-Lotta Jansson

A 'vacutug' machine empties shallow pit latrines in Urbanizacao, a slum in Maputo, Mozambique. This is wheeled through the narrow lanes by waste removal workers, like Hilario (pictured above), who are paid by the municipality.

"I have worked here for six months. I start work at 7am. In the morning we come and collect the machine and take it to the places we need to go. In between jobs we return to the centre to empty the machine. A team of four people use this system. I like my work. My family is big and they benefit from my wages."



WaterAid/Jon Spaul

The need for improved sanitation and hygiene is acute in crowded urban communities. Mohammad Mausin, 60 years old, is the caretaker of the community-managed sanitation block in a slum in Kaushal Nagar, India. The facility is for adults, children and disabled people, and consists of three latrines for women, three latrines for men, one for girls and one for boys. There are also two bathing cubicles for females and two for males.

"I open the sanitation block in the morning and close it at night. I am responsible for maintaining the attendance register. Before, people would practise open defecation and I would feel sorry for them. It is much better now, people are more dignified."

Special report: Pakistan

Read all about it

Taps and toilets are making headline news in Pakistan, thanks to WaterAid's innovative Young Journalist Programme, reports Sarah Pyke.



50,000 children die every year in Pakistan from diarrhoeal diseases and yet the crisis rarely makes the headlines.

Across the world, when you open a newspaper or watch the news, you're more likely to hear about celebrity gossip or political scandal than you are about crucial development issues like the water and sanitation crisis.

Even in Pakistan, where diseases caused by unsafe water and lack of sanitation kill over 50,000 children every year, the mainstream media can overlook stories of how some of the country's poorest communities are suffering.

How to combat this neglect? Well, as Pakistan has over 100 English newspapers

and hundreds more in Urdu, Pashto, Sindhi and Punjabi, we decided that if column inches can be filled with news of the water and sanitation crisis you could reach millions of people and make the issue hard to ignore.

So, we set up our Young Journalist Programme and now have ten journalists from the programme writing for leading newspapers across Pakistan, such as *The Dawn*, *Express Tribune*, *The News* and *Daily Kawish*.

"By educating journalists about the crisis and giving them access to our work,

they have the information they need to raise public and political awareness of water and sanitation issues in Pakistan through grassroots stories," says Sandra Barrows, our Communications Officer in Pakistan. "It has generated a desire to champion these issues and we are now getting more and more space in leading newspapers for issues that have been neglected for so long."

After the recent devastating floods, these journalists were able to give a voice to some of the worst-affected people, and put pressure on the Pakistani Government to take action.

Watery Khairpur Nathan Shah wants action

THE EXPRESS
TRIBUNE
with the International Herald Tribune

In flooded Khairpur Nathan Shah, Hafeez Tunio, writing in *The Express Tribune*, spoke to a group of survivors sharing three toilets between 300 people. A medical officer said, “We treat around 200 patients on average every day. Most of them are suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting.”

To read the article online, search this phrase: **Watery Khairpur Nathan Shah wants action The Express.**

People pay with their lives because of contaminated water

INTERNATIONAL
THE NEWS

Saher Baloch in *The News* powerfully articulated how neglect of water and sanitation facilities by service providers in underprivileged Bengali Para and Allah Wallah Town has led to the spread of dengue fever, skin diseases and stomach problems. Forced to drink stagnant water, contaminated with sewage from a broken pipe, a local woman explains that the water “smells so bad that even after boiling it, the smell does not go away.”

To read the article online, search this phrase: **People pay with their lives because of contaminated water The News.**



The journalists at our office in Islamabad.

Read more...

For links to Pakistan newspapers and for more information on WaterAid’s work in Pakistan, please visit www.wateraid.org/pakistan.

What can you do?

Why not write a letter to the editor of a newspaper or magazine, or write about the crisis on your own blog or social networking page? See page 7 for more details.

Of course, thanks to the internet, these committed young journalists are reaching audiences far beyond the printed page. Our Young Journalist Programme in Pakistan is just one example of how WaterAid is influencing the world around us.

