

Overall, investing in water and sanitation projects has a strong multiplier effect—the economic benefits range from \$3 to \$34 for each dollar spent depending on the location.

— Stockholm International Water Institute and WHO

How to Get Involved

Corporate Sponsors

Corporations can make a positive impact in communities overseas by increasing their support to WASH-in-Schools programs. They can build on their current community engagements in specific countries by including WASH-in-Schools projects in their education, healthcare, poverty alleviation or environmental projects.

Philanthropic Sponsors

Private foundations and philanthropists not yet familiar with WASH-in-Schools should consider adding this as a complement to their existing programs in education, public health, gender equality and poverty alleviation.

cannot be overstated. Consider how your club can help a school, or join with other clubs, corporations, private foundations and local governments to meet the safe drinking water needs of many schools in a developing country.

Faith-based Sponsors

Congregations have supported safe drinking water and sanitation projects for decades, on several levels—through prayer, advocacy and financial assistance. To support WASH-in-Schools projects in need of funding, local congregations and national offices can work with overseas branches of their faith tradition to identify WASH requests. Examples of these groups can be found in the Directory in the back of this brochure.

Individuals

Individuals play key roles in urging their communities, corporations, civic and faith groups to take action. You can help by simply talking to others about the critical need for safe drinking water and basic sanitation in schools in the developing world. A growing number of U.S.-based nonprofit organizations have experience in providing safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene to schools in the developing world, and YOU are encouraged to help support their efforts. Please see the Directory in the back of this brochure for a partial list of these organizations.



Kids at their new school water source, Tamil Nadu, India.

Civic Sector

Civic organizations have facilitated world-changing progress on several global health issues—including polio, trachoma and Guinea worm—and have saved the lives of millions. The strength and financial leverage which civic organizations can bring to WASH-in-Schools

For more information on how you or your organization can create a well-tailored WASH-in-Schools project, please contact John Oldfield of Water Advocates, joldfield@wateradvocates.org.

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