



LIFE WATER CANADA

NEWSLETTER

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“ *Innovations that bring health and strengthen hope* ”

FAVOURITE NUMBER: 1995

31 years. 4 nations. 10 Teams. 6500+ projects per year, over 10,000,000 people benefiting. These are all incredible numbers, but none of them would exist today if it wasn't for the risk that was taken in 1995 that resulted in the first well being drilled in the war torn and hurting nation of Liberia.

As we celebrate over thirty years since its completion, we remain thankful for the foundation that has allowed us to build the Canadian, Haitian, Liberian, Nigerian, and Kenyan teams to what we see - and are honoured to work with - today. Looking forward, we are making careful plans on further expansion in the nations that we serve, reaching our goal of fully covering that nation's water needs, but also looking forward to the future to where to begin work next.

The water crisis is still in front of us. People are still in need. And while we certainly honour the lessons and legacy behind us, we are excited to move into that future together. A future that was made possible by the risk that was taken in 1995. Our favorite number.

—Dan Nickol, Vice-President

Lifewater teams coming together for training



THE LATEST UPDATES

SUMMER EVENTS: Join Lifewater Canada in raising awareness of the challenges faced by millions of people by attending an event, coffee, or joining a Walkathon near you. This summer, there will be events happening across Canada. Check out our event calendar at lifewater.ca/events/ to find an event near you and join us in our mission of providing safe and accessible drinking water in Haiti and Sub-Saharan Africa!

CONNECT WITH US: Town halls have been such a wonderful highlight of our year, visiting with and hearing from donors and partners around the world, talking of the work that we have accomplished together has been inspiring. We look forward to our next Town Hall in June, when we will have the chance to share some of our latest updates. Watch your email inbox for an invitation, we look forward to sharing and hearing from you!

SECURITIES OPTION: Did you know that you can donate publicly traded securities (such as stocks, ETFs, mutual funds etc.) directly? This can be a more simple and tax efficient way to donate instead of selling the investment first and donating the after-tax money second. You can reach out to our office directly at info@lifewater.ca and we can have our RBC Dominion Securities broker process the donation for you.

THE IMPACT OF A WASHROOM

When improved sanitation takes root, there is a movement that begins to blossom. The introduction of a washroom in a community not only meets an immediate need, but it also inspires a collective action. As communities see the benefits, a sense of ownership and motivation begins to take place, this draws communities to want to invest in building additional washrooms themselves. This is why we continue to have one of our project focuses be on building washrooms. Hosea Apeh, Founder and Managing Director of Lifewater Nigeria, shares with us the challenges that Nigeria continues to experience and what the impact of washroom is having on these communities.

Hosea Apeh, LHIN Director

In many rural communities across Nigeria, access to safe sanitation remains a persistent challenge one that undermines both public health and human dignity. For years, families have relied on open fields and unsafe spaces for defecation, exposing themselves to preventable diseases and unsanitary living conditions. Children frequently fall ill, and households live with constant anxiety about infections and personal safety.

This reality begins to change when Lifewater intervenes by constructing improved latrine facilities. What may initially appear as a modest intervention quickly evolves into a transformative force within the community. Families gain access to safe, private, and dignified sanitation, and the fear, discomfort, and stigma associated with open defecation gradually disappear.

A remarkable shift also emerges- community members who can afford it begin to take initiative. Individuals who previously saw no need for household toilets now feel motivated to build their own. A healthy sense of competition develops, as families save resources and invest in improved sanitation. Lifewater takes pride in catalyzing this positive behavioral change toward healthier living.

As latrine use becomes widespread, hygiene practices improve significantly. Handwashing becomes more common, and the overall environment grows cleaner and safer. Parents feel reassured knowing their children are better protected from disease. Women and girls, in particular, experience enhanced dignity, privacy, and security. Over time, the benefits extend beyond health outcomes. Communities begin to thrive with renewed confidence, supported by reliable sanitation infrastructure that fosters well-being, resilience, and a healthier future for all.

New Community washroom in Agyaragu- Koro



Gwako Secondary School, Nigeria

**FISCAL
2026
SO FAR**

1,542,648

TOTAL HUMAN IMPACT
*combined number of
nation-reported
beneficiaries*

99,890

HOURS SAVED PER DAY
*or 31 minutes per day
per household saved in
water hauling duties*

\$0.10

DAILY WATER SAVINGS
*daily savings per
person from their
previous water costs*

37,961

SCHOOL HOURS RECOVERED
*hours each month where
children (usually girls) were
in school rather than
fetching water*



We are seeking to connect with donors in new and meaningful ways



Samantha Zeffer -Donor Relations Manager East

As one of the newest members of the Canadian staff, I am grateful to be joining in on the meaningful and impactful work that Lifewater Canada is involved in. I was drawn to the work of Lifewater Canada because I find deep fulfillment in helping people and creating opportunities for them to reach their full potential. In this context, safe, clean water, latrines and dignity kits are where that journey begins. With a background in communications, volunteer management, media creation, and storytelling, I am excited to apply these skills in supporting donor relations.