The media has the power to shape the political agenda. If it covers less gossip and scandal and more news about the water and sanitation crisis affecting hundreds of millions of people, then we may see more action to tackle what is an entirely preventable situation.

Birth rights



Twenty one year old Mutinta Hayumbu (holding her newborn baby girl) with Sophia Mweemba, a traditional birth attendant. In Mutinta's village of Singonya there is just one well to serve 23 households and no safe or hygienic toilets. Sophia says, "There are occasions where people don't have toilets and they need to go to the bush. Then the animals go there to eat their waste, and with their dirty mouths they go to the well to drink, leaving that dirt in the water. So that is what is in the water that is being used for drinking and during the delivery [of babies]. I think having a toilet is important for a new mother."



Above: Mutinta's newborn daughter. Right: Ivy Chilala and her children carrying home water they have collected from a dirty water source. Ivy's children suffer from scabies, a result of using water from ponds like this one where cows also drink and defecate.



Every year, around 60 million children in the developing world are born into households without access to a toilet. In addition to the potentially fatal health risks for new mothers and their babies, poor sanitation and unsafe water can have serious consequences for the development of young children and teenagers. These stories from Zambia show how crucial water and sanitation are to families.

Regis Sicheuunga, 48, with her daughter and twin grandchildren. Regis is HIV positive. As a result of using dirty water and poor hygiene and sanitation practices, she would regularly fall ill and have to walk for nine hours to get to the nearest hospital for medication. Now, with safe water close to home and knowledge of basic hygiene, she is much healthier and can take her medication properly. She now hosts a radio programme to support other HIV-positive people and says, "Understanding the importance of clean water, hand washing and toilets will help me live longer."



Kenneth Hamatende and his son, Pascal. Pascal has been paralysed in his left side for most of his life. This made going to the toilet difficult using a traditional latrine. With WaterAid's support, Kenneth was able to build a more suitable latrine close to home so that Pascal could use the toilet in a hygienic, comfortable and dignified way.

To find out more about our work in Zambia, watch our film about the Monze region at www.wateraid.org/video.

All photographs by WaterAid/Anna Kari.

A day in the life of...

Fatoumata Haidara is WaterAid's Country Representative in Mali. She has been working for WaterAid since 2006. Here she describes a typical day...

“ My passion for WaterAid's work comes from personal experience as I grew up in a village near Tombouctou that had no access to safe water or sanitation. Because I am the eldest of seven, many of the responsibilities of the household fell to me, including looking after the children and collecting water for the whole family.

and go on the road to find water. People were forced to go to neighbouring Burkina Faso and even as far as Ghana, and many, especially children, would die during the dry season because of the acute lack of water.

I was lucky that a teacher at the local school noticed I had promise, and pushed my parents to allow me to go to school; from this I was fortunate enough to gain

each year for the last five years, so we are making progress, but we have an awfully long way to go in the area of sanitation as nearly eight million Malians still do not have anywhere safe or hygienic to go to the toilet.

My working day begins at 5.30am when I get up to bathe and do my morning prayers. I help my son Didi get ready for school, and we have breakfast together before I drive to WaterAid's office for 6.45am. When I get to the office, I check and prioritise my emails, and review the day's plans.

I usually take my lunch with the staff. It's a good opportunity to chat to them, and it creates a good team spirit. I like having vegetables with chicken and sometimes I add rice with local sauce. To facilitate my digestion and good return to work, I drink tea.

After lunch I have meetings to review progress within the sector and the challenges we face. Before going home around 6pm, I check my emails to help me plan for tomorrow, and I consult with staff on the day's achievements.

When I get home, I bathe and do my night prayers before dealing with dinner, which I have with my son while following both national and international news. I make sure my son has done his homework, before putting him to bed and catching up on some reading. I go to bed around 10.30pm, asking God for the best for the next day. ”



Charlie Bibby / FT

Fatoumata with the President of Mali, Amadou Toumani Touré.

