



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

thirst
PROJECT



GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

**700+
MILLION
PEOPLE
ACROSS THE
WORLD
STILL LACK
ACCESS TO
SAFE, CLEAN
DRINKING
WATER.**



MISSION

THIRST PROJECT IS A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH THE SUPPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO END THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS BY BUILDING FRESHWATER WELLS IN DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES THAT NEED SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER.





2023 RECAP

\$719,822 RAISED

55 WATER PROJECTS FUNDED

27,500 PEOPLE SERVED

3 COUNTRIES SERVED



STATEMENT ON 2023

IN 2023 WE GOT BACK TO OUR ROOTS - WE FOCUSED ON DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EVEN MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD AND BUILT UP OUR MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS WORKING TO END THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS! ADDITIONALLY, WE DEVELOPED A LOCAL MEDIA / DOCUMENTING TEAM IN THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI THAT WORKS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR IN-COUNTRY DIRECTOR. AS ALWAYS, OUR IN-COUNTRY TEAMS ARE MADE UP OF NATIONALS FROM THEIR OWN COUNTRY WITHIN WHICH THEY WORK. AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, WE CONTINUED TO INVEST HEAVILY IN BUILDING AS MANY CLEAN WATER PROJECTS AS POSSIBLE IN ESWATINI WHILE STILL MAINTAINING OUR COMMITMENTS IN EL SALVADOR & UGANDA.



WATER PROJECTS ESWATINI

EVEN THROUGHOUT WHAT WAS AN UNDENIABLY DIFFICULT YEAR FOR EVERYONE AROUND THE WORLD, WE WERE STILL ABLE TO CONSTRUCT OVER 50 CLEAN WATER PROJECTS IN A COUNTRY WHERE NEARLY 1/3 OF THE ENTIRE NATION LACKS ACCESS TO SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER. NOW OVER 25K RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO A SUSTAINABLE CLEAN WATER SUPPLY!



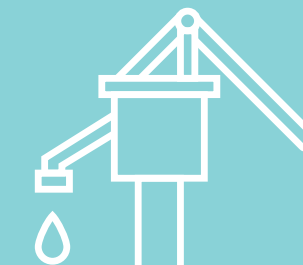
51 PROJECTS

25.5K PEOPLE



WATER PROJECTS EL SALVADOR

IN 2023, OUR TEAM WAS ABLE TO BUILD THREE (3) CLEAN WATER PROJECTS IN EL SALVADOR WHICH PROVIDED 1,500 PEOPLE WITH ACCESS TO SAFE, CLEAN WATER FOR LIFE. THIS WORK IN THE RURAL COMMUNITIES WE SERVE IS CRUCIAL TO LEADING A HEALTHY & HAPPY LIFE.



3 PROJECTS

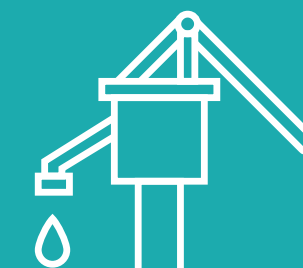


1.5K PEOPLE



WATER PROJECTS UGANDA

THE WATER CRISIS IN UGANDA CONTINUES TO IMPACT LIFE IN CRITICAL WAYS. IN A COUNTRY WITH CHILD MORTALITY RATES AROUND 4%+, ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER PROJECTS TRULY MEANS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE & DEATH. IN 2023, WE BUILT ONE (1) WATER PROJECT THAT SERVED APPROX. 500 PEOPLE.



1 PROJECT **500** PEOPLE



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WATER AND SANITATION & HYGIENE

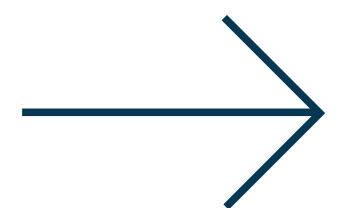
WE DON'T JUST BUILD CLEAN WATER PROJECTS! ACCESS TO SAFE WATER IS ONLY EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING DISEASE & MORTALITY WHEN IT'S PAIRED WITH GOOD SANITATION AND BETTER HYGIENE PRACTICES. WHEN WE BUILD A WATER PROJECT IN A COMMUNITY, WE ALSO TRAIN THOSE LOCAL COMMUNITIES ON SANITATION AND HYGIENE. WHEN COMBINED TOGETHER, THE RESULTS LITERALLY SAVES LIVES.



SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES

SUSTAINABILITY IS OUR #1 CORE VALUE IN THE FIELD. ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO), THE AVERAGE LIFE SPAN OF A WATER WELL IN AFRICA IS 4 YEARS, AND THE FAILURE RATE OF BOREHOLE WELLS IMPLEMENTED BY NGO'S ON THE CONTINENT IS UPWARDS OF 60% WITHIN THE FIRST 4 YEARS. THIS IS ALARMINGLY HIGH, AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, AS MOST "FAILURES" ARE COMPLETELY PREVENTABLE IF THE FOLLOWING SUSTAINABILITY

MEASURES AND APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ARE IN PLACE. OUR STRINGENT PROCESS FOR WORKING WITH LOCAL FOR-PROFIT HYDROLOGISTS TO CARRY OUT HYDROLOGY & GROUNDWATER SURVEYS BEFORE WE EVER DRILL, ALLOWS US TO ENSURE THAT THE WATER TABLES WE TAP INTO ARE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE.



SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES

SIMILARLY, OUR IN-COUNTRY STAFF ENSURE THAT EVERY COMMUNITY WE WORK WITH ELECTS A WATER COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE COMMUNITY. THESE VOLUNTEERS ARE TRAINED BY OUR DRILLERS ON MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SO THAT THEY CAN KEEP THEIR WATER PROJECT ONLINE & OPERABLE FOR DECADES. EACH COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTES SWEAT EQUITY TO THE COMPLETION OF THEIR PROJECT TO ENSURE OWNERSHIP. WE PERFORM PUMP TESTS & WATER QUALITY TESTS ON EVERY PROJECT.

WE COMPLETE TO GUARANTEE ALL OF OUR WATER IS SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. FINALLY, EACH COMMUNITY ESTABLISHES & CONTRIBUTES TO THEIR OWN OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND SO THAT WHEN THEY NEED TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THEIR PROJECTS, NOT ONLY HAVE THEY BEEN TRAINED, BUT, ALL PARTS ARE ALWAYS SOURCED LOCALLY, AND WHICH MEANS EACH COMMUNITY IS FINANCIALLY ABLE TO DO BASIC MAINTENANCE ON THEIR WATER PROJECT.



ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

WE DON'T JUST BUILD WELLS. WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR WATER PROJECTS IN THE FIELD ARE HAND PUMP BOREHOLE WELLS, THERE IS NO "ONE SIZE FITS ALL" SOLUTION FOR BRINGING CLEAN WATER TO A COMMUNITY. SOMETIMES WE BUILD ROBUST RETICULATED OR GRAVITY-FED SYSTEMS WITH MULTIPLE STORAGE TANKS & MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS THROUGHOUT A COMMUNITY. SOMETIMES WE PROTECT NATURALLY-EXISTING SPRINGS. SOMETIMES WE INSTALL RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS. SOMETIMES WE INSTALL BIO SAND WATER FILTERS. SOMETIMES IT'S A COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE SOLUTIONS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WE WORK WITH.



MEDIA ETHICS POLICY

WE TAKE TELLING STORIES SERIOUSLY. OVER THE YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASING NEED TO CAPTURE & SHARE CONTENT FROM THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE IN A MORE ETHICAL WAY. WITH THE RAPID RISE OF DIGITAL MEDIA AND THE INCREASED AND NECESSARY SCRUTINY THAT COMES WITH BEING A U.S. BASED ORGANIZATION WORKING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES INTERNATIONALLY, WE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP A SET OF STANDARDS THAT EVERYONE ON OUR TEAM, BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES & ABROAD, IS TRAINED ON BEFORE CAPTURING AND/OR SHARING CONTENT ON BEHALF OF THIRST PROJECT. YOU CAN FIND OUR MEDIA ETHICS POLICY BY CLICKING ANYWHERE ON THIS TEXT.



WATER TECHNICAL BOARD

ALL OF THIRST PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTING ACTIVITY IS OVERSEEN AND MANAGED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S 'WATER PROJECT TECHNICAL BOARD'. THIS GROUP OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS IS MADE UP OF LEADING EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF WATER AND SUSTAINABILITY (CIVIL ENGINEERS & HYDROGEOLOGISTS). THIS TEAM IS DEDICATED TO DECIDING WHERE, WHEN & WHAT WE BUILD FOR ALL OF THE WATER PROJECTS WE IMPLEMENT IN THE FIELD. THE BOARD MEETS QUARTERLY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE SELECTION OF UPCOMING PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE ORGANIZATION IN THE UPCOMING QUARTER. THE BOARD REVIEWS AND APPROVES SITE ASSESSMENTS, QUOTES, AND PLANNED ACTION BEFORE A PROJECT IS FUNDED. AFTER PROJECTS ARE COMPLETE, THEY REVIEW COMPLETED REPORTS, PUMP TESTS, AND WATER QUALITY TESTS FOR EACH SITE.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SETH MAXWELL PRESIDENT

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YEAR END RECAP

\$757,647 NET ASSETS

\$710,822 TOTAL INCOME

\$875,463 TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$19,549 TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

\$20,036 TOTAL ADMIN EXPENSES

