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A spring of hope for Kenya

Every minute, somewhere in the world, a child dies from a preventable water-borne disease. But you can help stop these unnecessary deaths and bring hope to communities.

The Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH) initiative is taking the danger out of drinking unclean water for some of the world's poorest countries. In Kenya, safe drinking water is scarce and dirty water sources lead to diseases such as cholera and dysentery.

On top of that, walking long distances (often up to 10 kilometres) to water sources each day is an arduous journey, with children missing school to help their parents carry the load on such a long walk.

From dust to new life

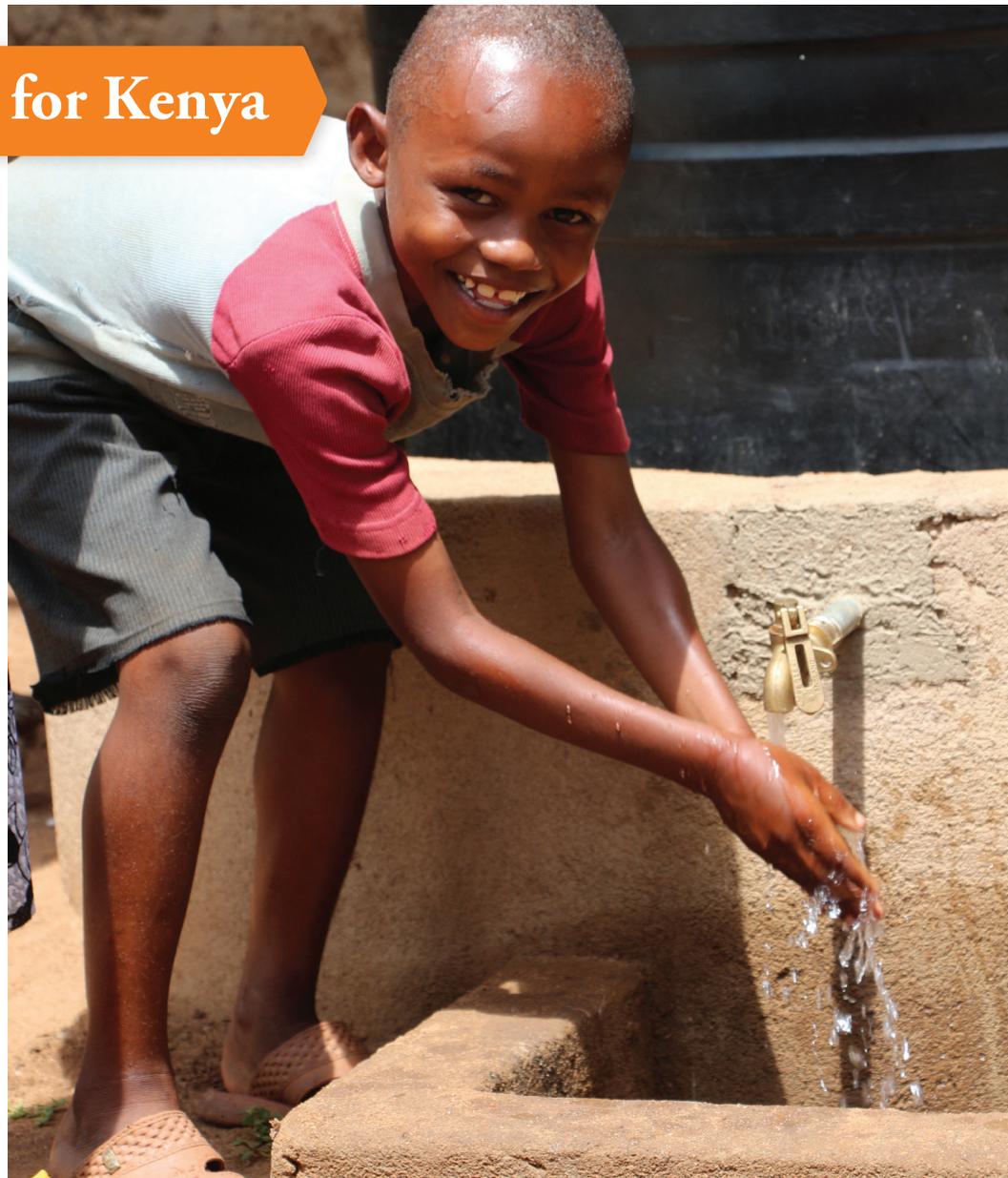
Through the WASH program, you have improved access to clean water and sanitation for 40 schools and their wider communities in some of Kenya's most drought-prone areas.

Much-needed rainwater-harvesting tanks have been installed in eight schools, with another 355 tanks provided to households in five communities. Each school also received toilet blocks for the students.

Magdalene Kingi Kitheka, a widow with five children, had to buy water from her nearest water source 20 minutes away. When Magdalene had to go to the market to sell her crops, there would be no water for her children to take to school.

The new water tanks mean Magdalene can now concentrate on providing for her family.

"It has made a big difference to our lives. It has saved a lot of time and money



that I used to spend looking for water. My children can now stay in school the whole day without worrying about food and water."

Thank you for your support

Your generous donations, and the support of the Australian Government, have significantly improved many lives in poor Kenyan communities. Water, sanitation and hygiene are critical issues all over Africa, and by providing safe water we can bring life and hope to these communities.

Thirteen-year-old Muthini King'oo no longer needs to worry about where to find his drinking water: "I shall work extremely hard to ensure I get good grades. This is because I will get to school fresh, unlike in the past when I had to carry a three-litre jerry can to school with drinking water."

