LIFEWATER CANADA

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NEWSLETTER



FAVOURITE NUMBER: 96.6 MONTHS

Community ownership and empowerment has been a part of what we do right from the very beginning. The goal of Village Level Operation and Maintenance (VLOM) is something that Lifewater Canada and our partners have worked hard towards. Ensuring that communities have the tools and education that they need to care for their wells.

Initially, the pumps that we installed were commonly known as "Bush Pumps", simple, low volume, and individually manufactured units. In the early 2000's, we transitioned to the Afridev and India series of pumps. This introduced the need for a more focused community training protocol, working to train caretakers with the capacity of maintaining and repairing community pumps.

This was the origin of our Pump Repair Technician program, building on our mandate of community empowerment. Training communities to care for their water point has been a driving factor in our work. There are times Lifewater teams are still called upon to complete more difficult repairs that the local community is not equipped to do themselves. Still, most day to day maintenance and repairs can be completed on a community level.

Over the years, this has grown into one of the greatest successes, which leads us to the number 96.6. This is the average number of months that a pump that we visit for repair has been in service without our intervention. This shows that these communities are taking ownership and keeping their own pumps working for an average of 8 years before needing one of our teams to step in to help. 96.6 months points to long-term sustainable solutions through community ownership and empowerment.

—Dan Nickol, Vice-President





THE LATEST UPDATES

New Countries: As an organization, it has been our focus to reach maximum capacity in the four nations we serve. Now that we have reached that point, we are carefully considering expansion. Cameroon and Zimbabwe are two nations that we are currently evaluating. You can read more about this on the last page of this newsletter.

Donor Relations Contacts: We desire to put our partners and you, as donors, first. To continue doing that, we are restructuring our donor relations team. We have brought on two more members in the hopes of building stronger connections. In the coming months, you will be receiving communications from the Donor Relations team. As we work towards creating a better experience for you as our supporters, we welcome any feedback.

Charity Intelligence Update?: We are honoured to be named a 2026 Top 100 Charity by Charity Intelligence, earning 5 stars for our commitment to transparency and accountability!
We are proud to be recognized, and even more grateful to everyone who makes our work possible. Thank you for helping us bring safe water to communities around the world.

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TOP 100 CHARITY
Charity Intelligence's Highest Rated Charities
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CONTINUING TO GO TO THE HARDEST TO REACH AREAS

Joe Sloan , STS-Lifewater Director

We have observed that many communities and towns in Sinoe are still struggling to access safe drinking water due to a lack of hand pumps. Additionally, many of the hand pumps are being used on hand-dug wells that are now collapsing. People can walk for miles just to access the nearest hand pump, especially in more rural areas. Water levels can go low in some hand pumps, especially during the dry season. Some towns have no wells at all. Many don't have latrines either, so most people in Sinoe are depending on open defecation because there are no public latrines in the majority of the communities, towns, cities, and villages in Sinoe County.

Another observation is that the community dwellers are working along with the technical team from the STS Lifewater Liberia; they help to clean the surroundings of the hand pump whenever the guys are working. Women are always in a happy mood during the repair of their hand pumps and are always thankful to the team for the work. We are one of the first NGOs to go to Sinoe County because the road conditions are so poor that only expert motorbike riders or drivers are able to make it from Monrovia to the southeast. Even our small tricycle struggled on the journey, but thanks to God we were able to make it safely.

These are some of the major obstacles facing communities in rural southeastern Liberia, and we are excited to be able to improve access to safe water and hygiene in the county. As for our team, it was especially emotional to be bringing this humanitarian work to the county, as Sinoe is the home of one of our technical team members.

The road to Sinoe County







Saywon Town Q1, Liberia

Moving into new regions is always exciting, and at the same time challenging. Building the same systems and programs that are working so well in established regions can take time, but what is always encouraging is the community's response. Sinoe Country is no exception. Residents are eager to learn, happy to help, and willing to engage in their own success. What begins with cleaning the area surrounding a pump continues on to residents learning basic skills that keep their water flowing well after the partners leave.

