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In 2006, Water 1st supported the implementation of 36 water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in four countries. Our generous and committed donors enabled us to reach more than 7,000 people with sustainable, community-managed projects that are changing lives and saving lives. Our 2006 Annual Report tells the story of our work to address the most fundamental issues of childhood death, poverty, and gender equality.

Water 1st, with the support of our donors, is taking on an extraordinary problem; implementing water systems in poor countries is not a simple task. We are committed to this issue because it remains the number one global health and development challenge facing the world. We cannot ignore it.

That 1.1 billion people lack access to clean water and 2.6 billion people lack access to basic latrines is surely one of the greatest development failures of our time. When we look at numbers like these, it may seem that our contributions to solving this crisis are insignificant. They are not. I can promise you, for the 7,000 people we assisted in 2006, the water projects you supported are significant and perhaps the most life-changing events they have experienced.

When I visit our beneficiaries and tell them that I am one person speaking for hundreds of people who care about their lives, I couldn’t be more proud of where I come from and the kind of people that I represent. In response, I have heard eloquent words from simple farmers reflecting their awe that people whom they have never met would have a stake in their lives.

All the places where we are working in Honduras, India, Bangladesh, and Ethiopia are full of hope and energy. The people may be poor, but they want a better life and they are eager to work hard for it. They face obstacles that one person alone cannot overcome. However, when entire communities are brought together, these problems can be solved and people can live healthier and more productive lives.

The same can be said of our efforts here in the United States. We have come together and pledged our support to do something about this enormous problem. In 2006, we raised $470,000 from individuals and organizations to support our water and sanitation projects. Your contributions send a message halfway around the world to people born into poverty: You are not invisible to us. We care about your lives.

There is a solution to this problem and our efforts are having an impact. Your donations and enthusiasm about our work inspire our staff, our partner organizations, and the communities we serve on a daily basis.

Thank you for your support of Water 1st, for demonstrating your compassion for people in need of safe water, for saving lives, and helping to end the cycle of poverty for thousands of men, women, and children around the world.

Marla Smith-Nilson
Executive Director
The Global Water Crisis
The lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitary latrines is the top public health problem in the world and the number-one killer of children in the world. One out of every five people on earth does not have clean water—the most basic ingredient needed to sustain life. Two out of every five people do not have access to basic sanitation. The resulting illnesses from the lack of these basic necessities cause the deaths of over five million people each year, the majority of whom are children under age five. The lack of access to safe water has a devastating effect on women and girls who are traditionally responsible for water collection.

Our Vision
We envision a world free of extreme poverty. Providing people with safe water systems, latrines, and hygiene education is the first step to ending the cycle of poverty, illness, and death.

Our Mission
Water 1st International’s mission is to unite people to fight the global water crisis. We believe this worldwide, silent catastrophe will be solved when we build a community of concerned individuals and motivate and mobilize them to take simple, effective actions.

Water 1st educates people about this issue and provides an opportunity to respond in a way that makes a lasting impact on people’s lives. The funds we raise help the poorest communities in the world implement community-managed projects that integrate water supply, sanitation, and health education.

Our Guiding Beliefs
• Access to safe water is a basic human right.
• Safe water systems, latrines, and hygiene education are the first steps to ending the cycle of poverty, illness, and death.
• The global water crisis will be solved when we build a community of concerned individuals and motivate them to take sustained, simple, effective actions.
• The individuals and communities who benefit from Water 1st-supported projects must be involved in all aspects of planning, implementation, and long-term operation and maintenance of their projects. They must be empowered to make informed choices about the projects to best meet their needs.
• Water 1st supports the work of local partner organizations that have a complete understanding of the local situation, as well as a proven ability to implement sustainable and appropriate water, sanitation, and hygiene education projects in partnership with the beneficiary communities.
• A vital part of our work is sharing experience and learning with our partners and other organizations working to end poverty and the global water crisis.

EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS
- 86% program activities
- 14% fundraising and support services
A look at Water 1st and our International Projects in 2006

In 2006, our projects helped 7,000 people in four countries gain access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene education.