You can help continue this much-needed work, and stop children dying from preventable diseases, by supporting the Kenya WASH program.

▶ Helping farmers from the ground up

An unkind climate and poor soil fertility can be a farmer's worst enemy. In the Rigo district of Papua New Guinea, these conditions leave local vegetable farmers struggling to grow quality, competitive produce for market using traditional farming methods.

But for some Rigo farmers, access to commercial training has given them the modern farming techniques needed to grow a sustainable supply of vegetables and, most importantly, earn a living.

Partnering to make a difference

The Papua New Guinea commercial farming training project is funded by the Australian Government in partnership with The Salvation Army through the Church Partnership Program (CPP). The CPP seeks to help institutions commit to community development.

Reaping the harvest

For Samuel Iga Tau, the Vegetable Farming Skills training freed him from the stress of supporting his three children.

"Before the project, many farmers were unable to support their family or send their children to school," he says. "Now many local farmers are beginning to see good benefits and an increase in their monthly sales of vegetable crops."

In addition to learning how to farm crops such as watermelon, tomatoes and cabbage, Samuel gained skills in carpentry and leadership, enabling him



to establish a proper nursery. With this extra income, Samuel was able to send his children to school.

Offshoots to training

The farming project trained and equipped 25 farmers in growing a range of crops suitable to the Rigo climate.

Pride in work

The profits from his vegetable farm have allowed Samuel to purchase a truck. "I will now transport my produce straight to the markets, rather than walking up to 20 kilometres to catch a vehicle to the markets. This gives me easy access to move around," he says.

Funded by the Australian Government, the CPP supports projects in areas including education, health, HIV/AIDS and community development.



Seventeen cooperative groups were also established, allowing trained farmers to share and connect with others.

Samuel is the chairman of his local farmers' cooperative group, which boasts around 15 members. Numbers are increasing as the success of the farmers has encouraged others to join and train. "If I can achieve, others can achieve also," says Samuel.

But, most of all, the farming education has given Samuel a sense of purpose and pride in his work. "I am now a happy man," he says.

The Salvation Army continues to support farmers all over the world – but we need your help! Purchase a Farmer Start-Up Kit from Salvos Gifts, or donate now, to give farmers the equipment and training they need to make a sustainable living.



▶ Restoring homes and hope in Vanuatu

In March 2015, Vanuatu experienced one of its worst natural disasters when Cyclone Pam struck the South Pacific island. Thousands of people were displaced and crops were destroyed.

The people living on the isolated island of Tanna found themselves seeking refuge in caves and walking up to two hours to find water.

Thanks to your generous donations to the Vanuatu Emergency Appeal, more than 1600 people living on Tanna Island received 15 tonnes of food and two tonnes of water. Through a partnership with Snowy River Hydro, a 50,000-litre water tank was connected to taps in the villages. New dwellings were also provided for the 100 families on the island whose homes were damaged.



▶ Introducing Simone Robertson!

We've got some exciting news! We'd like to introduce you to Lieut-Colonel Simone Robertson, the new Director of The Salvation Army International Development (SAID) team.

Motivated to help people in developing countries, Simone joined the Salvos as an officer in 1977. Working in Australia and at International Headquarters in London, she has been involved in fundraising for international development and evangelical work in developing countries, driven by her passion to make a positive difference in the world. Simone's energy and compassion will help us bring hope where it's needed most.

84% of your donations

go directly to international programs and community education



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▲ Small loan – big change

Living in Myanmar, a South-east Asian country where approximately 32 per cent of the population lives in poverty, Makyi San and her husband were struggling to make ends meet. Thanks to your donations, Makyi San was able to apply for a microcredit loan to start growing vegetables to sell at market.

“With my second loan, I bought rice and sold that for a profit as well,” she says. “I’m now on to my third loan, which I started a shop with. I sell an assortment of foods as well as soap.”

Makyi San is now a successful shop-owner, generating income for her family and sowing back into her community. “I have been able to renovate and expand our house as well as connect electricity,” she says.

Empowering mothers

The best way to lift children out of poverty is to empower their mothers. Often, ingrained gender inequality in poor communities means women get left behind when it comes to gaining the skills and resources to earn an income.

Your support of microcredit loans for women in Myanmar helps bring about holistic change for vulnerable and marginalised communities. By supporting mothers with their new or existing businesses, women are able to feed and support their children. The result is children who stay in school and create brighter futures for themselves.

Children benefit

Thanks to a microcredit loan, Ma Myint Mar Htay was not only able to improve her business, but can now also concentrate on being a good mum. “I decided that growing vegetables would be a good business for me as I already had land that I could use. Through the microcredit, I learnt about growing vegetables and now every morning I sell my vegetables at the market as a wholesaler. This frees up the rest of my day to concentrate on raising my children.”

There are many more women in need looking for the chance to kickstart their business and earn a living. Find out how you can help support these mothers through our Microcredit Mums Program by visiting: salvos.org.au/SAID

WE WANT TO SAY

thank you!

Thank you for your generosity. Your support is changing the lives of children, men and women, and their communities in 11 countries around the world.

Together, we can make a difference. Here’s how you can help:

► Ongoing support

Fill out the coupon attached to your letter and send it back to us. You can choose to make a one-off donation or become a regular supporter.

► Practical presents

Give your friends and family a gift that helps people living in poverty by purchasing from Salvos Gifts. Your gift could provide villages with clean drinking water, help families generate sustainable income or supply essential medical equipment to health services. Purchase life-changing gifts for loved ones year-round at salvosgifts.org.au

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