FISCAL 2027 IMPACT (through Q1)

333,787
TOTAL HUMAN IMPACT
combined number of nation-reported beneficiaries

72,665
HOURS SAVED PER DAY
or 71.33 minutes per day per household saved in water hauling duties

$0.10
DAILY WATER SAVINGS
daily savings per person from their previous water costs

12,797
SCHOOL HOURS RECOVERED
hours per day where children (usually girls) were in school rather than fetching water



Drill trike CASP arriving in Liberia

> The crew and I have been reeling with joy since the arrival of the rig. We have a clear understanding that something special just arrived for our use. Next week we shall be drilling with the new rig! Here in Nigeria, there is a family of rigs that are highly revered, Louis is clearly in that family. We are proud to own one of the best rigs around. - Hosea Apeh

IN COUNTRY TRIKES

In 2021, we had an idea for a new type of rig. One that could act as a bridge between the portable units and the larger truck-mounted units. This idea began to take shape in 2024, resulting in a prototype unit being manufactured in China and shipped to Canada for testing. After a round of final modifications and a personal stop in China to oversee the first production model, this idea finally became a reality. With three of these units currently in the field and another currently on the ocean for delivery, we have been thrilled that both the capabilities and the reviews have been more than what we had hoped.



Haiti team with drill trike Aidan



Test drilling in Alberta, Canada

> This new equipment is a tremendous contribution to our water-drilling program. It will significantly strengthen our capacity to reach more communities in southeastern Liberia with safe, clean, and reliable drinking water. - Henry Tengbeh



Nigeria team with drill trike Louis

FISCAL 2027 PROJECTS (through Q1)

NEW WELLS	116	LATRINES	12	HEALTH + HYGIENE	571
PUMP REPAIRS	1199	REHABILITATED WELLS	63		

GROWTH IN THE FIELD - *Gombe, Nigeria*

Hosea Apeh, Lifewater Nigeria- Program Director

Our first drilling activities in Gombe State have brought Lifewater Nigeria closer to families whose search for water affects their health, education and livelihoods; we have seen the urgency of their needs and the difference accessible water can make.

Across communities in the Northeast, women and children travel long distances to collect water from streams, shallow wells and other unsafe sources. Fetching water takes time away from school, farming and earning an income. Insufficient water also makes bathing, washing clothes and maintaining menstrual hygiene difficult. Older people and persons with disabilities face challenges when water sources are far away.

In Tangi Village, Maryam Adamu, described life before the intervention: Before this well, we had to cross the highway to a block-making factory in the hope of getting water. Sometimes, our children were sent back without any because the factory needed the water for block production. At other times, we went to the river and dug into the riverbed to scoop water. Since [24th April 2026], those struggles are behind us. We now have water close to our homes, just a few minutes away. Our children now go school early, live a better healthy life as a result of access to clean water We are so thankful to Lifewater Nigeria. "We believe this water point will help our families live healthier lives. Cleanliness, as we say, is next to godliness."

— Magaji Japaro, Toro Village, Gwamdum Ward, Gombe State



A new well for Tangi Village

Reaching these communities requires patience and persistence. Poor roads, especially during the rainy season, make transporting drilling equipment difficult. Long distances increase costs, while changing underground formations require our team to adapt. Insecurity prevents access to some locations across the region, and displacement places additional pressure on existing facilities. Limited resources mean many communities are still waiting for assistance.



A repaired hand pump or new well can bring water closer to home and reduce reliance on unsafe sources. Easier access can give children more time for school and families more time for their livelihoods, while supporting everyday hygiene.

