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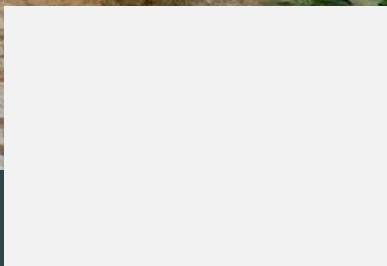
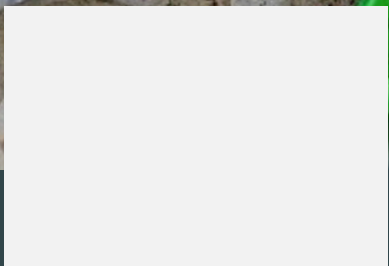
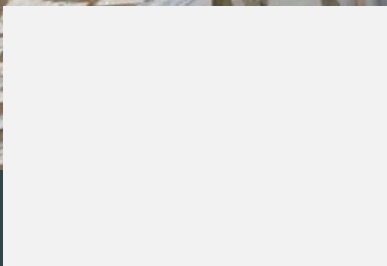


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INTRODUCTION

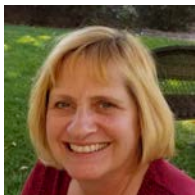
A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR

As Lifewater Canada celebrates its 30th anniversary, it's fitting to reflect on our journey. I first had the pleasure of meeting Lifewater's founders—Jim Gehrels and Glenn Stronks—in 2003, and their passion was evident and contagious. When I joined the board, the budget was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the focus was on reaching as many people as possible. “Do the easy ones first” was our motto in order to maximize our impact.

Lifewater Canada has endured many challenges over the years including the Liberian civil wars, the 2010 and 2017 earthquakes in Haiti, the 2014 Ebola outbreak in Liberia, the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing political and social unrest in Kenya, Nigeria, and particularly now in Haiti, as well as the passing of both our dear founders—Jim in 2020 and Glenn in 2025. But thanks to the faithfulness of our donors, and the dedication of our local teams in Africa and Haiti, we thrived and became more self-sufficient. Video conferencing platforms allowed us to maintain support while minimizing travel and overseas visits. Now, with ongoing donor support, our highly competent, small Canadian staff, and the work of our overseas teams, the Lifewater Canada budget is over \$3 million. Our WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) projects are positively impacting over 2 million people every year.

Our “Journey to 30” began this year with an international conference in Liberia, strengthening the relationships between the overseas teams. The conference included drilling a commemorative well in Liberia to celebrate 30 years *to-the-day* of the first well being drilled by the original Liberian team. I hope that as we celebrate the past and look forward to the future, that you will come along with us and join in the celebration.

Such growth of a small, grassroots organization (which is still *grassroots*) would not have been possible without the faithfulness of donors, dedication of staff and volunteers, a vision, and of course the blessings of God! I feel so blessed to be a part of an organization that is making such a difference in the world. I hope you do as well!



Cheryl Ann Hertan, MBA, ODS-C
Lifewater Canada Chair and U.S. Representative

Glenn Stronks



Jim Gehrels



30th Anniversary Well



Lynda with her motorhome "Heidi"



March 2025 International Conference



A hand dug well in Kenya



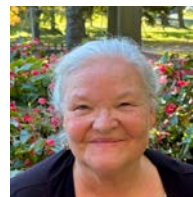
A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I had the privilege of travelling across Canada this year, and I witnessed spring move through Eastern Canada and the fields become green and lush. Now I'm witnessing harvest time in Western Canada, where I'm tasting fresh fruit picked right from the vines and trees in the British Columbia valley. The farmer's heart in me is rejoicing! In the same way, there is great joy in seeing all the work of our partners overseas. Their efforts are bearing incredible fruit: safe water, improved sanitation, and education are transforming lives. Reports and stories flow-in weekly of families living healthier lives. Our dignity kit program, which provides reusable sanitary pads, has been a success—creating the positive ripple effect of allowing girls to attend classes even during their menstruation. Our partners have caught the vision, made it their own, and are running with it. Now, together, we need to keep up!

In March, we marked 30 years since Lifewater's first well was drilled. As we journey toward our official 30th anniversary in 2027, I've been blessed to meet many of you across Canada and share stories of impact, growth, struggle, and victory. It is your commitment and support that have made these stories possible. This journey is not just about looking back; it also involves looking forward. What will Lifewater Canada's next 30 years be like? Dreams that started three decades ago, born from hardship, have been realized and exceeded. Our goal of making the remote, hard-to-reach villages accessible is on the way to being fulfilled.

Yet it is not enough. Desperate pleas from those all over the world urge us to push even harder. We will start by increasing support and expanding our present teams. In the future we hope to create new partnerships, equipping local leaders in new countries. Are we up for the challenge? The answer is a resounding YES! The timing will depend on funding.

The desire to help is deep-seated and drives us all to push forward, work harder and lend a helping hand to those in need. Together, we can reach more villages, giving families a better chance to thrive, bringing help and hope through safe, accessible water.



Lynda Gehrels
Lifewater Canada President and full-time Volunteer



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HIGHLIGHTS

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Lifewater Liberia welcomed a new truck mounted LS300+ rig, capable of both air and mud rotary drilling, as well as a new Toyota Landcruiser pickup truck with a custom box for their LS200 drill. Equipment like this expands their reach and reduces downtime, maximizing the number of wells that can be completed.

JOURNEY TO 30

30 years ago this past March, Jim Gehrels and Glenn Stronks held the first training conference in Liberia, the birth of Lifewater Canada. To mark that occasion, we had 8 teams from 4 nations come together to drill a well—beginning our “Journey to 30” campaign. From the first well in 1995 to our incorporation in 1997, join with us as we celebrate special events and look forward to the next 30 years.

TRAINING

Our 2025 International Conference was held in March and hosted by our Liberian partners. Members of 8 teams met for a week of technical and administrative training. Due to the ongoing crisis in Haiti, that team was unable to join us in person, but did join via video for a time of connection and inspiration. We had volunteers from Canada and Ireland to help train, and the teams drilled a 30th anniversary well to celebrate the first well drilled by Lifewater Canada.

TEAM GROWTH

The Dignity Kit program was officially launched in both Nigeria and Liberia, with thousands of women benefitting from hygiene education and reusable sanitary pads, bringing all African partner nations into full delivery of our target programs. In our effort to reach the hardest places and forgotten villages, a new drill team was formed in Liberia. Team “Rural” is using their new truck-mounted rig and working only in the most remote regions, including drilling one of their first wells in the northernmost village of Vonema in Lofa County.

\$7,710,027

total monthly economic impact

1,677,758

beneficiaries

571,369

hours saved per day



*Turn the page
for a detailed
breakdown of how
we calculate each of
these statistics*

508,484

monthly school days
recovered

\$0.14

daily savings per
person

102.2

minutes saved per
day per household

\$4.11

SROI (social return
on investment)

OUR STATS EXPLAINED

1,677,758

combined total of nation-reported beneficiaries

286

average number of people benefiting per water project

(total number of nation-reported beneficiaries) / (total number of projects - excluding standalone H+H projects)

571,369

hours saved per day

(average "reduced travel time compared to old water source") x (total number of households)

102.2

minutes saved per household

((hours saved per day) / (total number of households)) x 60

508,484

monthly days recovered that children (usually girls) were in school

((estimated number of school-aged children) x (average school hours recovered per month/student)) / 8 hours a day

\$ 0.14

daily savings per person

(average of the nation-reported daily water savings per person)

\$7,710,027

total monthly economic impact

(average monthly nation-reported "water savings per household") x (total number of households)

\$4.11

SROI (social return on investment) = a \$4.11 minimum economic return for each \$1.00 invested by a donor

((total monthly economic impact) + (average daily school days recovered x daily value of tuition) / total nation expenses)

FEATURE: The Impact of a Number

In 2024, our partner teams completed an impressive 6,391 projects, impacting over 2.2 million lives. In 2025, while delivering even more projects, we reached 1.68 million people. While at first glance, this might seem like a mathematical error, we can assure you that it is not. It is instead a result of a lower number of beneficiaries *per project*.

If you have closely examined our development goals, you may have noticed that one of our targets is to lower the average number of users per well, and that is something we have achieved with great success this year! In 2024, that average number was 433, an improvement in itself from over 1,000 when we began reporting it in 2021. Yet, this past fiscal year, we reduced it even further to 286!

This progress is transformative for communities. With fewer individuals standing in line for a well throughout the day, it greatly reduces wait times and allows each person to pump enough water for their family's needs. Filling a 5-gallon bucket requires an average of 40 strokes, and the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a minimum of 5 gallons per person per day for basic hygiene and survival. For those gathering water for their entire family, it demands considerable time and effort.

A significant reason for the reduction in this number is the increased availability of water points within a community. As more wells are drilled, the 'workload' on each source decreases, while the distance for those fetching water is shortened. This improvement not only saves time but also reduces the physical burden on those carrying it, particularly for women and children who typically bear the responsibility of water collection.

Our teams are deeply proud to help the people of their country. They work tirelessly, often facing challenging conditions, to ensure that sustainable water solutions are implemented. Regardless of the effort or costs involved, we remain steadfastly committed to our mission of reducing the demand for scarce water resources until everyone in need of safe water can readily access it. This commitment is driven by the understanding that *true* impact goes beyond even the numbers; it is about transforming lives, empowering communities, and fostering a healthier, more prosperous future for all.



“ True impact goes beyond even the numbers ”

THE MATH, EXPLAINED

With each project, our teams conduct community surveys and gather many data points including the precise number of primary users. At the end of our Fiscal year, we review all of this data and calculate the average number of beneficiaries per project. Aside from our dignity kits and health and hygiene workshops—typically completed alongside a well or washroom project—each project benefits hundreds of people and this is how we calculate our total and average number of “beneficiaries”.



3 VISION

THE WATER CRISIS

Safe and accessible drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are fundamental to human health. Without them, disease spreads, poverty grows, and opportunity disappears, especially for women and children.

According to a recent report by the World Health Organization (WHO), “Despite progress over the last decade, billions of people around the world still lack access to essential water, sanitation, and hygiene services, putting them at risk of disease and deeper social exclusion.”



This same report states that globally at least 2.1 billion (or almost 1 in 4) people lack safe water, and 3.4 billion (2 in 5) people lack safe sanitation.

In response to this crisis, the United Nations have included water and sanitation among its Development Goals since 2010—insisting that everyone on the planet should have access to safe water for drinking, handwashing, and sanitation by the year 2030.

Dr. Ruediger Krech, Director Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO says, “Water, sanitation and hygiene are not privileges, they are basic human rights,” and ““We must accelerate action, especially for the most marginalized communities, if we are to keep our promise to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.”

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Sub-Problems

1

CHILD MORTALITY & DEADLY DISEASE SPREAD

Contaminated water leads to cholera, diarrhea, and other preventable diseases that claim thousands of lives, especially children. Nearly every 35 seconds, a child dies from water-related diseases.

2

MISSED EDUCATION AND PERIOD POVERTY

Children, especially girls, miss school to collect water or cannot attend during their menstrual cycles due to shame, stigma and the lack of basic hygiene products, a challenge known as period poverty.

3

WELLS BREAK OR GO UNUSED

Even when wells are drilled, many break down or are vandalized due to lack of maintenance and local training, leaving communities right back where they started.

4

CYCLES OF POVERTY

Time lost to water collection, illness, and caregiving prevents children from attending school and adults earning a living to provide for their families. In this way, contaminated water prevents families, communities, and entire regions from reaching their potential and traps families in cycles of poverty.

GENDER INEQUALITY

Cecilia Scharp, UNICEF Director of WASH, states “When children lack access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene, their health, education, and futures are put at risk. These inequalities are especially stark for girls, who often bear the burden of water collection and face additional barriers during menstruation. At the current pace, the promise of safe water and sanitation for every child is slipping further from reach—reminding us that we must act faster and more boldly to reach those who need it most.”

This is what we are doing, acting faster, more boldly, and working to expand our reach and impact. We know we are only one part of the larger solution, but that is a part that we hold dearly, reaching every community that we can as the opportunity presents with the reality of safe water and sanitation, not just the promise.



