


# ETHIOPIA



 **ADD WATER. CHANGE EVERYTHING.**

There is a critical need for clean water and proper sanitation in Ethiopia. Only 42 percent of the population has access to safe water, and even less—11 percent—has access to proper sanitation. Children and families experience sickness, poverty, and hunger—all related to lack of clean water. Together, we can help provide the life-transforming gift of clean water that *changes everything*.

## The impact of the water crisis



- **Sickness.** Water-related diseases are rampant and directly linked to Ethiopia's high child mortality rates (119 per 1,000 children under 5). Children get sick with diarrhea, hookworm, and other infections from drinking dirty water. A lack of latrines leads to rivers and ponds becoming contaminated with human waste.
- **School dropout.** Children miss school when they have to walk for water. When they do arrive, they are exhausted from carrying heavy jugs. In one Ethiopian community, 26 percent of children leave school each year because their families need them to collect water.

- **Hunger.** In the last 20 years, Ethiopia has experienced recurring droughts and famine. Families need reliable clean water sources so they can irrigate crops and grow food even in times of drought.
- **Lost time.** In rural Ethiopia, women and children often walk up to six hours a day to collect water from distant rivers or lakes. Women have little time to grow food or earn income. In this way, water scarcity perpetuates poverty and hunger.
- **Risk to personal safety.** The long walk over rough terrain puts women and girls at risk of animal attack, snakebite, injury, or human assault.
- **Blindness.** Ethiopia has Africa's highest rate of trachoma, an eye infection that can lead to blindness. Trachoma can be easily prevented by washing the face with clean water.



## Clean water changes everything

No other intervention produces a more dramatic effect on life than access to clean water and sanitation:

- Better health for children
- Improved school attendance
- More time for women to be with family or work to earn income
- Improved personal hygiene, less disease
- Increased crop yields from irrigation
- A greater sense of personal dignity for individuals when they are healthier and happier

Fresh, clean water is truly a gift from God. Join World Vision to help provide this blessing to children and families in Ethiopia.

# Water for Ethiopia



World Vision is supporting these water programs with the goal of providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene training to 11 communities in need.

## Ethiopia Rotary Water Project

In Gurage zone, Sire and Ma' o, and Minjar-Bolo, three community areas in Ethiopia, very few people have access to clean water or adequate sanitation. This new project aims to develop springs to increase their water yield, drill and construct wells for improved access to clean water, provide protected faucets for safe drinking water, install water troughs for animals, and build model latrines using local materials. Community members will be involved in building new facilities, trained in well maintenance, and educated about prevention of water-related illnesses and with proper sanitation and hygiene. Your gift will help us start changing lives.

## The Ethiopia Rural Water Project

This project began in October 2006 to meet the needs of seven communities—Adama, Boset, Kemisse, Antsokia-Gemza, Shone, Durame, and Western Abaya. In the first five-year phase, staff are working to improve access to water for 340,000 people with about 100 deep wells, 60 hand-dug wells, seven springs, 35 shallow wells, and 65 rehabilitated water sources. Latrines are being constructed to improve sanitation for 170,000 people and protect local water sources. About 430,000 people will learn about disease prevention and hygiene. With your support, the prevalence of disease will be reduced and communities will become more sustainable.

## Millennium Water Alliance

World Vision is working with the Millennium Water Alliance project to improve the health and well-being of 110,000 Ethiopians. This project began in October 2006 and is providing communities with sustainable, safe water sources, sanitation facilities and hygiene education. Lives are already being changed—new latrines in schools and hygiene training are improving children's health. With your support, this project can continue to support children and families in desperate need of clean water and renewed health.

## How You Can Help

- 💧 **\$8,640** can protect health by installing a water purification system
- 💧 **\$4,320** can protect health by building a latrine for a 5-member household
- 💧 **\$1,040** can help supply a village with a hand pump, including riser pipes, rods, and cylinder.
- 💧 **\$520** can help train up to five people to maintain the pump and promote hygiene education in their village
- 💧 **\$270** can help grow food by providing a treadle pump for irrigation



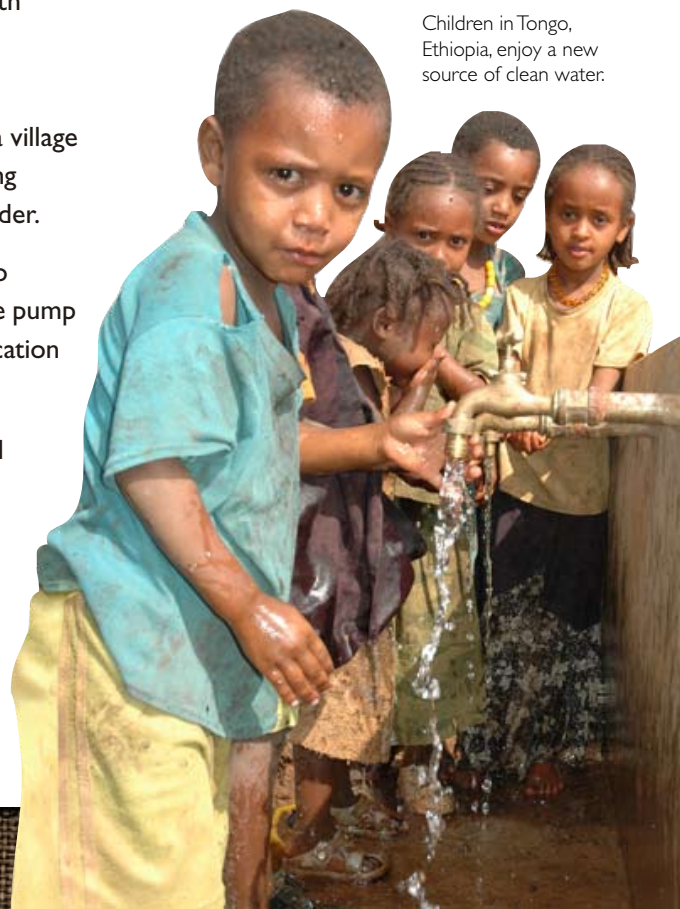
Our goal is to raise \$1 million to change lives with these water programs. Visit <http://www.worldvision.org/changeeverything> to learn more.



## Change Everything

**Send your gift by September 30 to help provide children and families with clean water and sanitation**

Children in Tongo, Ethiopia, enjoy a new source of clean water.



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