The experience has touched our team deeply. Seeing water flow after difficult journeys and demanding drilling work renews our commitment. Drilling in Gombe tested our skills and teamwork as we encountered unfamiliar and changing ground formations. We had to coordinate closely, share responsibilities and adapt our approach to keep the work moving. The experience taught us that trust, shared purpose and commitment turn difficult challenges into collective achievements.



Pump Repaired in Poshereng Bethel, Nigeria

TOTAL
1,961

July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026

For the first quarter of this year, we have been intentional about holding our teams to similar targets as last year while we work on improving our processes here in Canada to manage those projects well. Teams have done a wonderful job of keeping steady and predictable projects. This means that after our first quarter, we are on track for this years plans.

CLEAN WATER SAVES LIVES

Dot, Haiti

Words are not enough to express how grateful we are for helping us in building a well in our community. Prior to this we struggled with basic activities such as cooking, because of the polluted well we used to rely on. Now that having clean water has saved our lives, every household is satisfied. We no longer walk long distances to fetch water, and our children attend school normally. Thank you for restoring peace in the community.



Drilling in Dot, Haiti



New well for the community if Dot



Drilling at P.E.F.A Church



New well for P.E.F.A Church

IMPACT REACHES BEYOND THE WELL

P.E.F.A Church Kiptenden, Kenya

Water is far more than a basic need. It is a chance to brighten daily life, strengthen the community, and nurture a healthier environment for everyone who depends on this essential resource. Reliable water is vital. Where it is hard to reach, everyday tasks become a struggle, placing an added burden on families and community institutions alike. The water project at P.E.F.A Church Kiptenden was an important step toward meeting these challenges. By establishing a water source at the church, the project has brought water closer to the people who need it and is serving up to 300 people. Beyond its practical value, it stands for hope: improved hygiene, better living conditions, and a stronger community.

The impact reaches well beyond the water point itself. It can be seen in healthier surroundings, with water closer to home, and with families having more time and energy for the responsibilities that matter most. We are grateful for your support and commitment, which make water projects like this possible. The LifeWater Kenya continues to work toward safe and reliable water, bringing hope, dignity, health, and opportunity to communities. Together, we remain committed to transforming lives through sustainable water projects, so that more communities can benefit from this essential resource.

EXPANDING INTO NEW COUNTRIES

Since our founding, Lifewater Canada has made a habit of working with others active in the WASH sector. While this work has rarely been financial, rather focusing on shared training, innovations, and contacts, this year will forever mark an exciting time for Lifewater Canada.

In the Kimi region of Cameroon, we have kept relationship with a group operating in the Health and Hygiene space, as well as digging shallow hand-dug wells to supply access to water in the region. Slowly and steadily building trust, we have now come to the point of being able to partner with them in shifting from hand-dug wells to safer and more reliable drilled wells.

We currently have a trike being shipped to this team. In the coming months, we will be engaging in more focused training, equipping locals with the knowledge and equipment that they need to more effectively impact their nation. Work will begin in 2027 and projects will continue as we are able to sustainably support the work. You will be able to read more about the progress and impact in the future!



North of Bankim, Cameroon

In Zimbabwe, we are considering duplicating the success of the pump repair program currently underway in Liberia. As a nation, Zimbabwe still relies heavily on the bushpump, and by some estimates, up to 40% of pumps in the country are not working at any given time.
We have spent time working with a willing team that has been welcoming to basic online training and advice, which was well received and put into practice. We are tentatively exploring the option for a slow start with this group. Following a visit in early November, we will make a final decision on the timing and scale of what this partnership could be.



College in Bankim, Cameroon



South east of Bankim toward the river Mbeh



Bush pump in Zimbabwe

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.

GIVING TUESDAY: This year, our goal for Giving Tuesday is to raise $82,500 to sponsor 15 wells. Your gift can go far beyond a well. Be a part of the ripple effect! www.lifewater.ca/givingtuesday/

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	$150	Latrines	$2,200+
Rehabs	$1,500	H&H	$125	Dignity Kits	$5

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