THE FEMALE FACTOR

Hauling water disproportionately affects women and girls as:

- *They are often culturally responsible for their family's water needs.*
- *It can cause long-term muscular and skeletal damage from walking long distances with heavy loads.*
- *It exposes them to risks like snake bites, disease, and human violence like assault and rape—especially when walking alone or after dark.*

A lack of Menstrual Hygiene products forces women and girls to:

- *Stay home—missing out on school or work, further limiting their opportunities.*
- *Use unsanitary materials to absorb their menstrual blood such as leaves or feathers, causing infection and disease.*
- *Turn to the desperate practice of ‘sex for pads’—the exchange of transactional sex for money to buy supplies. This often leads to unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.*

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OUR VISION

Lifewater Canada was founded on the certainty that all lives are of equal value in God's eyes and must be in our eyes too. We envision a world where no one suffers from unsafe water, where girls have equal access to education, and everyone is treated with dignity. We do this through:

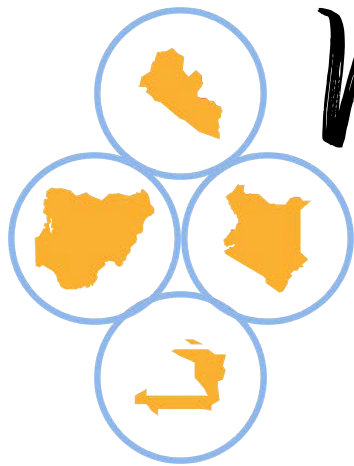
- Speaking and acting honestly
- Ensuring donations are used for their intended purpose
- Holding ourselves openly accountable before God and our donors for all that we do

Our vision can be viewed from three perspectives: locally, within the countries where we operate, and on a global scale.



Local

Act as a bridge between donors and overseas teams, providing donors with a tangible way to give back and make the greatest impact they can.



Nations we work in

Meet the WASH needs of the nations we work in to holistically cover all areas, including the hardest-to-reach and most at-need people.



Global

Expand our work to reach to other nations to all those who need it, that we can sustainably support.

THE BIG PICTURE

The United Nations put forward 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) that need urgent global attention.

Lifewater Canada primarily focuses on Goal #6: Clean Water and Sanitation, but our work has immediate outcomes and impacts beyond this one goal.

OUR PRIMARY FOCUS



IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES

FURTHER IMPACTS



WHAT SETS US APART

HAVE EXPERIENCE

Lifewater Canada has a proven record since 1995; with nearly 10 million people receiving access to WASH programming to date! We follow an established framework for fiscal responsibility.

FOCUS ON LOCAL

We build capacity by forming, training, and equipping registered non-profits that are operated and managed by local people. We emphasize sustainability by keeping projects *affordable* rather than *free*, encouraging volunteerism, and maintaining a long-term local presence to help communities with ongoing maintenance.

SHARE KNOWLEDGE

We provide free well-drilling training and WASH materials for any organization to use; we want to help as many people as possible, and believe that true empowerment comes from sharing knowledge! One of our most important teaching resources is Lifewater Canada's Well Drilling Manual.

KEEP COSTS DOWN

We keep our overhead low, ideally around 10%! Our small handful of employees in Canada work from their own homes with only an occasional need for someone to visit overseas. We also use low-cost, accessible technologies (i.e., hand-powered well pumps rather than those requiring electricity or gas engines).

PROVIDE TRAINING

The training provided to our overseas teams includes well drilling and repairs, hydrogeology, water quality testing, equipment maintenance, prevention of disease transmission, and business planning.

MONITOR EACH PROJECT

Details about each project are loaded into a custom database that enables us to track when each project was completed, and when it was last inspected. The database also includes the contact information for the Well Caretaker we train in each community, and the maintenance contract information.

SAVE FAMILIES MONEY

Families living near our water projects that would spend as much as \$120/month to buy drinking water now spend only \$1.35/month to help maintain their community well. This saves money for other pressing needs and reduces health care costs for individuals and society. It also enables greater economic productivity as people are healthy and able to work.

REPORT TO OUR DONORS

We link all donations to specific projects so that when projects are completed, donors have access to detailed reporting including photos, GPS coordinates, community profiles and thank-you letters.



4 STRATEGY

OUR STRATEGY

1

LOCAL TEAMS. LASTING CHANGE

Our unique 3 step approach empowers local leaders and builds ownership:

First, we train and equip local teams in 6 areas of WASH programs like well drilling and pump repairs.

Second, these local teams complete projects and engage community members, creating ownership through involvement.

Third, donors fund these projects while villages contribute a token amount and "sweat equity."



2

RELENTLESS INNOVATION

We go beyond drilling—developing smarter systems, strategic site selection, and scalable models to make the hardest to reach areas easy. We ensure our overseas team meets together to keep innovating at our International Conference.

3

RADICAL TRANSPARENCY

We run lean, track every dollar, and show donors exactly how they change lives—no waste, no guesswork, just transparency and impact.

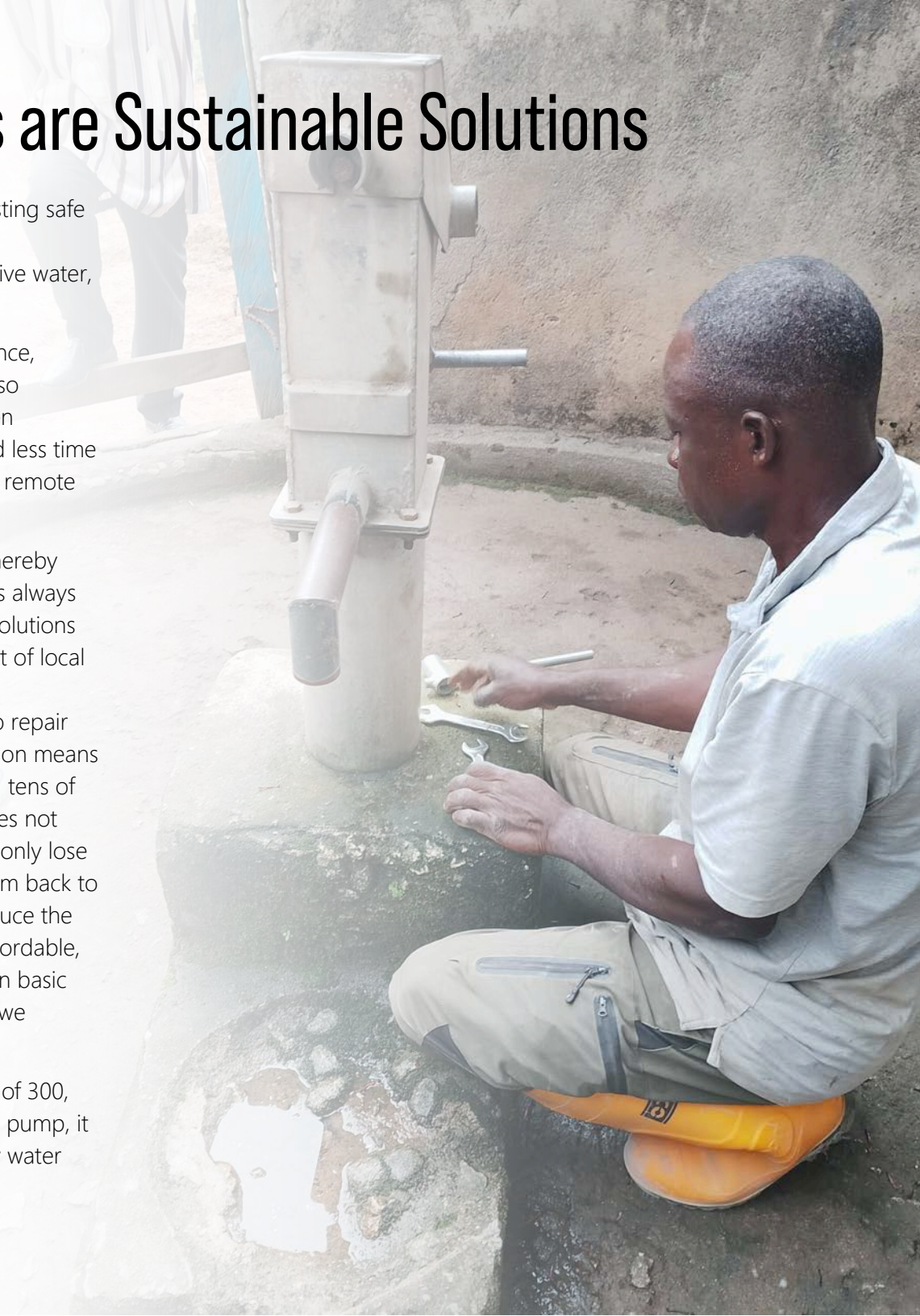
FEATURE: Simple Innovations are Sustainable Solutions

We keep things sustainable by using simple technologies to produce lasting safe water solutions. This approach not only protects health but empowers communities and helps break the cycle of poverty through comprehensive water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs.

Simple machines, like our first LS-100 drilling rig, offer ease of maintenance, straightforward repairs, and are relatively simple to operate. They are also portable enough to be transported by motorcycle or even by hand when needed. This design allows local teams to spend more time working and less time repairing. Our emphasis is on producing machines that can easily reach remote communities, extending our reach into rural areas like never before.

We also limit the depth of our wells to enable the use of handpumps, thereby supporting Village Level Operation and Maintenance (VLOM), which has always been a priority for Lifewater Canada. This approach emphasizes water solutions with easy-to-access, replaceable parts and encourages the development of local maintenance skills, reducing reliance on external services and growing community engagement. The idea that a community has the capacity to repair and maintain their own water source without constant outside intervention means that water flows with shorter, and fewer, interruptions. Across the globe, tens of thousands of pumps of all kinds have failed, and when a community does not have the funding, training, or capacity to repair that pump, they do not only lose access to water but also have a well that becomes unusable, forcing them back to unsafe water sources. This is why we use the pumps that we do—to reduce the reliance on outside intervention by empowering the community with affordable, simple technologies. By using Afridev pumps, training local caretakers on basic maintenance and repair, and providing the necessary tools for success, we achieve long-term project sustainability and effectiveness.

We strive to keep the number of primary users on a well at a maximum of 300, drilling additional wells if needed. When too many users rely on a single pump, it can lead to premature wear, resulting in a cascading effect on all nearby water points. This is a simple and effective way to ensure long-term success.



OUR DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Lifewater is guided by four key Development Goals and each goal has several targets used to measure them. To learn more about each target's significance and scoring, and to read application stories explaining why we adopted it, visit the "Our Story" section of our website at www.lifewater.ca.

1 Meet basic water availability service levels

Rationale: Beneficiaries should have year-round access to adequate quantities of water within 1 km of their homes and with minimum wait times. Failure to meet these requirements jeopardizes health as water use for hygiene will fall significantly.

Targets:

1. Located within 1 km of 90% of users
2. Year-round water availability
3. 200-400 users per well
4. Affordability

2 Provide safe, drinkable water

Rationale: The main purpose of providing water systems is to help people gain access to safe drinking water supplies they will use to improve their health and well-being. The water must be safe, but also pleasant enough to encourage beneficiaries to drink it.

Targets:

1. Water should be free of pathogenic bacteria
2. Nitrate and nitrite levels comparable to Canadian limits
3. Water free of turbidity and objectional taste/odour

3 Actively engage communities

Rationale: A water project must not be built in a location where it won't be well used, or where it inadvertently increases religious or inter-tribal conflict over power or control.

Targets:

1. Health and Hygiene training with all water projects
2. Community involved in picking well site
3. Community participation
4. Built on community land
5. Dedication Celebration and Deed Transfer

4 Plan for long-term maintenance

Rationale: It doesn't make sense to keep drilling new wells at the same rate as the old ones are breaking down and being left unused. Hand pumps failing and not being repaired is one of the world's greatest development failures.

Targets:

1. Strive for more than one community water source
2. Help communities develop a clear maintenance plan
3. Trained Well Caretaker

The first two goals focus on ensuring people have a maximum 30-minute round-trip to gather safe water that is available year-round.

The second two goals relate to community ownership of water projects and their commitment to long-term maintenance of these projects.



5 OUR WORK

OUR PROJECT TYPES

NEW WELLS

\$5,500

We drill wells to a depth of at least 65 ft and install casing to prevent ground water from leaking in. We also install hand-powered pumps to prevent the contamination that occurs from using a rope-and-bucket method. The new well is disinfected immediately after drilling, then disinfected again after the pump has been installed.