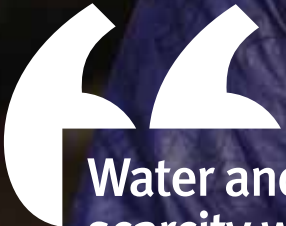
Water and sanitation scarcity were real problems in my village. When I went to collect the water I would have to get up at 4am, and when I got back my baby siblings would be crying because they were so thirsty. In the dry season it was common for our community to pack up

a scholarship to study abroad. I always planned to go back to Mali to start helping my country towards universal access to water and sanitation, and in 2006 I began working for WaterAid as their Country Representative.

WaterAid has reached 100,000 community members



WaterAid/Layton Thompson



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Splash out!

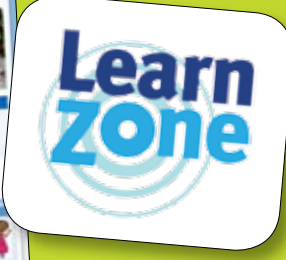
WaterAid's youth section

Explore WaterAid's LearnZone

WaterAid's online LearnZone is packed full of activities, ideas and information for teachers, youth leaders and young people wanting to learn more and get involved with our water, sanitation and hygiene work. You can find:

- Lesson plans and learning ideas for a variety of subjects, including Citizenship, PSHE and Science, to help bring WaterAid's work to life across the whole curriculum.
- A brand new homework help section full of facts, advice and information to help children explore and understand the issues for themselves.
- Fantastic fundraising ideas, tips and resources.

Visit www.wateraid.org/learnzone and let us know what you think!



Help us put the spotlight on water!



Our *Spotlight on water* action pack is designed to get children exploring water issues through singing, drama and interactive activities. It has everything you need to get your school or youth group learning, having fun, raising funds and putting the spotlight on water!

Find out more at www.wateraid.org/spotlightonwater or email splashout@wateraid.org.

Puppets unlock the mysteries of water



WaterAid and Vagabondi Theatrical Arts have been working together to create *Hydroscape*, a show about the amazing journeys of water, using puppetry and music!

If you would like *Hydroscape* to come to your area, the show has its own tent for 90 children, or you can use your own space. Suitable particularly for key stages two and three. For more information visit www.vagabondipuppets.com.

WaterAid needs YOU!

If you have any stories that you would like to see in *Splash out*, please get in touch by emailing splashout@wateraid.org or calling 020 7793 4594.

Zambia in focus

Twins from Buckinghamshire

Seven year old twins Poppy and Patrick from Buckinghamshire decided to support WaterAid on their birthday this year by asking friends

and family to make a donation to WaterAid instead of giving them cards or presents. Their generous support raised a fantastic £147, which could be enough to change the lives of a whole family in a country like Zambia by giving them access to clean water and toilets. Big thanks to Poppy and Patrick!



Twins from Zambia

These young twins live in Hambale, Zambia, with their grandmother Regis. Before WaterAid worked with the community to build water and sanitation facilities, Regis would wake up at 3am to walk a long way to collect water from the nearest well. Now she has clean water close to her home she feels happier about the twins' future.

Regis said, "Things are positive for me now. I thank the people who made this possible very much for the help that they have given because I might not have had the strength to keep getting the water from far away."

See page 16 for more from Regis and others in Zambia.



Fact box: Zambia

Where: Zambia is in central Southern Africa and has spectacular scenery, including the Victoria Falls.

Population: 12.3 million people live in Zambia and the country is about three times bigger than the UK.

Water fact: 58% of the people in Zambia don't have access to clean drinking water.

Toilet fact: Almost half of the people in Zambia don't have anywhere safe to go to the toilet – that's around six million people.

To watch a video about our work in Zambia go to www.wateraid.org/splashout.



Map showing the provinces where WaterAid works.

Get involved

For more information on our events visit www.wateraid.org/getinvolved or call us on **020 7793 4594** unless otherwise stated.

Dates for 2011

Corbett Challenge 11 June 2011

Conquer a mountain for WaterAid and experience some of the most stunning scenery the UK has to offer. This year, we are aiming to have a team of walkers not just on every one of Scotland's 221 Corbetts, but on every peak measuring between 2,500 and 3,000 feet across the UK. You simply need a team of between four and seven people, so sign up today and take your team to the top!



www.corbettchallenge.org



Coast Along 10 September 2011

Take part in WaterAid's sponsored walk around the beautiful coast paths of Britain. Paths vary in length and are graded from easy to severe, so whether you seek a leisurely weekend break with family or friends, or a more challenging team-building exercise, Coast Along has something for everyone!



