



SERVICE PROJECT SHEET WaterAid



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Project name:

WaterAid

(Registered Charity 288701)

Project goal:

A world where everyone has access to safe water and effective sanitation.

Rotary service type:

Fund Raising.

Unique selling proposition:

Making the water flow from money.

Description:

WaterAid has been a singularly successful project bringing clean water and sanitation to millions of people across Africa and Asia. Their programme has always been based on getting the local people to take responsibility for the project, and then supplying the technical expertise and funding that are lacking.

Many clubs have paid for the installation of bore holes and wells bringing safe water and effective sanitation to a village. All WaterAid projects are reinforced by a programme of hygiene promotion to ensure long term sustainability of all project work.

WaterAid regularly carries out reviews of its overseas services to ensure that work carried out is having the desired effect and that villages are now healthier, wealthier places to live. One major change seen is the increase of children attending schools, an indication that the daily search for water has been stopped with a local water source.

In 2002/2003, WaterAid was the RIBI President's Preferred International Charity, raising funds to further the life saving work in rural Tanzania. In particular, Dodoma and Kiteto districts where water can be as much as 100 metres under ground. Together, WaterAid and RIBI can make that water accessible for many thousands of people.

The need for funds continues but WaterAid is now working through more Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the countries concerned, where the NGOs have adopted the philosophy of WaterAid's past success.

The funds are still desperately needed to challenge the grim statistic that 1 child dies every 15 seconds from a water related disease, diseases that are easily preventable. It costs just £15 to provide one person with clean water and adequate sanitation for life!

An idea of the costs involved:-

£4.60 pays for a bag of cement

£20 pays for 6 metres of 2" plastic pipe

£80 will help train and support a hygiene promotion volunteer for a year

£385 covers the cost of a NIRA handpump serving 250 people
£3,000 is the rough cost of hand drilling equipment to drill shallow tube wells, reusable over many years

WaterAid runs a recycling programme for unwanted mobile phones.

WaterAid find it administratively difficult to allocate your donation to a specific village project unless your donation exceeds £5,000.

Personalities supporting project:
HRH Prince of Wales - WaterAid's President and Honorary Rotarian

Benefits to club:
This project has a first class reputation and is conscientiously managed by a team of dedicated professionals.

WaterAid merchandise can be used for club fund raising events - e.g. auctions, raffles etc.

WaterAid operate a free speaker service, simply provide details with at least six weeks notice.

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