Each well has an official *Well Caretaker* who the community has selected and we have trained and equipped. The pumps sometimes have a security jacket around them that protects parts from being stolen. We also encourage communities to establish regular water-drawing times so the pump can be locked and protected during down times. This means the Caretaker must supervise the pump at each of those designated times, which helps promote a system of regularity.

REHABILITATED WELLS

\$1,500

We rehabilitate broken-down wells that are no longer providing water. This usually involves replacing the existing hand pump and the concrete pad surrounding it, along with a full disinfection. The well and pad are restored to a safe working condition. Lifewater replaces and rehabilitates wells that we originally drilled, and those drilled by other organizations that no longer provide support.

PUMP REPAIRS

\$125

A hand-powered pump is comprised of several mechanical parts, and depending on the frequency of use, repairs will inevitably be necessary. Lifewater repairs pumps that we have installed, and those drilled by other organizations that no longer provide support.

COMMUNITY WASHROOMS

\$3,500+

One of the most important ways a community can become more sanitary is by having proper disposal of their sewage. We build community toilets and hand-washing stations at schools, churches, orphanages, medical clinics, and community centres. There is a wide range of toilet options ranging from single-stall pit latrines to six-stall pail-flush toilets with septic tanks. As a result, there is a wide variation in construction costs.

As part of some of these projects, we also install large rainwater storage tanks to store water for sanitation purposes only. Local community members are responsible for ongoing maintenance and treating the water with chlorine to ensure it remains safe to use.

HEALTH & HYGIENE WORKSHOPS

\$100

Water from a new or rehabilitated well will quickly contaminate if the users aren't washing their hands or engaging in other standard sanitation practices. Lifewater Canada projects include a half-day workshop to help community members learn about the sources of dysentery, cholera, and other diarrheal diseases, disease transmission and how to reduce it, and how to care for their water and environment. We also offer stand-alone training in communities where there isn't an ongoing Lifewater project.

DIGNITY KITS

\$5

We distribute washable/reusable sanitary pads at health and hygiene workshops, ensuring menstrual periods do not stop girls from attending school and continuing their education. This program began with the STADA team in Kenya, but this year we incorporated Dignity Kits in Liberia and Nigeria as well.

WHERE WE WORK

We focus our work on Haiti, Liberia, Nigeria, and Kenya because these countries have a desperate need for safe water, their governments have limited capacity to respond, and there is a general lack of required equipment and trained workers. In addition, groundwater is readily accessible at a low cost, resulting in a high project success rates and maximum impact for every dollar invested.





FEATURE: An Increased Need

Every day, we receive requests for assistance from across the globe—India, Pakistan, Colombia, Ghana, Tanzania, and many more. This ongoing influx not only highlights the growing needs of communities everywhere but also reflects the diminishing number of organizations that can provide funding or have the capacity to address these needs. For example, the suspension of USAID funding, which represents nearly \$500 million that had previously been allocated to WASH programming, has abruptly halted support for on-the-ground organizations engaged in vital work. Though we have never received any portion of that funding, this cut has resulted in a massive increase in the number of appeals that we receive. While our usual response is to help connect these requests with other organization who are still active in their regions, we can't help but strive to do even more.

This is part of the reason that we are expanding in our existing partner nations. We are providing new equipment and training new teams to reach areas in desperate need. Additionally, we have future plans to move into new nations, with the aim of training new teams in regions that require the most support.

We understand that we can't reach everyone, and are tremendously thankful for other organizations who are continuing to do good work. But as many organizations are pulling back, we have committed to continue moving forward in response.



FEATURE: Data-Driven Decisions

Before we begin a project, our Assessment and Education (A&E) teams engage with local communities. They not only provide education and training but also collect vital information about the everyday challenges the people face. This information includes data covering various aspects, such as how often residents are visiting local clinics due to waterborne illnesses, or how much time children are missing school in order to find and collect water for their families. We work directly with our teams to analyze this data, enabling us to determine which WASH services we believe would have the greatest impact on the community.

By adopting this approach, we assess the number of water points required, identify whether those water points are simple repairs or well rehabilitations to existing infrastructure, and how many new wells are needed to properly serve the community. Additionally, we might evaluate the need for a community washroom, dignity kits, or health and hygiene (H&H) workshops. Once these projects are outlined, teams begin the work, serving all of the community's WASH needs. But it doesn't stop there.

Local Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) teams visit project sites three, six, or twelve months after completion to assess the effectiveness of the projects. They measure the same data points that were collected before the projects began to ensure that the expected impact is realized. In some instances, they identify the need for additional education or further projects. In such cases, they return to the community to provide the necessary resources to achieve the desired impacts. In most cases, as demonstrated by a recent evaluation of a Nigerian project, we see what we expect—such as a 70% reduction in clinic visits, a 60% reduction in open defecation, and other positive changes.

We not only respond to the need, we also verify tangible, measured impacts, so what we say we do is really the result.



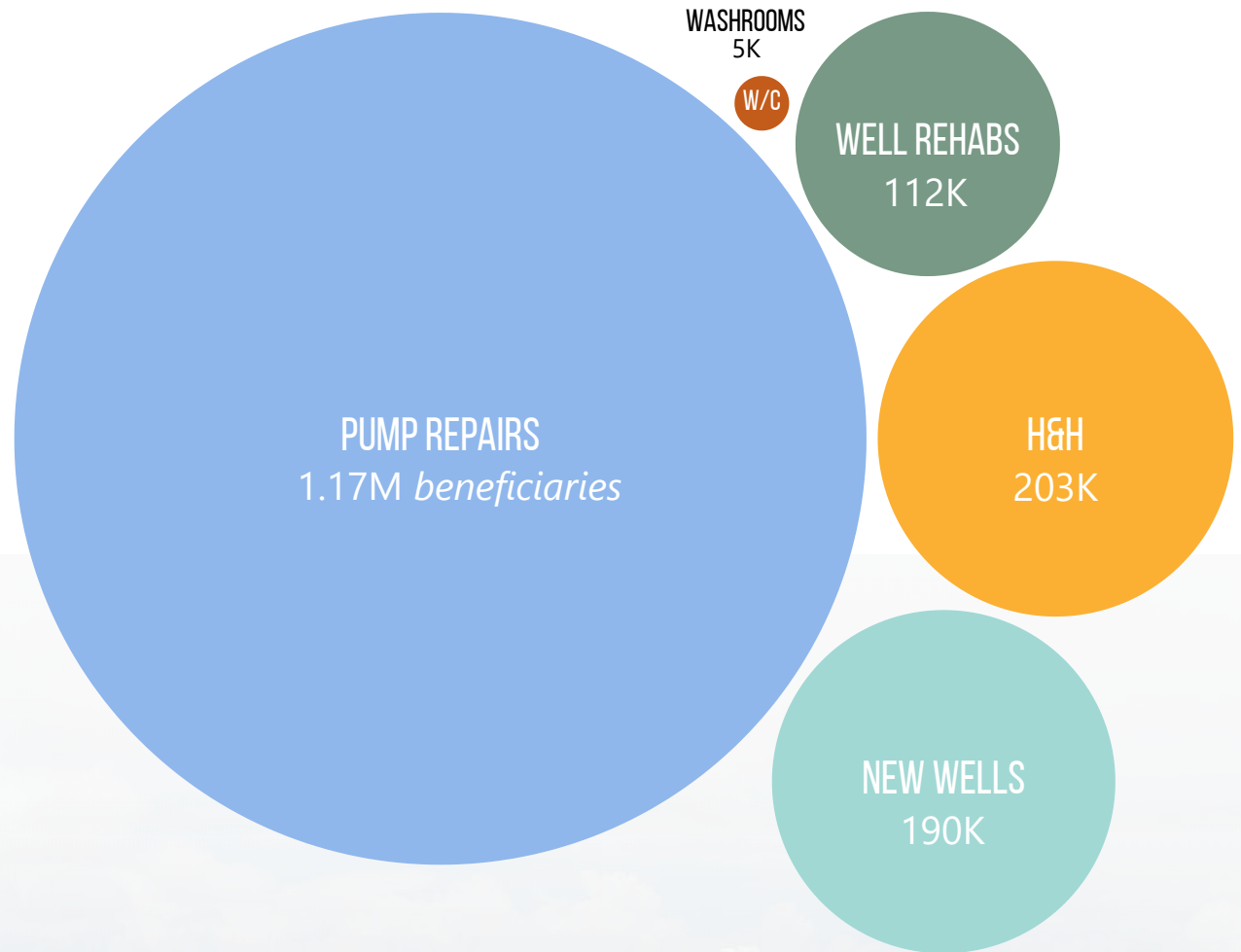
IMPACT SUMMARY

**size of bubbles is proportional to the number of beneficiaries*

Lifewater Canada donors significantly improved the lives of **1,677,758 people** in Africa and Haiti through new wells, rehabilitated wells, repaired pumps and other water and sanitation initiatives!

- **189,614** people from **363** new water wells
- **112,480** people from **249** broken-down wells that were rehabilitated
- **1,167,466** people from **4,513** hand pumps that were repaired
- **4,792** people from **24** new community washrooms
- An additional **203,406** people also received support and training through **1,839** Health and Hygiene workshops (*stand-alone H&H programs only - not including training as part of another project*)
- Approximately **13,500** dignity kits were distributed in Kenya, Nigeria, and Liberia.

We completed a total of 6,988 projects in fiscal 2025 after 6,391 the previous year—another record accomplishment!

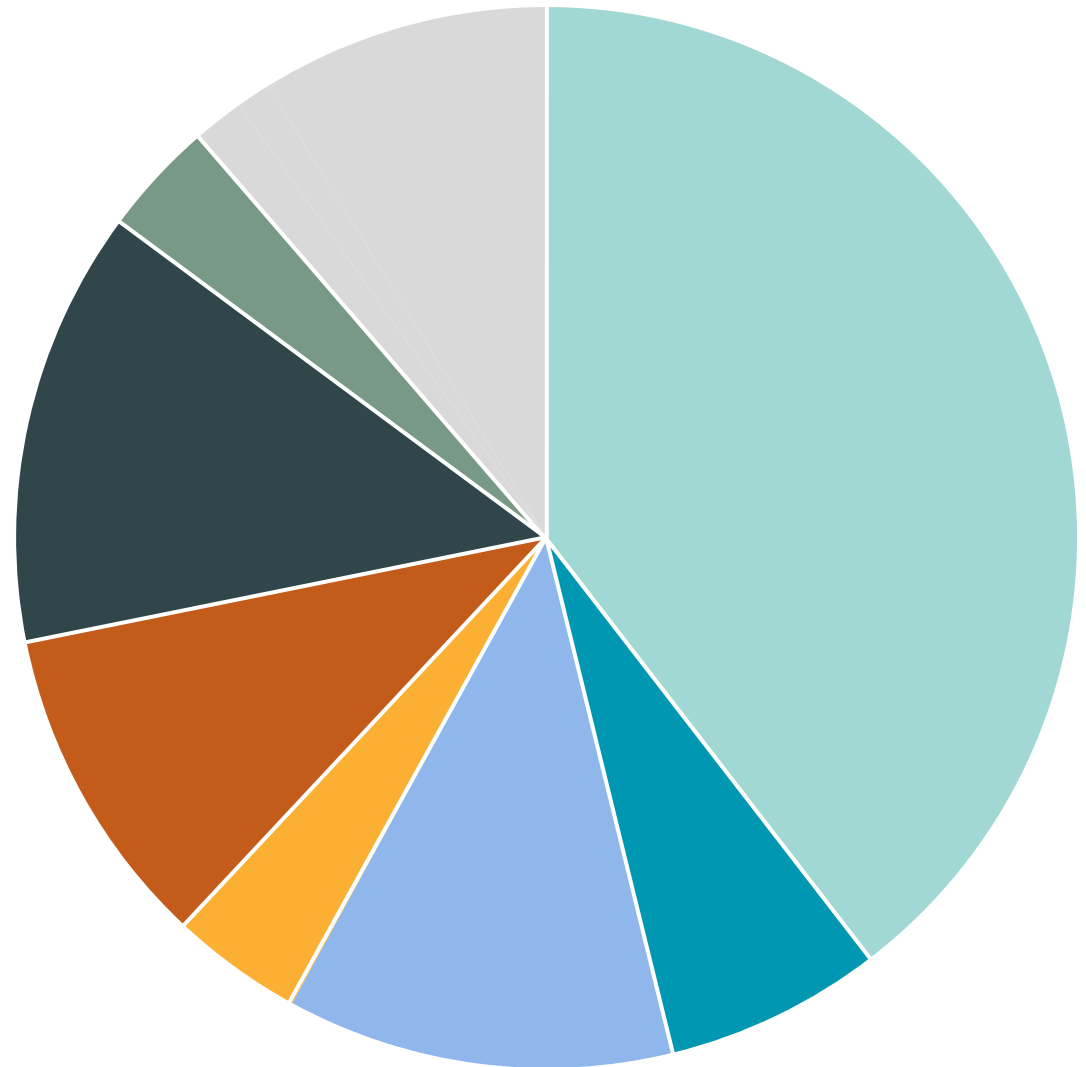


HOW WERE YOUR DONATIONS INVESTED?

