What We Accomplished in 2011

Thanks to our committed and generous supporters, 2011 was Water 1st’s most productive year ever. We raised $1.1 million, completing projects serving more than 16,000 people. Our cumulative number of beneficiaries eclipsed the 60,000 mark.

Thousands of people around the world are living healthier, more productive lives, and moving on a path out of extreme poverty all because of a water project you helped make happen.

Thank you for being part of the Water 1st community and bringing life and hope and opportunity to the world’s poorest.

Steve Romein
2011 Chair, Board of Directors

Marla Smith-Nilson
Executive Director

Uniting People to End the Global Water Crisis

The Water 1st community continues to grow through our various outreach activities and fundraising events.

In 2011 the Give Water Give Life, Water 1st-Beer 2nd, and Carry 5 Walk for Water events were held in Seattle, San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, and Tempe, Arizona, drawing new supporters into the Water 1st community. The annual Seattle Give Water Give Life Benefit raised a record $560,000.

The funds we raise help the world’s poorest communities implement and manage their own water, sanitation, and health projects, providing permanent solutions to their most basic needs.
How your support is distributed in our country programs

Water is the first step to ending the cycle of poverty, illness, and inequality.

$75—our average cost in providing one person with clean water, toilets, hygiene education, and training to independently operate their water system.

Since 2005, Water 1st supporters have given $6.1 million to fund 527 water projects, ending the walk for water for thousands of women and girls.

Transforming Lives Around the World

In 2011 we helped bring convenient, clean water to the following communities in need:

In BANGLADESH, our partner, DSK, completed 148 water systems through a micro loan-based system serving 11,474 residents of slum communities in Dhaka and Chittagong.

In HONDURAS our local partner, COCEPRADIL, completed the Las Minas project, serving 700 people in four communities.

Our ETHIOPIA partner, Water Action, completed the Kelecho Gerbi project, a piped-water scheme serving 4,100 residents who were walking hours every day to gather contaminated water. For communities like Kelecho Gerbi, these projects are nothing short of a miracle.

Our INDIA partner, APS, completed two new wells for additional communities in need, using repaid loan funds from previous wells and toilets, stretching your contributions even further.

Water supply

Toilets

Hygiene education

Community development

Water 1st project monitoring/eval

64,081 people served

Additional projects funded through revolving micro-loans (serving 8,689 people)

Projects funded directly by Water1st (serving 55,392 people)

2005

2011
What We Believe

INVEST IN PEOPLE—We believe that every poor community is rich in the most valuable resources there are: human intelligence and strength of spirit. Our projects are thriving because they are independently owned and operated by community members themselves and place women in key leadership roles.

THERE IS NO ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL RESPONSE—Our local partners are uniquely qualified to provide solutions that are adapted to local conditions, and a grassroots-fundraising base has allowed us to provide consistent and increasing support to each of our country programs, building their capacity to operate more effectively each year.

END THE WALK—Our projects are designed to minimize water collection time and provide ample supplies of clean water for all personal uses.

DON'T CUT CORNERS—We spend the funds necessary on pipes and pumps so that our water points are convenient and users can increase the amount of water they use for important activities like hand washing and bathing.

CREATE PERMANENT SOLUTIONS—We invest in activities that prepare communities to manage their own water systems in perpetuity.

FOLLOW UP—We want to know if our projects are providing the intended benefits, so we visit them and use what we learn to improve future projects.

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER—We believe the global water crisis will be solved when we build a community of concerned people and together we take simple, effective actions.
How You Helped

Our 2011 total expenditures were $1,113,373, of which $932,674 (84%) supported our program activities. More than 80% of our 2011 funding came from individual supporters, giving us sustainable support in any economic climate, and 92% of our funding came in the form of unrestricted funds – support that is not designated for a specific geographic location, type of technology or approach. Unrestricted funds are critical to our mission, allowing us to make long-term commitments to our country partners, which in turn allows them to be more efficient and effective in their work. Unrestricted funds also permit us to customize our follow-up and capacity building to each partner.

For every $1 invested by Water 1st, local sources contribute an additional 47 cents through local government funding, community financing and community labor.

Copies of our 2005 - 2011 Form 990s and audited financial statements are available on our website, www.water1st.org, or call us at 206.297.3024.
**2011 DONORS**

We thank those who generously contributed to Water 1st in 2011. Through the support of individuals, corporations, foundations, religious, civic, and educational institutions, together, we raised $1,105,706.

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