Thanks to the generosity of the Water1st community, 2012 was a record-setting year for fundraising and project implementation. Together, we raised $1.24 million completing 209 projects that serve more than 17,000 people. This success puts the milestone of providing clean water to 100,000 people within reach by the end of 2013.

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project updates

As of December 2012, the Water1st community has given $7.4 million to support 801 water projects, transforming the lives of 82,105 people.

In 2012 alone, we completed 209 projects serving 17,400 people. All our projects include water, toilets, hygiene education, and community development. Communities receive extensive training to independently operate and maintain their water and sanitation systems.

Ethiopia: Completed the Tute Kunche community project, a piped water system serving 2,316 people; and started the Gonbisa Kussaye project in the rural Oromia region.

Bangladesh: 207 drilled wells/hand pumps serving 14,395 people and 132 toilets serving 6,806 people in urban slum settlements in Dhaka and Chittagong.

Honduras: Completed the Valladolid project, a piped water system serving 700 people in 7 communities; and started the San Jose project in the rural Lempira region.

India: Through our revolving micro-loan program, new water and sanitation projects are being constructed in the Sundarbans of West Bengal.

In a world where international aid too often fails (35 - 50% of water projects fail 2 - 5 years after construction is completed), Water1st projects are different. They last.

One reason our projects are still working is because we value and invest in community development. A portion of our project cost supports the critical component of community organizing.

Guided by our country partners, community members receive training and are involved in every aspect of their project -- planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and finance (paying a monthly water bill). They become skilled at working together to assess problems and implement solutions. Communities are then self-reliant and organized to tackle other issues, like building roads and schools.

We visit our old and new projects and meet with our country partners regularly, building an environment of constant program improvement. We make sure each project is providing the intended benefits while learning how to improve future projects. Donors can be assured their money is being spent wisely and efficiently, and making a positive impact in the world.

100% of our projects are still working today.
We know this because we visit our projects regularly.
In 2012 our community of supporters gathered around the country to celebrate the newly flowing water in our project communities and to raise funds to undertake even more projects in 2013. Our supporters sponsored community water projects, gave in honor of birthdays, involved their schools and churches, and carried water in solidarity with the 1 billion people who don’t have access to clean water.

Water1st led two water tours in 2012 - Ethiopia and Bangladesh. Participants visited villages and schools with and without clean water, collected and carried water with women and girls, and experienced digging pipeline trench alongside community members. This unique opportunity allows travelers to see firsthand the tremendous impact a water project has on people’s lives.
Our 2012 total expenditures were $1,145,403 of which $962,267 (84%) supported our program activities. And 92% of our funding came in the form of unrestricted funds. 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. These funds also permit us to customize our follow-up and capacity building with each partner.

Projects funded directly by Water1st International (serving 66,942 people)
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How Your Money Was Spent

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Individuals: 78%
Foundations: 15%
Corporations: 5%
Civic, Religious, Educational Organizations: 2%
Program: 84%
Fundraising: 13%
Management: 3%

Water1st International is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Copies of our 2005 - 2012 Form 990s and audited financial statements are available on our website water1st.org, or call us at 206.297.3024.
We thank those who generously contributed to Water1st from January 1 to December 31, 2012. Through the support of individuals, foundations, schools, civic and religious organizations — people of all ages and backgrounds — together, we raised $1.24 million.

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- Anonymous
- Covenant World Relief
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Grace Covenant Church sponsored the Pallabi Slum water and sanitation office in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Here they visit the Pallabi School water project.
what we believe

Invest In People: We believe that every poor community is rich in the most valuable resources: human intelligence and strength of spirit. Our projects thrive 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 highly qualified to provide solutions that are suited to the unique conditions of each project community. Our long-term commitment and consistent support of our partners has enabled each country program to build capacity and to operate more effectively each year.

End The Walk: Our projects are designed to end the walk for water for women and girls - bringing clean water close to every home, minimizing water collection time, and providing ample amounts of clean water for all personal uses.

Don’t Cut Corners: We support high-quality water systems that are designed to last a lifetime. We spend money on pipe and pumps so that water is conveniently located and users can increase the amount of water they use for personal hygiene.

Create Permanent Solutions: We invest in community-development activities that prepare communities to manage their own water and sanitation systems in perpetuity.

Follow Up: We visit our projects regularly because we understand the value of monitoring and evaluation. We make sure each project is providing the intended benefits while learning how 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 who, together, support simple and effective actions.