It is inspiring to witness the impact that you, our donors, are making in the lives of people hundreds of miles away. Your contributions are helping to bring hope to individuals and communities in some of the hardest-to-reach places. As I have learned more about Lifewater Canada's impact, I have come to realize that water is more than a resource; it is a treasure. As Lifewater Canada continues to grow, we recognize the importance of connecting with donors in new and meaningful ways. One of my key focuses will be exploring how, in this evolving digital age, we can engage with the next generation of donors, while still honouring our commitment to personal, genuine relationships with every donor. Our hope for the future is that we continue to build these connections, sharing stories of impact in ways that bring you closer to the communities you are helping to support.

WHERE WATER WRITES A NEW STORY

Where water flows, a new story can begin. It provides more than hydration, it brings health, dignity, opportunities and hope. Safe, clean water is the beginning of transformation, carving paths toward a future where life has potential and the chance to flourish. At Lifewater Canada we are grateful to see how each project is writing a new story, a new chapter, and rewriting stories for generations to come.



July 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025

FISCAL 2026 PROJECTS (through Q3)

NEW WELLS	362
REHABILITATED WELLS	145
PUMP REPAIRS	3702
COMMUNITY WASHROOMS	33
HEALTH + HYGIENE (H+H)	1935
TOTAL	6,177

**DIGNITY KITS* 15,750

**distributed at various H+H workshops*

This year has seen our teams staying the course, pursuing excellence in day-to-day operations and enhancing how smoothly the daily work is handled. Each completed project represents joy and hope to the people in the community. This is reflected to all of us who are involved in the process of project completion. So while we wrestle with the higher volume of projects and scope, we also get to see the fruits of the labour on display.

GROWTH IN THE FIELD - *River Cess County - Liberia*

Kpendy Community

In a news article published by the "thenewsnewspaperonline.com", River Cess Senator Smith communicates "the dire situation, where many communities lack access to safe drinking water, proper sanitation facilities, and hygiene practices, affecting the health, education, and economic well-being of citizens, particularly in rural areas. The Senator emphasized that the current state of WASH in Liberia is a crisis that requires immediate attention and requested that the Senate engage with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to present WASH activities in the country, focusing on the Accelerated Community Development Program (ACDP).

The Senate's decision aims to address the poor state of WASH in rural Liberia and enhance the social health and economic status of citizens. According to UNICEF, 1.2 million Liberians lack access to clean water, and three out of four people do not have decent toilets, highlighting the need for urgent action. The call for intervention is in line with Liberia's efforts to address its WASH challenges, including the National WASH Strategy, and the need for increased funding to support WASH infrastructure and maintenance."



Cestos City Q2



The team drilling the first well in River Cess County

Our response to this cry was action, and Cestos City was where Lifewater Canada began, delivering Health and Hygiene education, pump repairs, and the first new wells this county has seen in decades. It was shocking to learn that even though this was the economic and governmental center of River Cess county, 80% of the population was still forced to walk 30 - 40 minutes for water, or to buy unpurified water from resellers at an elevated price. Without proper hygiene solutions, people were left with no choice but to bath in the nearby sea. Many children have been drawn in the sea while trying to take their bath before heading to school in the morning. George, a member of the community was so happy when the team arrived to drill the new well, "Like they say water is life." He believes children will be safer and the community will live better lives with these new wells. After years of being forgotten and overlooked, the people of River Cess are beginning to see hope, and we are humbly grateful to be a part of that.

