

The time has
come for a
solution that
will last.
Rotary will
find it.

The biggest killer of
children under the
age of FIVE is unsafe
water: 1.8 million
children die every year
– ONE child will die
every 17 seconds and
5000 children will die
today.

JOIN WASRAG NOW!

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Annual membership: \$25 US.

Unsafe water, lack of basic sanitation and poor hygiene cause 80% of all sickness and disease and kill more people than all forms of violence, including war.



USE WASRAG RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR PROJECT:

- Find the "right" project for your club
- Get help for the needs assessment
- Find Rotary partners, NGOs and corporate support
- Choose appropriate technology
- Leverage funds from Rotary and other sources
- Access expertise for all phases of the project
- Promote your project around the world
- Facilitate collaboration between clubs and districts



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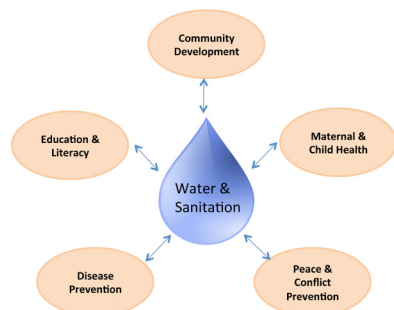
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About the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group

The official resource to Rotary
clubs and districts for Water,
Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
projects and programs



WASH: THE FULCRUM FOR ALL "AREAS OF FOCUS"



Without safe water and sanitation, life and livelihood are under threat:

- 8000 people die every day from waterborne disease
- Women and children (usually girls) spend hours each day fetching water, often under threat of violence
- Lack of sanitation and privacy lead to early drop-out from school among girls
- Every year, 40 billion hours spent collecting and hauling water in Africa alone
- Disputes over water jeopardize peace in every continent
- Drought and starvation threaten lives and livelihood of millions of people.

WASRAG IS HELPING CLUBS EVERYWHERE BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES:

Rotary projects improve quality of life, e.g.:

- Implementing rainwater harvesting
- Building toilets and sanitation systems
- Digging wells and drilling boreholes
- Building dams and gully plugs; recharging the aquifer
- Building local capacity, changing behaviour
- Working with NGOs, CBOs to create self sufficiency
- Setting up factories to build slow-sand filters
- Creating opportunities for entrepreneurs in the WASH supply chain

At this moment, 900 million people in the world do not have access to a source of safe water within 1 km of their home; 2.5 billion lack access to adequate sanitation, 1 in 4 in the developing world has none.

Women in developing countries walk an average of 6 km daily to get water, and carry as much as 20 kg.



WASRAG SOLUTIONS WORK: THEY ARE TRULY SUSTAINABLE:

- Start with the community - understand their needs
- Support a "Water Users' Committee"
- Engage local authorities: identify WASH gaps in the region
- Involve international partners and NGOs
- Facilitate discussions on the need and appropriate solutions
- Prepare a "Needs Assessment" and implementation strategy
- Estimate 10-year costs; calculate the tariffs to sustain the service
- Seek agreement and commitment from all parties
- Monitor and evaluate; record lessons learned

YOU TOO CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE:

Join WASRAG and change millions of lives

- Volunteer your expertise, use your experience
- Join a Needs Assessment Team
- Be the link between Rotary and other humanitarian organizations
- Help raise funds for Rotary club projects
- Be the point person for WASH in your club
- Be the link for WASH projects in other countries
- Educate Rotarians about the importance of WASH
- Become the spokesperson for WASH news and events in your club and community

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