Run to the Beat 25 September 2011

Run for WaterAid in London's largest half marathon! The 13.1 mile course is lined by 17 musical acts specifically chosen to motivate and support you around the course.

www.wateraid.org/runtothebeat

BUPA London 10,000 30 May 2011

Join the WaterAid team in this 10k race around London's most famous landmarks, including part of the 2012 Olympic marathon route.

www.wateraid.org/london10k

London Triathlon 30 and 31 July 2011

With over 10,000 people expected to take part this year, this is now the largest triathlon in the world and an experience not to be missed! Enter as a team or take on the challenge as an individual – there is an option for all abilities.

www.wateraid.org/londontriathlon

Volunteers needed!

Come along and help at our WaterAid events! We are always looking for volunteers to help cheer on and support our teams. Call **0207 793 2232** or email events@wateraid.org for more information.

Why not volunteer for WaterAid. Find out more about joining our Speaker Network or a local group by emailing groups@wateraid.org.

Give something up for Lent



This Lent, bring your church, school or group together and give something up for Lent. By donating the money you have saved, you will help families like Beauty's (pictured) across the world to access the safe water and sanitation that they so desperately need. We have many free resources for you to use this Lent. Simply email lent@wateraid.org or call **020 7793 4594** to order yours and get all your community involved.

Aveda Earth Month

April is Aveda Earth Month! Join employees and guests from Aveda's network of salons and spas around the UK as they aim to smash last year's fundraising total of £80,000 raised for WaterAid's work in Nepal and Ethiopia.

From sponsored walks to pampering treatments, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved. To find out more and locate your nearest Aveda salon or counter visit www.aveda.co.uk/walkforwater.

School charity of the year

Choose WaterAid as your school's charity of the year! To order your free pack, full of tips, ideas and inspiration, email schools@wateraid.org or call **020 7793 4989**.



Become a WaterAid Student Ambassador

Champion WaterAid's cause and transform lives as you study! To find out more visit www.wateraid.org/students or email students@wateraid.org.

On the high street

Look out for WaterAid on the high street. Have you spotted our latest H&M summer range or the ultimate festival accessory: the Hunter welly? www.wateraid.org/highstreet



Fifty two million pounds a month

If you already support our work, please pass this magazine on to family and friends who could help us reach even more people.

It's a lot to ask we know. But look at it this way. If every household in our country gives **just £2 a month**, WaterAid would be able to start changing the lives of some of the 884 million people who still lack safe water.

Some might say that's an impossible dream, but here at WaterAid we don't. We know you can't change a big problem without thinking big. Let's face it, in our country every household takes safe water and sanitation as a human right. We could barely imagine life without them. What better reason for every household to give a little every month to share this life-changing good fortune?

What we do works, but we need to do more of it.

Erika is 12, and lives in Mbalawala Village in Tanzania. She used to get up at 4am and walk two hours to fetch water. She missed a lot of school through sickness. WaterAid worked in her village for two years. Now it takes Erika just 15 minutes to get a bucket of clean water. She no longer misses school. Erika's world is changing. For the better.

We could take our solution anywhere and everywhere in this world of ours. But not without you. Be part of the world that children like Erika should be looking forward to. Please fill in the form and send it back today.

Be the change.



I'll be the change. Here's my monthly gift of £2 a month.

Call now on **0300 123 4341** or fill in the form below.
You can also donate online at www.wateraid.org/fiftytwomillion

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*To qualify for Gift Aid, you must pay as much UK income and/or capital gains tax as WaterAid will reclaim in each tax year (6 April to 5 April), currently 25p for every £1 you donate. The Government will add an additional 3p, so WaterAid will receive 28p. Gift Aid will be used to fund WaterAid's general work.

We'd like to keep in touch with you. If you don't want to hear from WaterAid and WaterAid Trading Ltd just let us know.

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Date

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