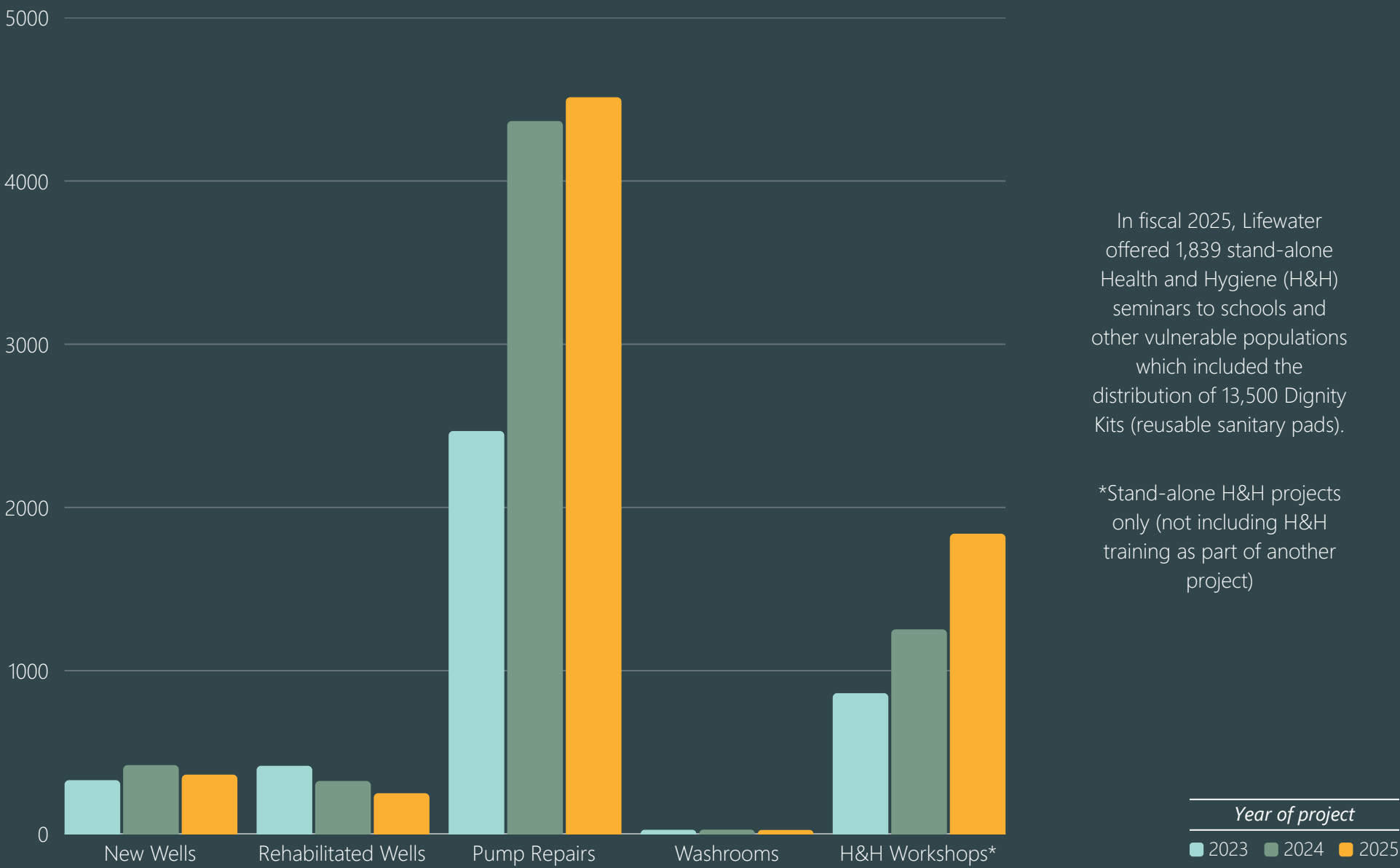
PROJECT SECTOR	INVESTMENT	%
New Wells	\$ 1,535,601	39.5
Rehabilitated Wells	256,138	6.6
Pump Repairs	458,645	11.8
Health and Hygiene	154,963	4.0
Sanitation	383,147	9.9
Infrastructure/Equipment*	518,465	13.4
Training and Education	133,293	3.4
Overhead**		
Administration	60,281	1.6
Fundraising	40,773	1.0
Wages and Benefits	341,503	8.8
TOTAL	\$3,882,809	100.0

*Infrastructure/Equipment includes repair and storage facilities, vehicles, equipment, tools, etc.

**Overhead includes salaries, contractor fees, fundraising costs, office supplies, etc., of which \$17,944.55 was funded by board and staff donations.



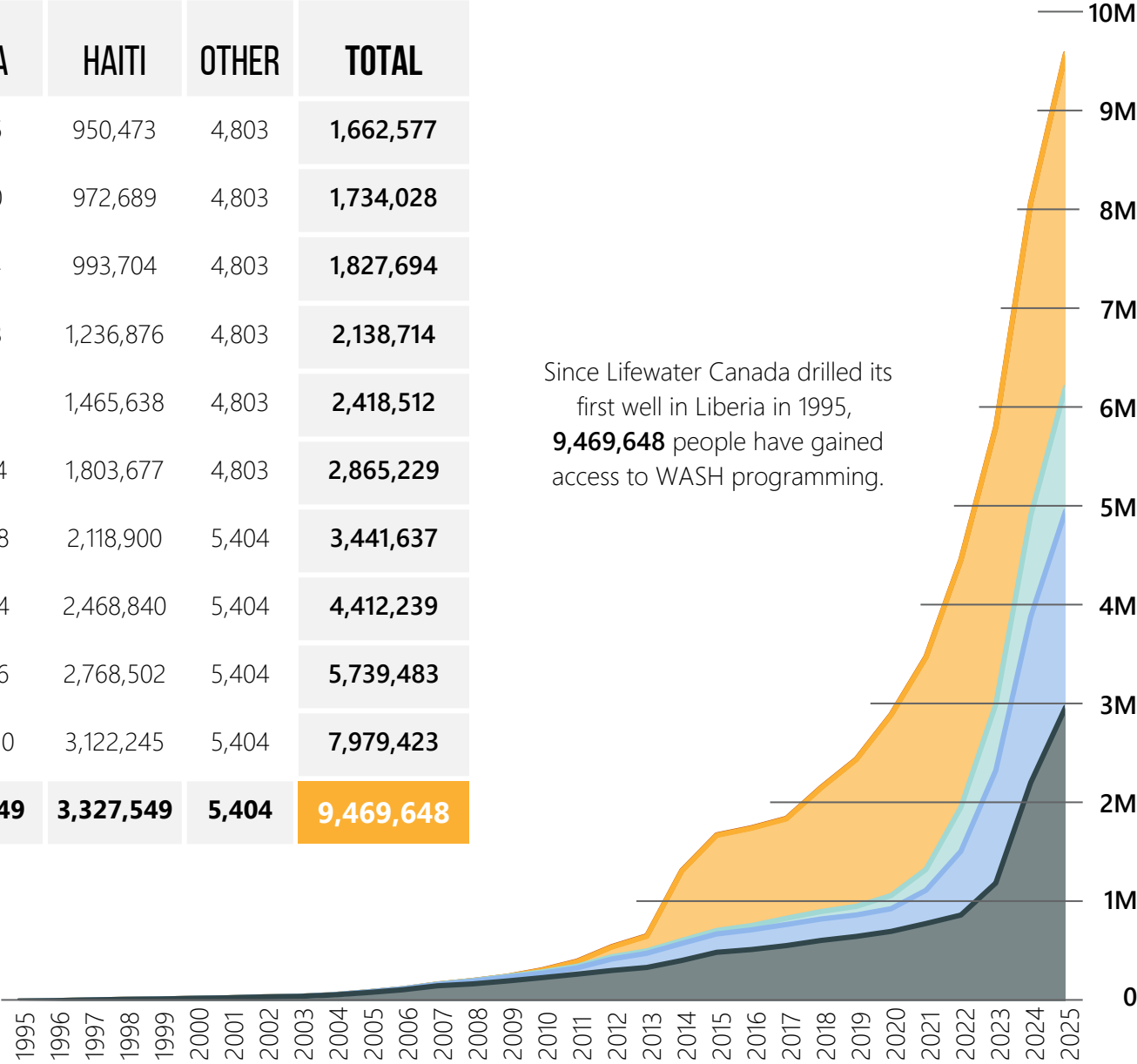
YEARLY TOTALS // BY WATER PROJECT TYPE



CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITTING

	LIBERIA	NIGERIA	KENYA	HAITI	OTHER	TOTAL
2015	489,346	183,130	34,825	950,473	4,803	1,662,577
2016	516,966	196,939	42,630	972,689	4,803	1,734,028
2017	556,594	210,749	61,844	993,704	4,803	1,827,694
2018	608,231	214,352	74,453	1,236,876	4,803	2,138,714
2019	647,859	214,352	85,861	1,465,638	4,803	2,418,512
2020	698,294	226,360	132,094	1,803,677	4,803	2,865,229
2021	776,950	332,035	208,348	2,118,900	5,404	3,441,637
2022	861,475	637,466	439,054	2,468,840	5,404	4,412,239
2023	1,181,379	1,124,864	659,336	2,768,502	5,404	5,739,483
2024	2,184,518	1,658,946	1,008,310	3,122,245	5,404	7,979,423
2025	2,937,872	1,960,174	1,238,649	3,327,549	5,404	9,469,648

Since Lifewater Canada drilled its first well in Liberia in 1995, **9,469,648** people have gained access to WASH programming.



HOW WE DID ON OUR 2025 GOALS

Last year, we set a goal to improve policy and procedure within each team, working on administration and computer skills with our local partners. This proved to be a great success, leading to an increase in completed projects throughout the year. However, due to this increase, as well as shipping delays, we faced a shortfall of available inventory, resulting in lower than *projected* total projects—most notably in pump repairs. These shipping delays also impacted our projections for dignity kits, resulting in a later-than-anticipated launch of the program in Nigeria and Liberia. With the shipping and inventory issues now resolved, we are looking forward to another year of growth ahead.

We projected and actualized the following number of projects:

PROJECT TYPE	2025 (projected)	2025 (actual)
NEW WELLS	365	363
REHABILITATED WELLS	246	249
PUMP REPAIRS	5,800	4,513
COMMUNITY WASHROOMS	41	24
HEALTH + HYGIENE	1,880	1,839
TOTAL	8,332	6,988
<i>DIGNITY KITS</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>13,500</i>



LESSONS WE LEARNED THIS YEAR

LESSON 1: International Shipping

After shipping delays impacted our international teams, we have streamlined our supply chain, including using Line Owned Containers (LOC) wherever possible, booking earlier, and building relationships with both suppliers and freight forwarders around the world.

LESSON 3: Long-term Monitoring

While we have long had some form of Long-term Monitoring and Evaluation, we have dedicated recent years to standardizing and refining our system across our partner teams. We have now begun creating pump databases, to help us track thousands of individual pumps all the way back to their initial drill date. This capability not only ensures the longevity of the project but also demonstrates that the positive outcomes observed in a community when the project are sustained throughout its lifespan. As a result, we can confirm our initial project successes over the long term and respond more swiftly to any deficiencies or significant breakdowns.

LESSON 2: Inventory Control and Planning

Historically, inventory management and control have been the responsibility of each of our partner teams. In an effort to keep project costs low, we started sourcing pump and repair parts from a single supplier. And in response to how that method reflected in our Canadian operations, we now use a joint inventory control system. This allows us to monitor inventory remotely and ensures that shipments are dispatched well in advance of the need.

LESSON 4: Time Management

Within Canada, we work with a very small team and see hundreds of projects come in every month. And while it is a true joy to see these projects growing in number, this can easily be overwhelming to our small staff. We have learned the need to be proactive in hiring, provided we can do so in a sustainable way.