BANGLADESH

INDIA

ETHIOPIA

HONDURAS
2006 Water 1st India Program:

- **PROJECT NAME:** Sundarban Villages
- **LOCAL PARTNER ORG:** Akshaynagar Pallisri Sangha
- **LOCATION:** South 24 Parganas District, West Bengal, India
- **Water systems constructed:** 10
- **People served:** 5,000
- **Cost/beneficiary:** $8/person

Water 1st is supporting the implementation of unique and comprehensive projects with the people of the Sundarban region of West Bengal, one of the most impoverished regions of the entire Indian sub-continent. Here, 94% of the people live below the poverty line as subsistence fishermen. Many villagers must walk two miles to find water from unprotected ponds, canals, and marshes. The shallow wells are unsafe for drinking. As a result, 65% of the children in the region suffer from chronic diarrheal illnesses, permanently damaging their mental and physical development.

In 2006, funding from Water 1st supported the implementation of 10 water systems benefiting 5,000 people. Our Indian partner organization worked with beneficiary communities to drill new deep wells, install locally-manufactured hand-pumps, and build household latrines. Households participating in the projects elected water committees to manage the systems and were trained to operate and maintain the water systems on their own. Beneficiaries pay a monthly user fee to the water committee, which covers ongoing operation and maintenance costs.

Even though the villagers of the Sundarbans are poor, they paid 25% of the capital costs of their projects. This contribution is the policy of our Indian partner organization. A financial investment on the part of project participants indicates that they place a high value on improving their water supply and gives greater assurance that a project will be well-maintained.

The role of women in the India water projects, and all Water 1st-supported projects, is critical. Because women are traditionally responsible for collecting the household’s daily water, female membership on the water committee is highly encouraged. Gender and leadership training helps communities integrate women into the decision-making structure. With the support and training of our local partner organization, water committees were formed from members of the women’s Self-Help Groups in the village. Some of the income derived from the SHG businesses is being used to pay the capital costs of the water and sanitation projects.
2006 Water 1st Honduras Program:

- PROJECT NAME: San Gabriel
- LOCAL PARTNER ORG: COCEPRADIL & C.R.S.
- LOCATION: San Andrés, Lempira, Honduras
- Water systems under construction: One water system with 47 household taps
- People to be served: 310
- Cost/beneficiary: $93/person

The work of Water 1st in Honduras is focused on the southern area of the Department of Lempira, one of the poorest and most vulnerable regions of the country. Through our local counterpart, Water 1st is helping communities implement water, sanitation, health education, and water source protection projects.

In the mountainous Lempira district, the Lenca people struggle to meet their daily needs. The community of San Gabriel sits amid the semi-arid, semi-forested hills detached from the country’s economic centers and basic public services. Due to rapid deforestation of the region, traditional water sources are disappearing, forcing families to walk farther and farther each year to find water, especially during the dry season. The community is extremely limited in its resources and agricultural productivity, relying on subsistence agriculture to meet the basic needs of its people.

The one-and-a-half year project in San Gabriel began in June, 2006. A mountain spring was identified and tested for water quality and flow rate. Construction on the spring box collection system, including fencing to protect it from livestock and wildlife, is now complete. Community members have also completed installation of the 2.6 mile water transmission pipeline from the spring to the 6,500 gallon water storage tank. In the summer of 2007, community members will complete 2.5 miles of excavation and pipe installation work on the water distribution system. Each household will also construct a latrine and a household water connection and drainage pit.

A village water and sanitation committee has been formed and is being trained to manage the long-term administration, operation, and maintenance of the project. Once the project is complete, households will pay a monthly user fee to the water committee to cover the operation and maintenance of the water system.

To address the growing problem of deforestation, villagers are receiving extensive education in water source protection, learning the relationship between trees and their water sources. The community has purchased and protected as much of the watershed containing their drinking water source as possible. In 2007, they will conduct reforestation activities and learn about farming practices that are less harmful to the forest.