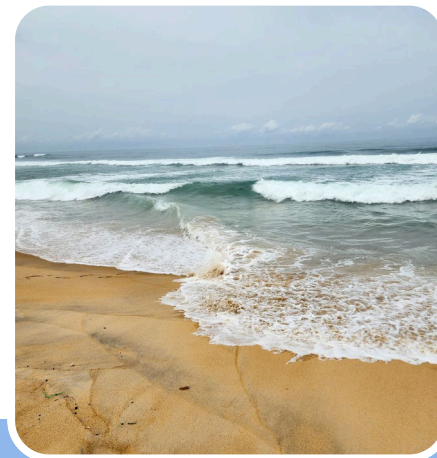
Gathering water from a stagnate pond



Health & Hygiene Workshop



Tides easily sweep children to sea



IN THEIR EYES: *stories from the field*

Carrying unsafe water back up the hill



Vonema Town new well



CLEAN WATER RESTORES HOPE

Vonema Town, Lofa County, Liberia

Vonema Town sits high on a rocky hill, making it extremely difficult to dig a well. Reaching water requires drilling deep into hard ground, something that has not been able to be done before. As a result, residents have been forced to walk down the hill each day to collect water from a swamp below. This journey is not only challenging but unsafe. The path leading to the swamp is badly deteriorated, making daily access difficult for all ages carrying heavy water containers. When the team visited the site, the water colour resembled that of the Lipton tea and had an awful smell.

When we arrived to begin drilling, we were welcomed with celebration from the entire community. Even the children left their classrooms and came running because they were so happy.

The celebration continued as the well was completed and dedicated. Our team was deeply moved by the level of joy seen on the faces of people who have endured so much hardship just to get safe drinking water. It was a reminder for us that our work is about serving communities that are often overlooked and forgotten. They saw hope when they thought nobody cared about their condition. This town's renewed sense of hope left a lasting impression on our team and continues to inspire the work we do every day.

MY LIFE HAS BEEN CHANGED

Faith Mutua, Kaanguo, Kenya

I am on my way to the market and decided to pass by to say thank you, once again. I recognize that you hear from me a lot, but not as much as I think of your organization, which is every time I collect water from the well. An eight-hour roundtrip to collect from the river was pleasantly replaced with just a few minutes trip to the well to collect clean water. Leaving home at 9 in the morning and coming back home in the afternoon with my donkey carrying jerricans of dirty water, that used to be my life. I barely had time for anything else.

Thankfully, having a community well nearby has revealed to me how much of a struggle my life was. I have never set foot at the river since our well was launched, because I have never needed to. See, I even have time to sit down and share with you how my life has changed since early this year. So, every time you hear from me, understand that I am speaking for myself, and every woman in the community who is happily at the market right now, instead of braving the hot sun while at the river hoping that the sun won't set before she fills her jerricans of water. The community of Kaanguo is forever grateful to you for solving our biggest problem and giving us a chance to thrive in so many ways.



Kaanguo Community new well

BUILDING LIFEWATER TOGETHER



BRINGING HOPE

With the first of our trike mounted rigs delivered, we have marked a new era of accessibility. Our focus the last few years has been on “Making the hard ones easy”, which combines our founding principles of “Do the hard ones first”, and “Where you are born should not determine whether you live or die”. Now, with 4 very distinct types of drilling machines deployed with our partners, we have a greater capacity to get into those hard-to-reach areas to serve people in need.

We are tremendously thankful to all of our suppliers, who continually work with us on modifications and redesigns, allowing us to create purpose-built machines suited for the specific region that they are intended to drill in. These innovations in equipment, along with ongoing training for our partners and support from donors like you, have now allowed us to continue growing into regions that we previously could not easily drill in.

We understand that getting there is only a part of the problem. Once our partner teams successfully reach a community, bringing with them the hope of clean water, we then need the equipment to succeed. So, with that in mind, we continue to innovate, putting new machines in the field, not for the sake of having a machine, but for the sake of delivering on that silent promise of hope.

There are so many ways to support the work of Lifewater Canada. While donations are of obvious importance, raising awareness is just as impactful. With the Lifewater Canada Builder program, volunteers from across Canada are doing just that. By organizing and participating in events, those volunteers play a key role in Lifewater’s work. Sharing our collective story unifies donors, and prospective donors, in supporting WASH programming around the world. Contact us today to explore your options for getting involved!

Girls in Liberia collecting water from a contaminated stream



Drilling a new well in Kwa Muthui, Kenya

PARTNER WITH US

MONTHLY GIVING: Want to have a growing impact? Consider giving monthly! It gives us a steady foundation to send support and keep safe water flowing. You can set up monthly deposits easily through your bank. Contact us at info@lifewater.ca for more information.

PLANNED GIVING: Most of us are not able to be as generous as we would like—we have bills to pay! You can however, include Lifewater Canada in your will. There are tax advantages from estate planning like this. Call us at 807-622-4848 to learn more.

HOST A LIVE EVENT: Lifewater Canada personnel are available for presentations! Reach out to discover how we can connect with your group or be part of your next event.

AVERAGE PROJECT COSTS (CAD):

Wells	\$5,500	Repairs	\$140	Latrines	\$2,200+
Rehabs	\$1,500	H&H	\$125	Dignity Kits	\$5

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