LOOKING TO FISCAL 2026

For this fiscal year of 2026, we are focusing on growing our capacity in Canada. Our partners overseas are dialed in, collectively producing on average, 600 projects a month. Every one of these is reviewed by staff here in Canada, and that task is massive. So, before we expand our operations by breaking into new territories, we have to be sure that we can manage the projects coming our way in a sustainable and long-term way. This means increasing our current staff capacity, and if needed, introducing additional staff to our Canadian team.

We hope to complete the following number of projects:

2026 PROJECTS (projected year-end)	
NEW WELLS	396
REHABILITATED WELLS	136
PUMP REPAIRS	5,400
COMMUNITY WASHROOMS	41
HEALTH + HYGIENE	1,740
TOTAL	7,713

We also hope to provide approximately **22,000** women and girls with menstrual hygiene products.

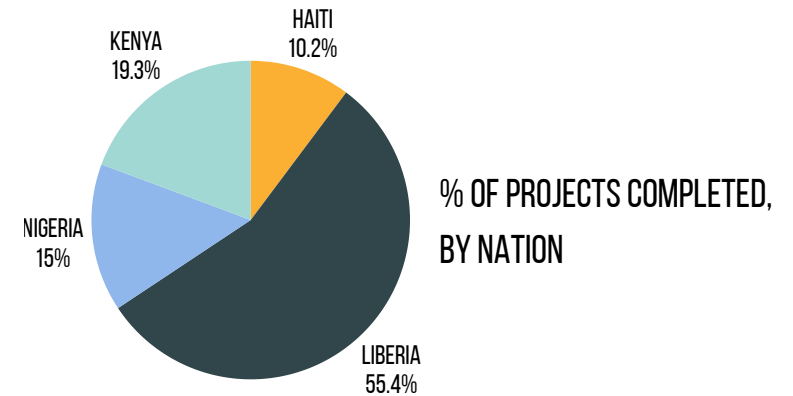


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REGIONAL UPDATES

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Our Fiscal 2025 year has been another strong year from our partner teams. Despite facing challenges, each team has shown great resilience and a real strength of character, team unity, and vision. New initiatives were taken on by many teams such as the launch of the Dignity Kit program in Liberia and Nigeria, the reestablishment of the well drilling program by The Lifewater Kenya, and of course, the debut of our newest team in Liberia, "Team Rural". We never lose sight of who the real heroes are and recognize those who make this important work possible. We are truly honoured to collaborate with each of these dedicated partners.



PROJECTS COMPLETED PER TEAM, BY TYPE

NATION	TEAM	NEW WELLS	REHABILITATED WELLS	PUMP REPAIRS	COMMUNITY WASHROOMS	HEALTH + HYGIENE*	TOTAL PROJECTS	DIGNITY KITS**
HAITI	L d'H	60	4	653	0	0	717	0
LIBERIA	L-LINC	82	68	0	0	0	150	2,250**
	STS	0	0	2,456	3	1,257	3,716	
	RURAL	11	8	0	0	0	19	
NIGERIA	LHIN	104	130	780	19	0	1,033	2,250**
KENYA	TLK	20	0	1	0	0	21	9,000**
	LRK	24	10	114	2	220	370	
	STADA	62	29	509	0	362	962	
total		363	249	4,513	24	1,839	6,988	**
proportion		5.2%	3.56%	64.58%	0.34%	26.32%	100%	**

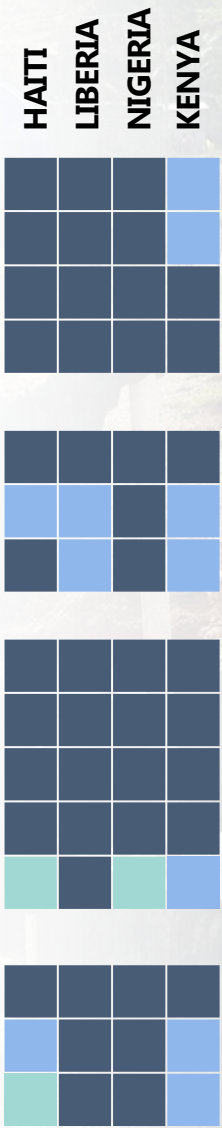
*Stand-alone H&H projects (Not including H&H training as part of another project)

**Individual dignity kits are distributed, and not included in total projects and beneficiaries

OPERATIONAL SCORECARD

We evaluate the progress and impact of our work using the data collected from each project. We then 'grade' each nation on a scorecard derived from our Development Goals and their corresponding targets.

- ↑
- 1 MEET BASIC WATER AVAILABILITY SERVICE LEVELS
1. Located within 1 km of 90% of users
2. Year-round water availability
3. 200-400 users per well
4. Affordability
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- 2 PROVIDE SAFE, DRINKABLE WATER
1. Water should be free of pathogenic bacteria
2. Nitrate and nitrite levels comparable to Canadian limits
3. Water free of turbidity and objectional taste/odour
- 3 ACTIVELY ENGAGE COMMUNITIES
1. Health and Hygiene training with all water projects
2. Community involved in picking well site
3. Community participation
4. Built on community land
5. Dedication Celebration and Deed Transfer
- 4 PLAN FOR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE
1. Strive for more than one community water source
2. Help communities develop a clear maintenance plan
3. Trained project technician and Well Caretaker



% of Target Complete

- 90% or above
- 60% - 90%
- 60% or below



LIFEWATER D'HAITI

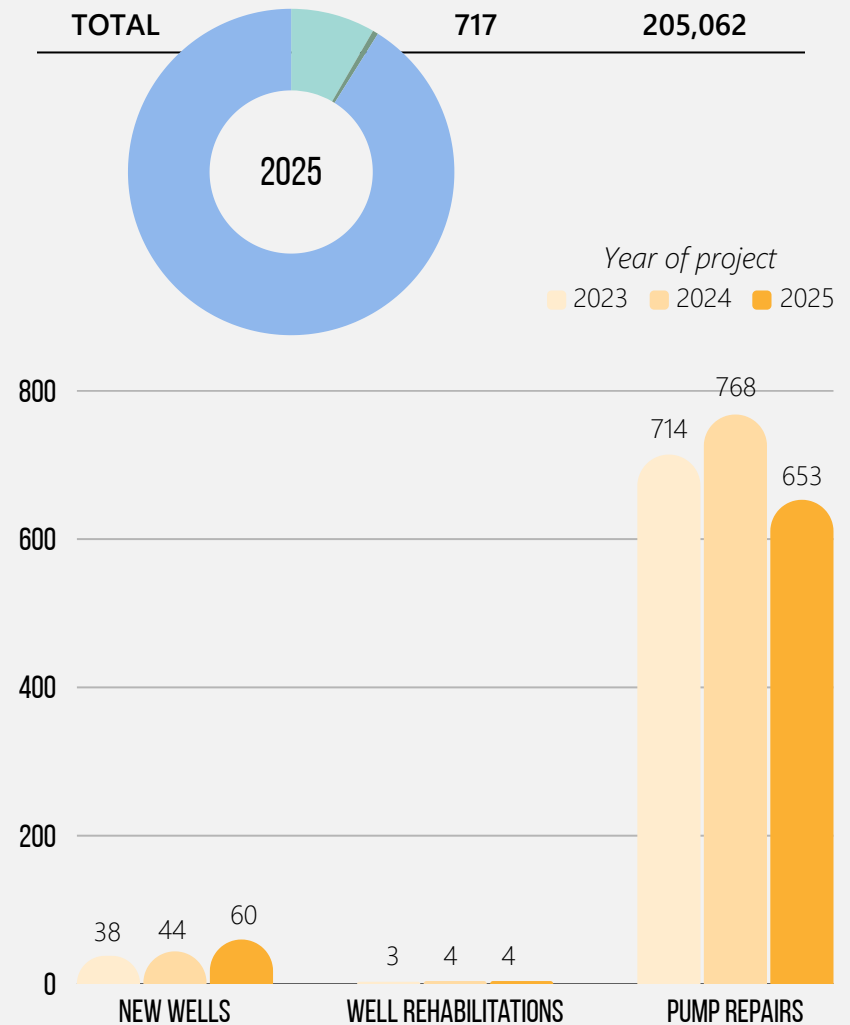


REGION: Northern Haiti
COORDINATOR: Hanania Orelus
PARTNERS SINCE: 2010

The team in Haiti has achieved remarkable success this year despite ongoing violence and political instability, showcasing their resilience and dedication. Back in our fiscal year 2020, Lifewater d'Haiti set an all-time record of 47 wells drilled in the year, but this was done with Canadian volunteers working on the ground for six months. Now, just five years later, they have completed an impressive 60 wells in one year! They also continue to focus on pump repairs, responding to needs as they arise.

This remarkable success comes amid significant challenges, including ongoing inflation, fuel shortages, and the persistent threat of local gangs and violence. Because of this, the team from Haiti was unable to join the International Conference in Liberia. Customs agents at two different airports denied them exit for four different flight options, all citing that the connecting nations would not allow Haitian Nationals to transit through their respective countries—despite having secured all necessary travel visas. This last-minute setback was truly heartbreaking, but we must not let that overshadow the amazing accomplishments of this small team, who can only be described as inspiring to us all.

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
New Wells	60	17,160
Rehabilitated Wells	4	1,144
Pump Repairs	653	186,758
TOTAL	717	205,062



A LETTER FROM HAITI

We are eternally grateful to the donors for their amazing help and contributions towards our work in the Haitian community. Without them we would not be able to repair pumps and build new wells providing safe and clean water, building a stronger and more prosperous future for everyone. Each donation has been a beacon of hope, showing us the power of compassion and the profound impact it can have. We also thank God for the blessing of their generosity; may He continue to bless them. We will forever be thankful for your kindness.

With deepest thanks,

*Hanania Orelus, Program Coordinator
Lifewater d'Haiti*



LIFEWATER LIBERIA INC. — LOCAL

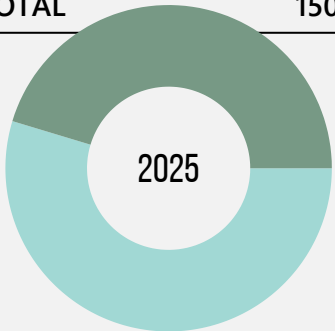


REGION: Greater Monrovia
COORDINATOR: Henry Tengbeh
PARTNERS SINCE: 1995

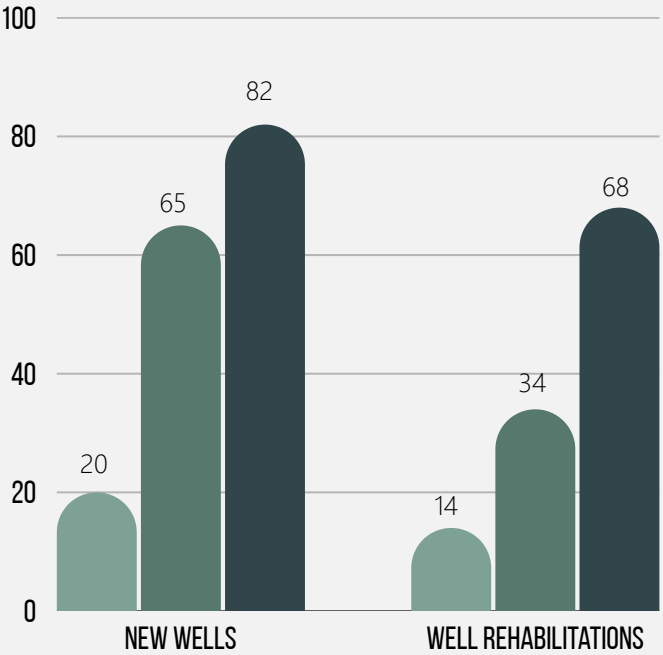
Lifewater Liberia Inc. (L-Linc) now has two active teams, both with a focus on drilling new wells, maximizing the strengths and passions of both the L-Linc board and it’s employees. This focus on strengths has proven to be very successful. Their original team, L-Linc Local, based in Monrovia, completed a record 82 well drilling projects, surpassing their previous record of 79 wells. Additionally, they continue to enhance their rehabilitation program, showcasing their drive to serve their country with safe and accessible water is evident.

