

Water Around The World

NVON Project in Common
2013-2015



The NVON Project in Common for 2013-2015 is “Water Around The World.” The objective of the three-year international project is to present an overview of how water is an essential resource and fundamental building block of life, present an awareness of problems that could arise when clean water is lacking in communities, and how we can help those in need around the world.

The world’s water crisis has many faces; a girl in Africa walks three miles before school to fetch water from a distant well; a teenage boy in China is afflicted with terrible skin lesions because his village well is contaminated with arsenic. Impoverished slum dwellers in Angola draw drinking water from the local river where their sewage is dumped.

The United Nations has declared 2005-2015 as the ‘Water for Life’ decade. The goal is to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water by 2015 and to stop unsustainable exploitation of water resources.

Share these facts with members:

- According to the United Nations, every day 4,500 children under the age of 5 die around the world, having fallen sick because of unclean water and sanitation.
- Five times as many children die each year of diarrhea as of HIV/AIDS.
- A third of the world’s population is enduring some form of water scarcity.
- One in every six human beings has no access to clean water within a kilometer of their homes.
- Half of all people in developing countries have no access to proper sanitation.
- Water is critical for life and for livelihoods.
- Billions of people suffer from disease, poverty, and a lack of dignity and opportunity because they have no access to this basic resource.

One way NVON can support the efforts of the United Nations to get clean “Water Around The World” is by using the PointONE Filter system. It uses technology developed for kidney dialysis. It is the first portable purification device to remove bacteria mechanically and exceed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Science Foundation (NSF) recommendations.

The PointONE Filter is designed by Sawyer Products, Inc. of Safety Harbor, Florida and is thus far the fastest, easiest and most cost efficient portable water filter on the market today. Sawyer Products, Inc. is currently working in over 70+ countries with numerous relief agencies, mission organizations and non-governmental organizations. For more information on the PointONE Filter please visit www.sawyer.com.

We can help support these efforts by purchasing/sponsoring filters to send to missionaries who work in countries that have no access to clean water. Each filter kit cost approx. \$60 U.S. dollars and supports an entire family. If properly maintained these filters can last a lifetime.

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For information on purchasing/sponsoring water filters, please contact:

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To make donations, fill out two “Water Around The World” report forms:
Send one form with donation to Joni Rich and the other form to Wanda Denning:

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Make checks payable to: NVON (be sure to specify “Water Around The World” project)

NVON is a 501c3 organization. Donations made to NVON are tax deductible. All donations toward “Water Around The World” will be placed in a designated account. When a request is made for filters, a check voucher will be submitted (by NVON Project in Common Chair) and reimbursement will be made. At this time Wade Robinson is our contact with Sawyer Products, Inc. for the PointONE filters. He will contact us with requests and we will reimburse him for the filters.

Feel free to find other ways to get clean “Water Around The World”. If your organization has other groups they support for this clean water effort, please share them by filling out the NVON report form. It doesn’t matter who sends the filters, where the money comes from or where the filters go, report your efforts to NVON so we can share how NVON can make a difference in getting clean “Water Around The World.”

Suggestions for Fundraiser Ideas To Raise Money To Purchase Filters:

- Have fundraisers to make money to buy filters
- Have a White Elephant Sale to get rid of house clutter; then use the money to buy filters
- Try a Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner Fundraising Event; buy filters or donate the money raised
- Have a Car Wash and have grandchildren help; donate the money to buy filters
- Run a Recycled Bottle, Can or Ink Cartridge Drive, and buy a filter with the profits

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Have a Bake Sale; buy a filter
Set Up a Book Sale and use the profit to buy filters
Have a Lawn or Garage Sale and donate the money to buy filters
Organize a Night At The Races with the winnings going to buy filters
Have a Bingo Night with the proceeds going to buy filters
Have a (charge to attend) Tea Party then donate the money to buy filters
Donate the money you would spend on a cup of coffee or soft drink one day a month to buy filters
Make up your own ways to support the clean “Water Around The World” project

Suggestion for publicizing “Water Around The World” project:

Use the “Water Around The World” logo sheet from NVON website to make magnetic logo reminders and hand out at activities, events and meeting. (Print the logo sheet of 20 logos on card stock, use a round lever punch 2 ½” to punch out the logos, then place a piece of self-stick magnet on the back of each logo. For display, placed logos in a round fish bowl over blue (water colored) marble/rocks, blue shredded paper or blue tissue paper. Everyone can take one and place at their favorite spot as a reminder.) Be creative! and share your ideas with others.

ATTENTION State President, State Vice President or State Project in Common Chair:

Please fill out a “Water Around The World” report form for your state and mail to the NVON Vice President by May 1, 2013; so there will be a generous report of activities at the 2013 Annual Conference. For the second year, collect data from activities and mail a report form from your state to the NVON Vice President by May 1, 2014, in order to have a report at the 2014 Annual Conference. For the third year, fill out the report form from your state and mail to the NVON Vice President by May 1, 2015. Please include pictures that can be used for the presentation at the 2015 Annual Conference. (The “Water Around The World” Project Report Form can be downloaded from “projects” at nvon.org) Each member state is welcome to use the “Water Around The World” logo as needed to promote this project. The final report of “Water Around The World” (which includes all three years) from all states will be due to the next Vice President by March 1, 2016.

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