“During the rainy season it might look like there’s water everywhere, but in the summer, everything is dry. We walk for hours just to find a small hole in the ground. The water that we’re using is very dirty and it’s making our children sick with diarrhea. The children often have fevers and are vomiting.”
- San Gabriel community member

“I don’t know how to describe my feelings about our water project. It feels like we’ve won the lottery. I was speaking to a man from a neighboring village and he asked how San Gabriel is so lucky to have a water project. I told him to keep dreaming and keep praying and one day it will happen for them too.”
- San Gabriel community member
2006 Ethiopia Water Tour

In the spring of 2006, Water 1st staff and supporters traveled to Ethiopia for a firsthand look at the work of Water 1st and our local partner organization, Water Action, to bring safe, sustainable water supplies to the poor of Ethiopia.

Travelers visited rural communities with completed and in-progress projects, met with representatives from our local partner organization, as well as local government officials, and had the opportunity to participate in a one-day work project helping a community build a water system. Using simple tools like shovels and pick-axes, our team of nine people worked alongside community members to dig a portion of the 10-km long pipeline that will bring water from a capped spring to water points within the community.

We also spent the day visiting Ilamu Muja, a community in desperate need of a water project, and announced to the community members that we would help fund their project. A woman in the community shared, “Most of my time is spent fetching water, and my children are doing the same. I have never seen people like you. Just seeing your faces, visiting us here, makes me feel like our water project is halfway done already. Now I believe I will see something in my life—a change for the best. You have reached me before my time has passed.”

A Water 1st trip is a great way to see what life is really like in a developing country. The respect that the communities and the partner organizations have for Marla and her experience in the field is very obvious.

When we visited communities with clean and sufficient water, you could immediately see the difference in the faces of the children. The people were proud of their water systems and eager to show them. In communities without safe water, we were amazed how the whole community of people came forward to tell us about their lives and dreams of having clean water.

We support Water 1st because clean water is one of the most basic needs of any person or community. It provides the opportunity for a healthier life, more productivity, and time for women and children to participate in improving their communities.

Ty Cramer and Steve Romein
Water 1st supporters
2006 Water Tour participants
ETHIOPIA

2006 Water 1st Ethiopia Program:

- **PROJECT NAME:** Ilamu Muja
- **LOCAL PARTNER ORG:** Water Action
- **LOCATION:** Ambo Woreda, Oromia, Ethiopia
- **Water systems under construction:** One water system with 10 public taps
- **People to be served:** 2,337
- **Cost/beneficiary:** $79/person

The work of Water 1st in Ethiopia is focused on the West Showa zone, three hours west of the capital city Addis Ababa. Here, less than 10% of the population has access to safe water and even fewer have access to improved sanitation. Water 1st provides grants to our Ethiopian partner organization who works with beneficiary communities to implement water, sanitation, health education, and natural resource protection projects.

In the 10 rural communities of Ilamu Muja, villagers must walk long distances—up to five kilometers over hilly terrain—to find water. Water sources are shared with cattle and other livestock, and are subject to agricultural runoff, making them extremely contaminated. Women and girls of the community are primarily responsible for water collection, which means that girls cannot attend school and women are not able to participate in other economic activities that are vital to the community.

Our one-and-a-half year project in Ilamu Muja began in the summer of 2006. A deep bore well has been drilled and construction of the 13,000 gallon reservoir has begun. Using only simple hand tools, community members cleared two miles of access road for the drill rig. In 2007, they will clear another 10 miles of access road for the pipeline route and dig six miles of pipeline trench by hand.

The community has selected 10 volunteer village hygiene communicators (VHCs) who have received 15 days of training covering topics such as latrine construction and use, hand-washing at critical times, and keeping households and surrounding courtyards clean of animal waste. When the construction of the water systems and latrines are complete, the VHCs will continue the work of hygiene promotion in the community.

A water board has been selected by the villagers to operate the water system, including collecting water fees at the public taps and dispatching trained village water technicians to perform any necessary repairs and maintenance.

Households have begun constructing pit latrines for proper sanitation. Eighty pits for model latrines are being dug. The remaining households will build their latrines through replication, until everyone in the community has a sanitary latrine.

“Women and children in our society are the ones responsible for looking for water. In certain areas, water is not available unless you travel up to six hours. If you spend six hours a day only fetching water, what other economic activities can you do? The drudgery of women in fetching water has been reduced significantly in our projects. Water is available, and children can go to school.”