After welcoming a new LS200 hydraulic drilling rig late in fiscal 2023, they also worked toward sharing the cost of a brand new Toyota Landcruiser single cab pickup. This marked the beginning of a board-driven fleet replacement program designed to minimize the cost of repairs, reduce downtime, and manage the drilling schedule that they have in place. The truck now boasts a custom-designed box, specifically built for carrying and storing the LS200 drill securely and without damage. The pride that this team and board have demonstrated in their work is contagious, and we at Lifewater Canada congratulate them all.

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
New Wells	82	23,452
Rehabilitated Wells	68	19,448
TOTAL	150	42,900



Year of project
2023 2024 2025



A LETTER FROM L-LINC — LOCAL

Diana Dolo, a health practitioner at the Johnsonville Clinic in Montserrado County, explains that during the dry season, access to clean, running water is a matter of life and death. Before Lifewater Liberia installed a hand pump in their community, there was a constant struggle to find enough water to keep the clinic clean and sanitary. This new water source has significantly reduced the burden, creating a safer environment for both staff and patients. With a reliable water supply, the community now receives more hygienic care, a game-changer for public health.

Another community member, Daniel Flomo, expresses his joy following the installation of a new well at his children's school. He shares, "I feel happy because the children in this community no longer need to worry about becoming ill from dirty water or leaving school to fetch water."

With thanks to our partners and donors,

*Henry Tengbeh, Program Coordinator
Lifewater Liberia Inc. — Local*



LIFEWATER LIBERIA INC. — RURAL

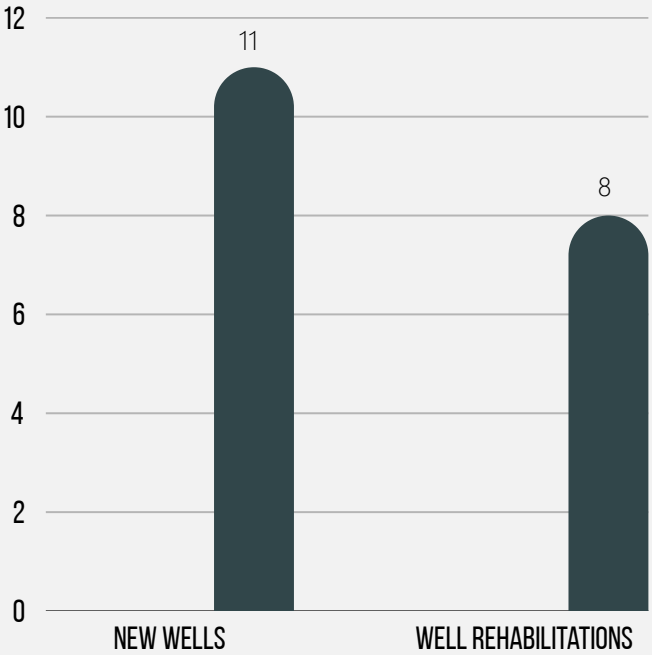
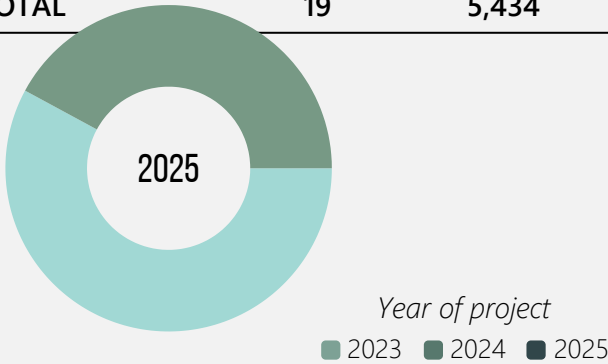


REGION: Rural Liberia
COORDINATOR: Bennie Paul
PARTNERS SINCE: 2025

We are thrilled to announce the newest of the Lifewater teams: L-Linc Rural, operating under the authority and direction of the Lifewater Liberia Inc. board. This group first came to us in 2023, when the organization they were working for ceased operating in Liberia. After much discussion and exploring different options, these five men officially joined the team at the beginning of our fiscal year. They began with training on L-Linc’s equipment and in our processes. Plans were set in motion, culminating after the International conference, where two Canadian team members, along with the entire L-Linc team, would fabricate, assemble, and be trained on a new LS300 truck-mounted drilling rig. This marks the third custom rig we have put in service in Africa. Now, L-Linc Rural is working separately from the “Local” team, managing their equipment, finances, and schedules with the oversight of the L-Linc board.

Impressively, after initiating the drilling program with just ten weeks remaining in the year, this team completed 11 wells. This is even more impressive considering they work in the most remote regions of Liberia. They serve the hardest-to-reach and most distant communities, including completing a well in Vonema, the northernmost village in the country. We are excited to see what they will accomplish this year.

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
New Wells	11	3,146
Rehabilitated Wells	8	2,288
TOTAL	19	5,434



A LETTER FROM L-LINC — RURAL

Irene Togbah, a cassava farmer from Margibi County, shares her experience of drinking “red, just like mud” water from the local creek. This led to frequent illnesses that disrupted her work, and forced many residents to travel long distances in search of safe drinking water during dry seasons. School-age children are particularly affected, often arriving late to class after spending early morning hours fetching water for their families. Additionally, the little income generated is often spent on healthcare due to the lack of safe drinking water.

However, everything changed when Lifewater Liberia constructed and installed two hand pumps for the community. Irene expresses her gratitude for the new water facility, saying, “We have stopped drinking from the creek, which was unsafe for us.” She also notes how the facility is managed by local women, and how community leadership ensures sustainability. “Having the water facility close by has made life easier for all of us. We can now focus on other important matters.”

Thanks to the Lifewater family!



STS-LIFEWATER

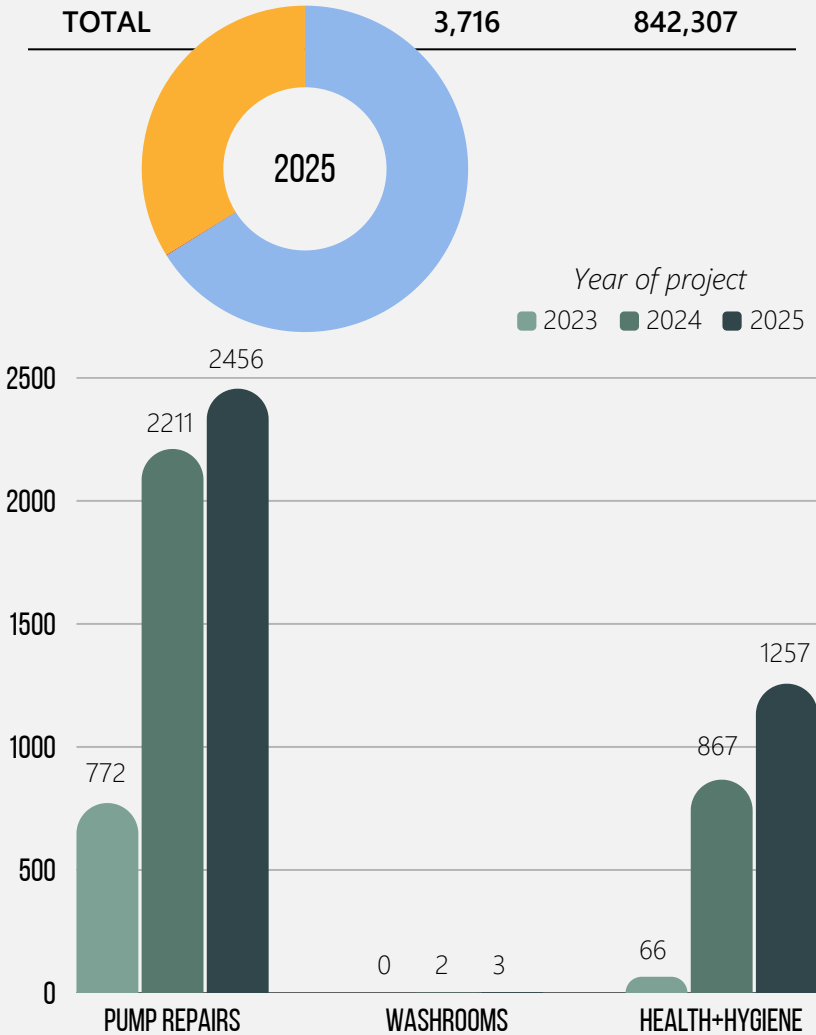


REGION: Liberia
COORDINATOR: Joe Sloan
PARTNERS SINCE: 2023

STS-Lifewater has grown quickly since beginning in 2023. Originally made up of L-Linc employees who no longer fit within the structure and focus on well drilling, these men and women hold a passion for education and repair that is a hallmark of our work. This is where the work begins. First, the Assessment and Education (A&E) team visits communities, not only providing health and hygiene seminars, but assessing their WASH needs. These might include pump repairs, rehabilitations, new wells, or latrines. After determining these needs, they compile that information into work plans for each community that is then assigned to one of the three Liberian teams for completion.

This process has streamlined our work in Liberia, and is now being replicated in other nations. The numbers on this team have grown as they have spread out to reach more of Liberia, and as a result completed an impressive record number of projects through this fiscal year. With strong financial management and clear planning, they also act as the inventory control point for all three Liberian teams and the import hub for any items entering Liberia. Due to their office location, they also offer their compound as a workshop and storage point for other teams. Consistently steady, we are grateful for this still young partnership and the impact it is having on the nation of Liberia.

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
Pump Repairs	2,456	702,416
Washrooms	3	858
H&H Workshops	1,257	139,033
TOTAL	3,716	842,307



A LETTER FROM STS-LIBERIA

STS-Lifewater continues to impact the lives of many Liberians across nine counties by addressing vital health, hygiene, and sanitation challenges through increased awareness and WASH programs including health and hygiene workshops, pump repairs, and community latrines.

Over 100 health and hygiene workshops were held each month, encouraging communities to embrace better personal, household, and environmental hygiene. After a community assessment, wells are then drilled or repaired based on the community's needs.

The construction of flushable communal latrines has a vital impact, leading to a significant decrease in open defecation and a decline in waterborne diseases. Villagers have taken the lead in ensuring that their facilities are looked after, even forming committees to manage daily cleaning and maintenance. This initiative has not only improved sanitation but also fostered a stronger sense of community ownership.

*Joe Sloan, Program Coordinator
STS-Lifewater*



LIFEWATER NIGERIA

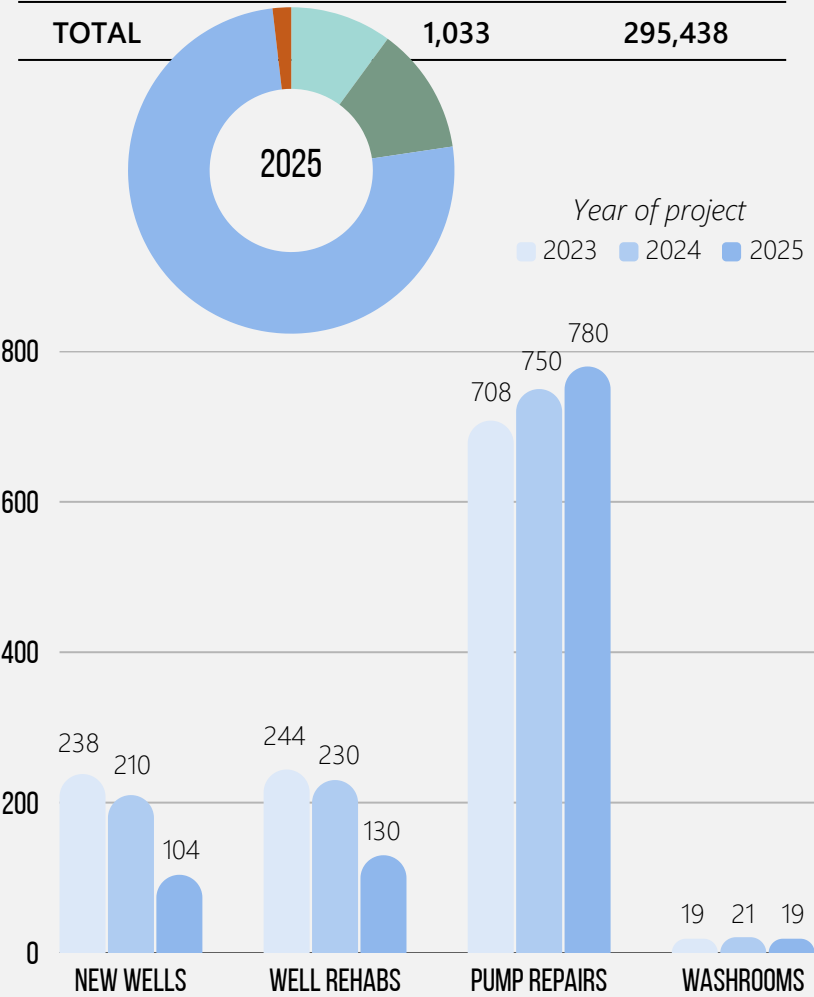


REGION: Central Nigeria
COORDINATOR: Hosea Apeh
PARTNERS SINCE: 2021

Since moving into a full-time partnership with Hosea Apeh and Lifewater Nigeria (officially known as *Lifewater Hygiene Initiative of Nigeria*), we have been impressed by their willingness to say ‘yes’ and help in any way they can. When asked if they would like to start drilling wells, the answer was yes. When asked if they could drill extra wells with short notice to help us reach year-end goals, the answer was yes. When asked if Hosea would take time away from his role at the University of Abuja to train a team in Kenya, the answer was yes. The ‘yes’ is always immediate from this team and is reflected in their work this year. The numbers speak deeply to their role within Nigeria and their support of other partner teams.

