

Water Around The World Annual Report 2019

This is the 7th year for the Water Around The World project.

There have been changes in Business Connect, our contact with the Sawyer Water Filter Company. Lou Haveman, our contact is stepping back and a new not-for-profit Connect For Water has been formed. It is on the belief that there is a clear path to help people throughout the world address their safe water needs. This path is based on years of experience, focuses on improving local access to water treatment solutions, so local people can easily get what they need to improve their lives through clean water.

Listed are areas in India where some of our donations are in use.

Over 300 million people are affected by India's freshwater shortage.

Fresh, clean water is one of the world's most precious resources, essential to sustaining even our most basic existence. Many third-world and developing countries struggle with ensuring the availability and safety of this most fundamental, life-sustaining resource.

India has 16% of the world's inhabitants (1/3 billion people) in an area one-third the size of the United States, yet it possesses only 4% of the world's freshwater supply.

India may not be the only nation in this predicament, but their situation is more critical than most. A number of factors, natural and manmade, have contributed to the crisis, – not only seasonal drought/flooding cycles, but also absence of effective regulation, over-privatization, government corruption, and simple neglect. Mismanagement and corruption, of course, make the biggest headlines, but many of India's leaders have also been slow or unwilling to adapt to newer technologies or just don't have real plans to address the issue.

As a result, multiple generations have suffered for lack of safe, clean water.



Giving 500 Rural Families Water Every Day

In the valleys and the mountains of Paderu, Visakhapatnam in India, there are people groups unreachable by civilization. Collectively in the region there are 15 people groups that speak 14 different local languages. Many of these people have never had clean water facilities in their lives.



The water they collect daily comes from streams, ponds, canals, and open wells. These unsafe water sources lead to sickness and illness becoming an everyday part of the lives of families in these communities.

Pastor Prasad Knr has made it a goal to serve the people of these villages by bringing them clean, safe water. He and his team are partnering with Connect for Water to install two high-volume VF600 facility filters to serve more than 500 families every single day in the region.



NVON now sends donations to Connect For Water (C4W) and they decide where there is most need. Visit C4W's website at: connectforwater.org and see other places where our donations are at work. You can make donations there as well.

The NVON Treasurer will still collect donations in May and November and this project will continue as long as there is interest.

After the conference last year, we sent \$6816.00 to Connect for Water for 284 filters at \$24 each.

Later this year we will also be partnering with Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners and Ventures in People as they have personal contacts in Nicaragua.

This year \$1840.64 has been collected so far.

It has been the goal of this project to help those in need get clean drinking water and our members continue to make this happen through their generous donations.

Pat Breznay, NVON 2019 WATW Project Chair

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