— Adane Kassa, Executive Director, Water Action

“Before this project, no one in the community had a latrine. They also did not have enough water for washing hands or bathing. So, we have to talk about the importance of such things for keeping our children and ourselves healthy. If you had seen us before the project, you would see how much we have changed.”

— community member
Agora Foundation Awards $100,000 Grant to Water 1st

Water 1st gives special thanks to Agora Foundation at Silicon Valley Community Foundation for their generous $100,000 grant in 2006. Agora, a donor-advised fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation near San Francisco, was established in 2001 by philanthropist Wynnette LaBrosse.

The one-year grant supported Water 1st projects in the urban settlements of Dhaka, Bangladesh, bringing clean water to 5,000 people living in the communities of Demra, Kamrangir Char, and Pallabi. These projects are unique in that residents are paying 100% of the capital costs of their water project over time. Repaid funds will then be used to support new water projects in the slums of Dhaka, allowing the Agora grant to continue to bring clean water and latrines to people in need for years to come. The Agora grant was also used to assist Water 1st with its strategic planning and to boost its fundraising activities, providing a $20,000 matching grant for new corporate sponsors of our annual fall fundraiser at Benaroya Hall in Seattle.

“When we lose sight of the horrors in the world, it’s easy to get caught up in our own challenges,” says Wynnette LaBrosse. “But what we experience pales in comparison: we flip on a faucet and safe water flows out...there are no faucets to flip on in villages in Bangladesh, India, Ethiopia, or Honduras. We take a drink and never fear the consequences...every drink they take has life threatening consequences.”

“When people get their basic need met for safe drinking water, there is room for wide-ranging improvements. They no longer have to watch their children get sick and die; these water projects are catalysts for the ‘best practices’ of hygiene habits, community connections, grappling with gender issues, and climbing out of the hole of poverty. Water solutions don’t just bring clean water, they change life.”
BANGLADESH

2006 Water 1st Bangladesh Program:

- PROJECT NAME: Pallabli, Demra, and Kamrangir Char settlements
- LOCAL PARTNER ORG: Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK)
- LOCATION: Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Water systems constructed: 26 public taps
- People served: 2,050
- Cost/beneficiary: $9/person

Pallabi, Demra, and Kamrangir Char are squatter settlements located in the capital city of Dhaka and home to about 1,000,000 people. The poor are forced to buy water of unknown quality at very expensive rates from illegal connections. Squatters also draw water from the polluted Buriganga River, which contains raw industrial and human waste. The sanitation situation is equally severe.

Funding from Water 1st in 2006 supported the implementation of 26 water systems benefiting 2,050 people. Our local partner helped slum dwellers gain legal access to water supplies through an innovative process. They have negotiated with the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (DWASA) for permission to establish public water points that connect to DWASA’s pipelines. These metered connections receive a bill from DWASA like every other customer. In slums located outside the service area of DWASA, deep wells were drilled and pumps with overhead storage tanks and public taps were installed.

Our Dhaka projects also included construction of community latrines and personal and environmental hygiene education training, which emphasized hand-washing, use and maintenance of latrines, and use of safe water for all domestic purposes. Community members were actively involved in the design of the project, specifically selecting locations for water points.

The beneficiaries of our Dhaka projects are paying 100% of the capital costs of their water and sanitation projects over a two-year period. Once repaid, loan funds will be used to support new water projects in the slums of Dhaka. All-female water point management committees have been formed and received training in operation and maintenance of the water points and latrines. These committees are now responsible for collecting fees to maintain the water systems, paying the DWASA bills, and repaying the loans for the water and sanitation systems.

“Clean water and latrines will make a big difference for us. You are the first people who have tried to help us with this problem. Soon, we won’t have to go to the river—we will have clean water and I know my children will be healthier.”

– community member, Demra Slum, Dhaka

A few months following the installation of one of the Water 1st water points in the Demra slum, a school girl named Rozena was asked how she felt about the new water point. Rozena replied, “I have no more pain. We have safe drinking water at our door step. We do not need to travel long distances to collect water.”
A look at Water 1st and our donors in 2006:

In this year’s Annual Report, we thank the many individuals, corporations, foundations, and civic and religious organizations that have generously given to Water 1st. In 2006, we raised $470,000 from individuals and organizations to support our water, sanitation, and health education projects in Honduras, India, Bangladesh, and Ethiopia.