Of note this year is what seems to be a dramatic reduction in rehabilitations and new wells. It is important to note that numbers from past years have included taking on additional projects when we asked them to. When other teams were struggling with equipment breakdowns, materials, or personnel, Nigeria stepped in to pick up the slack. What we find powerful in this is that we know the capacity of their team, and right now, they are certainly working well under it. But this also means that other teams are now working to *theirs*. Nigeria has been a tremendous partner of ours and all of the rest of the teams in Haiti, Liberia, and Kenya. We look forward to being able to support them to their full capacity as we look toward expanding further in Nigeria.

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
New Wells	104	29,744
Rehabilitated Wells	130	37,180
Pump Repairs	780	223,080
Washrooms	19	5,434
TOTAL	1,033	295,438



A LETTER FROM NIGERIA

I am reminded daily that every number in our audit represents far more than statistics—they tell the story of real people and entire communities whose lives are being transformed through clean water, hygiene, and hope. From rural villages long trapped in cycles of disease, to schools and orphanages struggling with dignity, to families who once feared for their children's survival—hope has returned.

This year, one story that captures the heart of our mission comes from Christ Treasured Royal Orphanage, home to about 100 vulnerable children. For years, these little ones endured the pain of open defecation. The lack of toilets made daily life difficult, compounding the burdens they had already known from loss and hardship.

Then Lifewater stepped in and constructed new toilet facilities. A leader shared with tears: "These toilets remind our children that they are valued and loved. They have confidence, knowing their health and well-being matter." Every borehole drilled, every hygiene training given, every young girl dignified and every toilet built tells the story of a new beginning.

Mothers who once carried sick children now watch them run freely, going to school without fear of diarrhea or typhoid. Leaders who thought their people were cursed realized that poor sanitation was the true enemy—and today they celebrate healthy, thriving families. To our donors: your generosity is not just tangible—it is love, life, and a brighter future. Thank you for breaking cycles of poverty and opening doors to healthier futures.

*Hosea Apeh, Program Coordinator
Lifewater Hygiene Initiative of Nigeria*



THE LIFEWATER KENYA

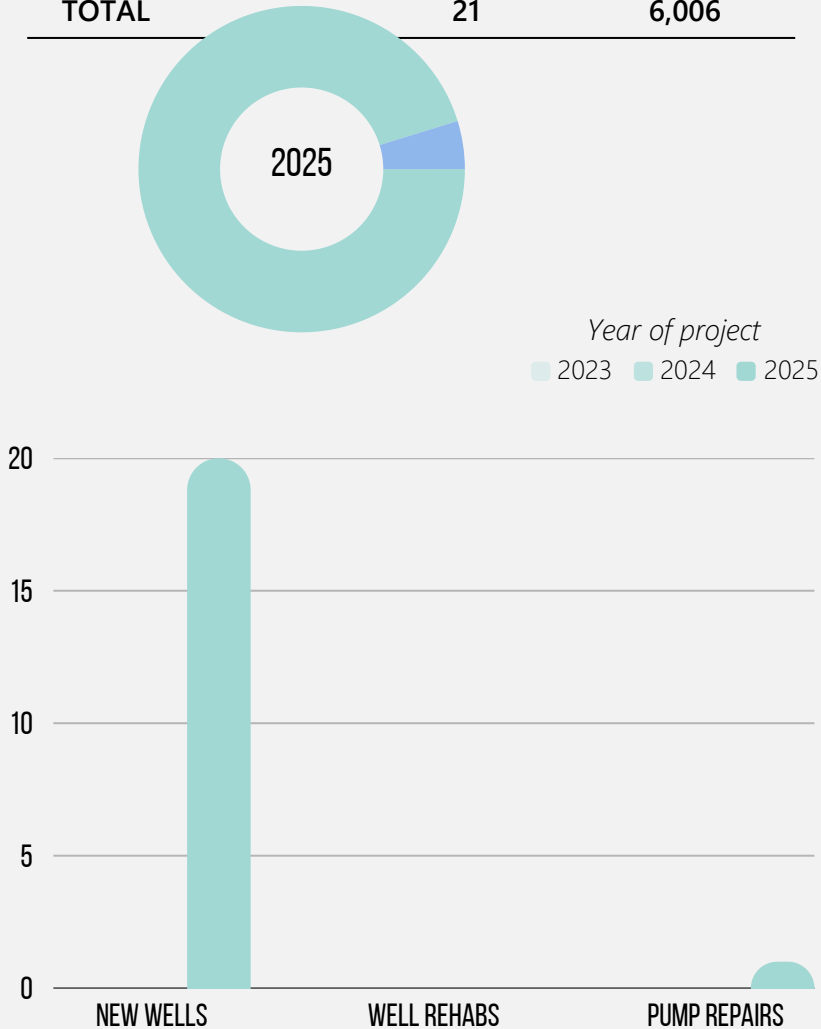


REGION: Nakuru, Kenya
COORDINATOR: David Maina
PARTNERS SINCE: 2005

While not without challenges, 2025 was a tremendous year for our oldest Kenyan partnership. After a multi-year hiatus that involved restructuring and transfer of leadership, The Lifewater Kenya had a successful relaunch. Under the leadership of Sammy Wainana, son of the founder David Maina, they reestablished their well drilling program. After refurbishing and mounting their well-used rig onto a truck in 2024, the small drilling team set out with a goal of drilling two wells per month, and came very close to meeting that goal. For this, we are deeply grateful.

Despite facing numerous challenges throughout the year, including staffing shortages, mechanical setbacks, and the hurdles of relaunching their program, the resiliency and goals of both staff and leadership shone through. This team has always been inspirational in their operations. Even when not actively drilling themselves, they have served as a training center and advisor to the other Kenyan teams, assisting with permits, compliance, vehicles, insurance etc., wherever required. Although based in the Nakuru region, founder David Maina states humbly, “We are The Lifewater *KENYA*, and will do anything we can to help water flow anywhere in this country.”

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
New Wells	20	5,720
Rehabilitated Wells	0	0
Pump Repairs	1	286
TOTAL	21	6,006



A LETTER FROM TLK

At The Lifewater Kenya, we understand that every gift is an act of faith, and we want you to know that your faith in us has helped build a legacy of hope. The support from donors and Lifewater Canada has changed lives and we are thrilled to report on the impact we've created together—a ripple effect of good.

With your help, we have successfully drilled new wells in villages across the region. The moment that clean water bursts forth is a moment of pure celebration. And it is not just our team celebrating; it is the joyful shouts of children and the heartfelt songs of mothers. We saw the deep, visible joy of an entire community—a profound reminder that we made this happen together.

Clean water has become the foundation of a healthier, more dignified life, allowing families to thrive and communities to grow stronger. The sight of mothers no longer worried about their children's health and the smiles of kids now able to attend school is truly a blessing from God and a powerful reflection of your unwavering commitment.

We extend our sincere gratitude for being a vital part of our story. We look forward to continuing this mission with you, together bringing clean water and renewed hope to even more communities.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. David W. Maina, Program Coordinator
The Lifewater Kenya (TLK)*



LIFEWATER R.E.S.C.U.E KENYA



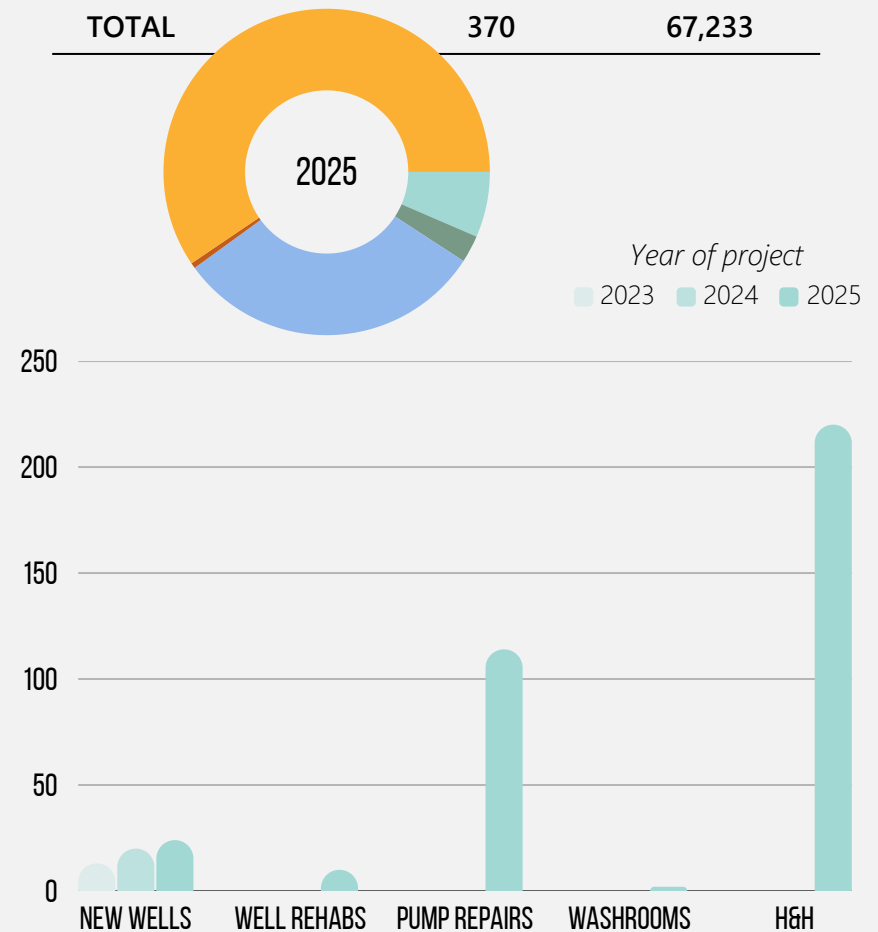
REGION: Mwingi, Kenya
COORDINATOR: Catherine Achieng
PARTNERS SINCE: 2023

What started as a small team with a focus on drilling in the most remote regions surrounding Mwingi, the Lifewater R.E.S.C.U.E Kenya (LRK) has blossomed into a full service and holistic WASH provider. Although this has not been the 'planned growth' we would have anticipated, rather, it is the quick thinking vision of this team to adapt in what may be the most difficult region that any of our teams work in.

Each of their advancements into a new program has addressed a specific issue, the solution to a problem. When the swivel on their drill broke, halting operations until a replacement arrived, they shifted to repairing pumps. When they experienced a shortage of repair parts, they shifted to constructing washrooms. And when they saw a deeper need for education, they recruited, trained, and sent out a team to provide instruction.

The resiliency of this team is contagious. and showcases the power of what a small group of committed citizens can accomplish. They have taught us all that every problem is an opportunity for growth, and that there is no problem insurmountable.

