

Beku Golba Project Completed



Water4Ethiopia's first project in Ethiopia, providing clean water to 450 beneficiaries, has been completed. The Ethiopian beneficiaries are receiving clean water from a capped spring that is piped through an overnight storage unit and into a distribution point, with two taps for people and a trough for cattle. The locals also received hygiene and sanitation training so that their health is dramatically improved.

The Beku Golba project was not without its problems but thankfully we have learned many lessons from this for our next project.

The planned hand-dug well couldn't be implemented due to the water table being too low. Instead the NGO worked with locals to identify a spring with enough of a discharge to be capped. Fortunately the capped spring now has a longer life expectancy, of 20 years, and is also providing for a higher number of beneficiaries.

The biggest challenge faced on the Beku Golba project was the project management. EOC-DICAC, the NGO in Ethiopia, was forced to scale back its Water Resource Department team headcount due to a drop in donations as a result of the global recession. In addition to this, inflation spiralled higher resulting in the larger, much more cost effective projects being prioritised and it took far longer than expected for the Beku Golba project to be completed.

Lessons learned for our new much bigger project

Our next project is located in the Benshangul Gumuz national regional state in Eastern Ethiopia, 540 kilometres from Addis Ababa. This involves a series of hand-dug wells and capped springs to serve 6000 people. A larger project means that:

- The NGO will provide a dedicated project manager on site, increasing the accountability and work focus.
- We are able to help Ethiopians in a more remote area, and this should encourage the locals to be more closely involved with the construction of the project.
- We would like to provide a placement for a student who is currently studying for a Masters in Water Resource Management to help manage the project.

We hope these changes continue to improve on the good work being done in Ethiopia. The end result at Beku Golba has been outstanding, but we are keen to speed up the time between money being raised and clean water being provided to those in need in Ethiopia.

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 £5 gives 1 Ethiopian clean water for 20 years.
 £10 gives a girl and her brother clean water for 20 years.
 £25 gives a family of 5 clean water for 20 years.

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Beku Golba:



Dragon Helps Water4Ethiopia

Former Dragons' Den star, Rachel Elnaugh, met with Andrew for an hour's one-on-one mentoring session in March. Andrew was selected by the British Library's IP Centre as he is working on bringing a product to the market, with all profits going to fund clean water projects in Ethiopia.



The session was incredibly useful, with Rachel offering many ideas for improving both the product and Water4Ethiopia's marketing. In addition, Rachel improved our pitch to potential suppliers as well as giving words of encouragement and advice from her many years of running Red Letter Days and backing small businesses in series 1 and 2 of Dragons' Den.

World Water Day Appeal Raises over £2300

A big thank you to all those at [St. Julian's School in Portugal](#) who, with trustee Julia's help, held a jerry can water-carrying competition, a sponsored walk and a cake stall, as well as donating €2 to dress up in one or more items of blue clothing for World Water Day. A total of €2225 was raised, including an incredible €500 by 13 year old Maria Henriques. Photos from the pupils' efforts can be seen below. Thanks also to colleagues at Andrew's work who donated £442.50 to Water4Ethiopia's appeal.

World Water Day is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of fresh water and advocating for the sustainable management of fresh water resources.

St. Julian's School on World Water Day:



Mark Banwell Volunteers In Ethiopia

Mark spent two weeks in Ethiopia volunteering for the Water Resource Department and at our NGO's local hospital. Mark is now starting to raise funds through local schools and his business clients, and hopes to organise a classical concert in Cheltenham in the near future. Thank you, Mark.

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Andrew Makes Ethiopian TV Debut during January Visit

Word of Water4Ethiopia's good work quickly spread around Addis Ababa and Andrew found himself being filmed as part of a documentary on Ethiopia's main TV channel, ETV. We hope to attach a shortened clip of the documentary in the Summer Newsletter.



Water Polo players become Volunteers

Thank you to former Manchester University water polo players James Orrock and Lori Peri who have volunteered to be London schools' fundraising co-ordinators.

Water Resource Volunteer Wanted For Ethiopia

We are on the hunt for a volunteer, who is either a recent graduate, or is currently studying Water Resource Management at university in the UK, to head to Ethiopia from September.

We will apply for grants to cover flights and basic living costs. We would like the volunteer to help the NGO with all areas of the construction management of our clean water projects in Ethiopia. Time of stay in Ethiopia is flexible, but we are looking for someone with great communication skills, and who has real drive and determination to succeed for our young charity. Please [email us](#) for the full job advert.

Water4Ethiopia signs up to PayPal

International and UK donations can now be made through [PayPal](#). It takes just three clicks for registered users to donate. Former Dragons' Den star Rachel Elnaugh has suggested we use PayPal as a means of providing a quicker donation process as well as allowing us to gain international donations. [Please donate now!](#)



PayPal does however, deduct 20p + 3.1% for donations made through its service, and so if you would like to donate from the UK and don't mind a slightly slower donation process then please use our [Charity Choice's](#) donation service, so that 100% of donations made to Water4Ethiopia go to Ethiopia.

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