Your support has a lasting impact on thousands of lives and sends a message of hope to the people we serve around the world.

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Giving by individuals is a vital part of our mission and work. Each gift makes a difference. We thank you for your support.

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Alison Withey
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Thomas Zerken
Jay and Darlene Zulauf
Covenant World Relief provides $40,000 grant

Chicago-based Covenant World Relief (CWR) generously donated $40,000 for the development and implementation of integrated water supply, sanitation, and health-education projects in Ethiopia. CWR is an international humanitarian aid arm of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Funds supported the construction of water projects benefiting approximately 2,500 people in the rural West Showa zone. In this region, villagers walk about two hours daily to obtain water from extremely contaminated springs and rivers which they share with livestock. Children, as well as adults, are frequently ill. The project will reduce the amount of time women and girls spend collecting water and will eliminate the water-borne illnesses that plague the communities. It will also allow community members more time to participate in food-for-work activities so that their families will not go hungry.

“When traveling in Ethiopia, I saw people in a maverick rainstorm gathering water from puddles,” said Jim Sundholm, Covenant World Relief Executive Director. “One of the most important things we can do for Ethiopia is assist them in developing clean water supplies.”

Water 1st and our beneficiary community members extend our sincere thanks to Covenant World Relief for their generous support.
In-Kind Donors
The following individuals and companies made in-kind donations to Water 1st between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006.

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Mac & Jack’s Brewery
Madrona Eatery & Alehouse
Main St. Alehouse
Mango Imports
Congressman Jim McDermott
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2006 Give Water ■ Give Life Benefit

More than 600 guests gathered at Benaroya Hall’s Grand Lobby in Seattle, Washington, on November 3, 2006 to support the work of Water 1st. Over $300,000 was raised for communities in need of clean water in India, Bangladesh, Honduras, and Ethiopia.

Guests enjoyed a lively silent auction and dinner reception, a film featuring our beneficiaries and the work of Water 1st, and an inspiring talk from Executive Director Marla Smith-Nilson. Master of ceremonies and guest speaker Rick Steves, of Public Television’s Rick Steves Europe, presided and introduced special guest, Wynnette LaBrosse, President of the Agora Foundation at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, who spoke of Agora’s commitment to the global water crisis and Agora’s $100,000 grant to Water 1st.

Water 1st was pleased to present the first annual Water Ambassador award to board member Darryl Swenson. This award recognizes outstanding volunteers who are critical to making the work of Water 1st possible.

We are grateful to our corporate sponsors, table sponsors, table captains, silent auction donors, volunteers, and guests for their support of people in need of safe water and for making the event such a success.

Water 1st Goes to School

Water 1st gives a heartfelt thanks to the following schools and students, teachers, and parents for their generosity and important role in making safe water a reality:

Explorer West Middle School, Seattle, Washington
St. Joseph School, Seattle, Washington
Sabino High School, Tucson, Arizona
Sacajawea Elementary, Seattle, Washington
Summit K-12 School, Seattle, Washington

St. Joseph School

As part of their science curriculum on water ecology, fifth grade students at Seattle’s St. Joseph School became aware of the need for sustainable safe water resources. After learning about the extraordinary need in the world and the work of Water 1st, the students organized a fundraiser selling “Otter Pops” after school. A marketing campaign began with the slogan ‘Colored Water for Clean Water.’ Some students made posters while others prepared speeches to share with the school community. The students raised $652. Special thanks to the St. Joseph School community for their support of Water 1st and commitment to this cause.
# Water 1st International

Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets (Deficits)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

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| Change in net assets (deficit) | -272,024 |
| Net assets, beginning of year  | 163,049  |
| Net assets (deficit), end of year* | -108,975 |

*Negative net assets are due to future year project expenditure commitments to our partner organizations through 2009. We plan to raise the revenues to meet those commitments in 2007 and 2008.

Copies of our 2006 Form 990 and audited financial statements are available at Water 1st International’s web site, www.water1st.org.