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
New Wells	24	6,864
Rehabilitated Wells	10	2,860
Pump Repairs	114	32,604
Washrooms	2	572
H&H Workshops	220	24,333
TOTAL	370	67,233



A LETTER FROM LRK

Faith Mutua, a Kaanguo community member shares: "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 round-trip to collect from the river was replaced with just a few minutes walk to the well. Leaving home at 9 in the morning and coming back home in the afternoon with my donkey carrying jerrycans of dirty water used to be my life. I barely had time for anything else. 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 drilled, because I have never needed to. See, I even have time to sit and share with you how my life has changed. 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 heat while gathering water at the river, hoping that the sun won't set before she does. 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,"

*Catherine Achieng-Wimbly, Program Coordinator
Lifewater R.E.S.C.U.E Kenya (LRK)*



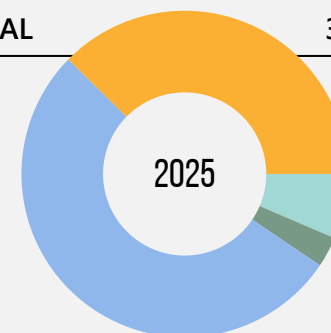


REGION: Kisumu, Kenya
COORDINATOR: Patricia Nudi
PARTNERS SINCE: 2022

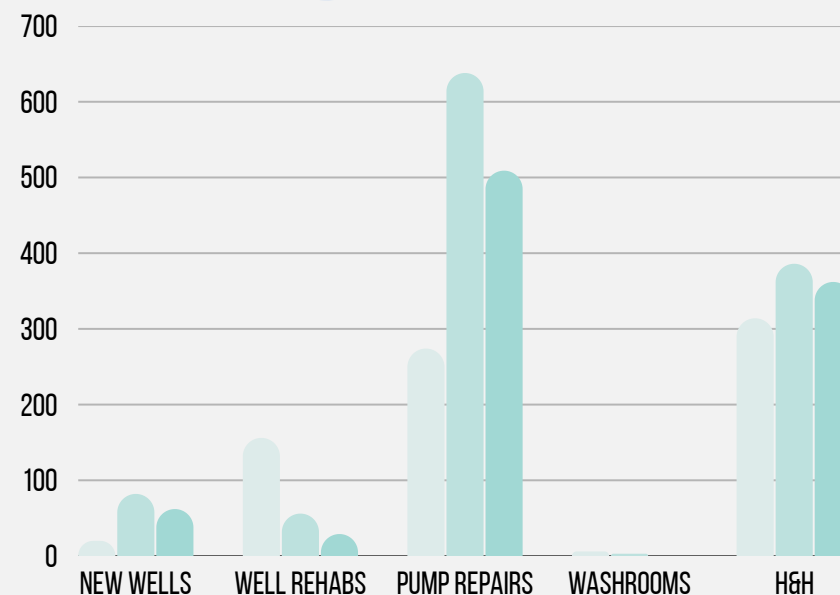
Since the beginning of our partnership, the STADA team has grown very quickly. This last year they spent time restructuring the WASH component of their operations leading to an intentional slow down in their project output, focusing on excellence rather than quantity. As a team, they have done well with this undertaking. They have focused on their strengths, sought training to address weaknesses, and continued to be open to input from our other partners. While WASH is only a part of their programming, they have managed to use it to strengthen and advance other types of projects. For example, they have used proceeds from well drilling to operate community feeding programs and a community library.

From a pure project completion perspective, this does result in an overall slowdown for STADA. While this could be taken as a negative, we look at it from the positive. This is a team that recognizes their capacity, is intentional about working within that capacity, and fulfills what they are capable of, all while continuing to learn and grow in their excellence. We are proud to work with this team.

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECTS	BENEFICIARIES
New Wells	62	17,732
Rehabilitated Wells	29	8,294
Pump Repairs	509	145,574
Washrooms	0	0
H&H Workshops	362	40,040
TOTAL	370	211,640



Year of project
 2023 2024 2025







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OUR OPERATIONS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

Per Lifewater Canada's Audited Financial Statements, for the year ended June 30th, 2025

REVENUE:	2025	2024
Donations		
Individual	\$ 2,356,755	\$ 2,036,222
Corporate	209,395	153,407
Foundations	729,907	688,595
Civic Groups	1,477,393	670,775
Gifts in kind	-	611
International	170,168	78,711
Interest income	43,679	23,819
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	1,145	3,686
TOTAL	4,988,442	3,655,826

TOTALS:	2025	2024
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 1,105,633	\$ 45,606
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 866,517	\$ 820,911
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,972,150	\$ 866,517

EXPENDITURES	2025	2024
Well construction	1,535,601	1,611,210
Well rehabilitation	256,138	181,978
Pump repair program	458,645	411,450
Tank catchment systems	-	4,963
Sanitation	154,963	131,613
Health and hygiene	383,147	317,442
Infrastructure improvements	518,465	560,036
Training and education	133,293	68,262
Administrative expenses	60,281	41,838
Fundraising	40,773	35,610
Wages and beneefits	341,503	245,818
TOTAL	3,882,809	3,610,220

Note: During the reporting year for this charity, the incumbant financial statement auditor dissolved it's Canada-wide partnership. The Thunder Bay location of financial statement auditors became part of a new Canadian partnership of experienced and talented individuals to service our needs.

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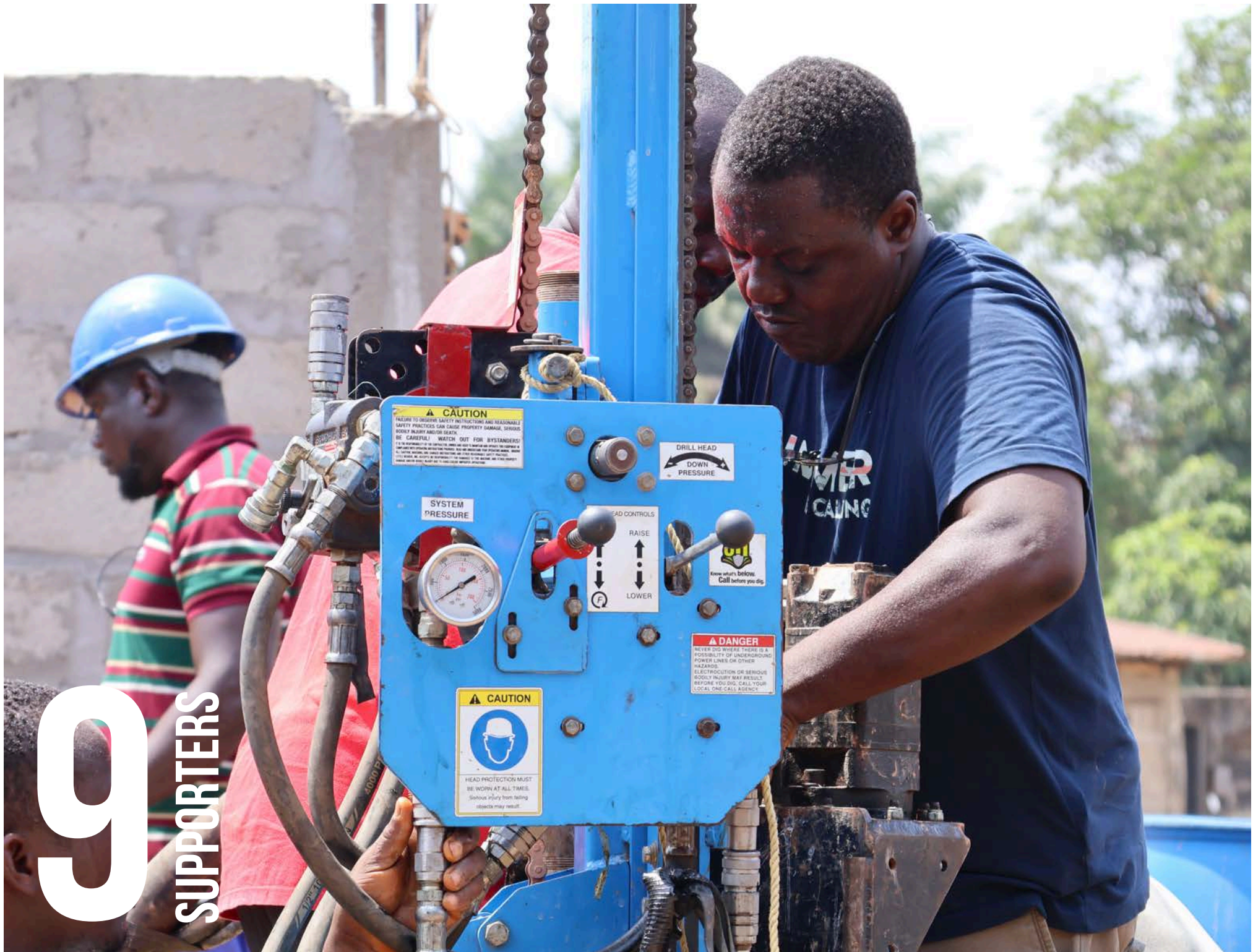
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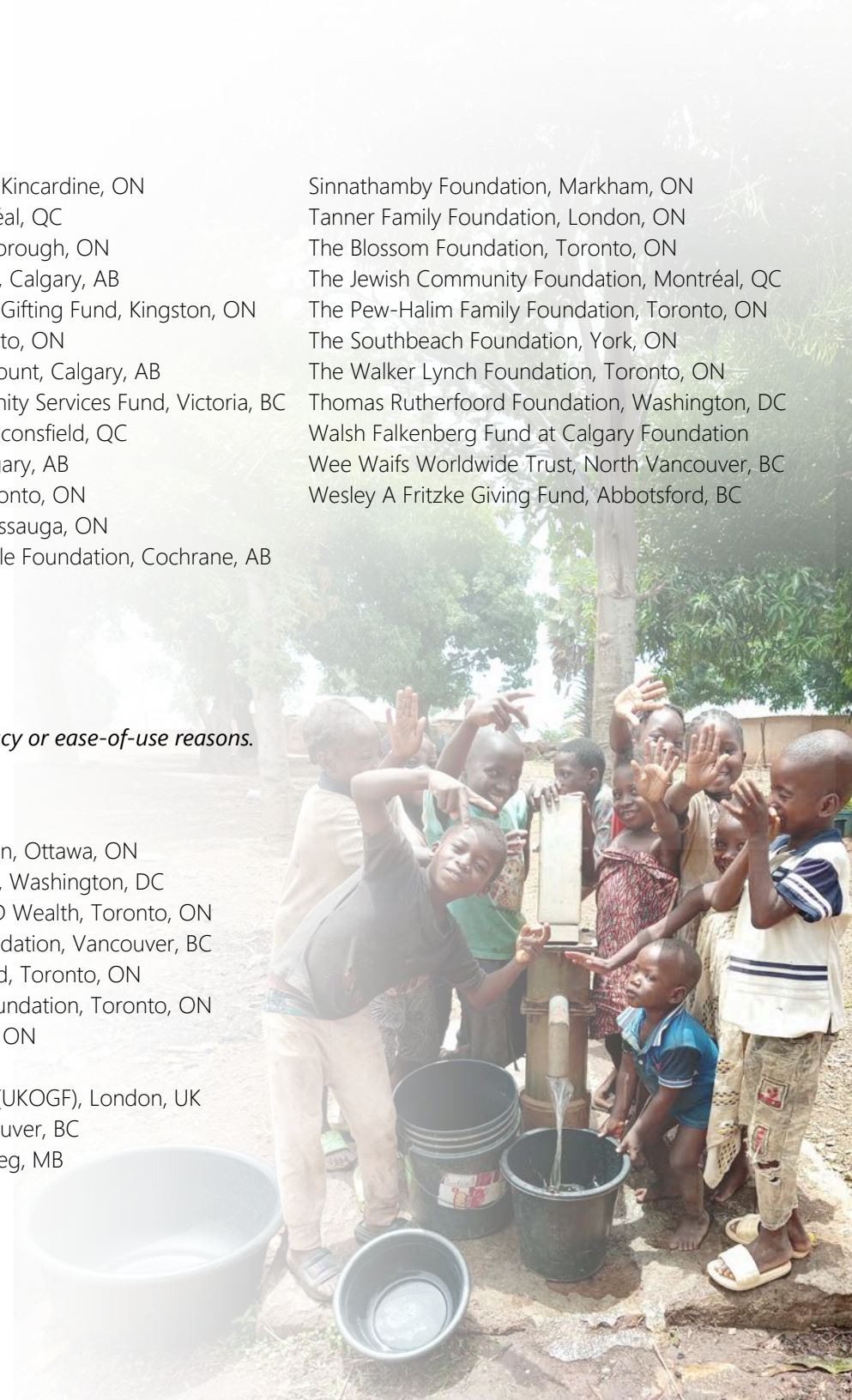
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