



SAFE WATER, CLEAN HANDS FOR ETHIOPIAN KIDS

– District 5030 announces 2013-14 Global Grant –

Children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia are in tremendous need of reliably safe water. The city’s water contamination is among the worst in the world. For children living in the city, especially those attending public schools or sleeping on the street, access to safe water is a constant challenge. Providing safe drinking water for these children living in developing-world urban conditions is a priority for Rotarians around the world.

In 2012, Lake Union Rotary partnered with Splash to install water filtration systems in 5 schools in Kathmandu, Nepal. The success of the Nepal program has been incredible, and we intend to replicate its success in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Splash is a Seattle-based not-for-profit that was established with the mission to change the lives of vulnerable children in impoverished urban areas by providing clean, safe drinking water to orphanages, schools, children’s hospitals, street shelters, and rescue homes.

Proposed Program

District 5030 has a long history working on Polio eradication and water projects in Ethiopia. Building on this work, Rotary Club of Lake Union has partnered with the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa West, and representatives from two other District 5030 Clubs, as well as Seattle-based NGO, Splash. Safe Water, Clean Hands for Ethiopian Kids will be a ground breaking District 5030 Global Grant. In addition to the 31 sites Splash has worked with and are actively benefitting from safe, clean water, Rotary and Splash will:

- Support **the installation of 13 water filtration systems** in government schools, orphanages, and street shelters, benefitting approximately **5,800 children** in urban Ethiopia
- Oversee the construction of **13 hand washing station and drinking stations** for children to access safe water
- Include an expansive **Hygiene Education** program for **3,750** children and **2,380** teachers/caretakers, and local government at 41 sites

Sustainability and Long-Term Monitoring

Sustainability is an important core focus of both Rotary and Splash. In order to address this, Splash guarantees that every installation includes **ten years of spare parts and maintenance**. This means that we *know* that children will be accessing safe drinking water for the next ten years.

In order to demonstrate the impact of the work, a website, ProvingIt.org, was developed. This site includes information and photographs for every site – in real time – and every maintenance call, monitoring visit, and even quotes from kids.

To find out more about the Rotary and Ethiopia Water for Kids Program, please contact Larry Logue from Lake Union Rotary at ltlarry@gmail.com.

Partners Involved:

- Rotary Club of Addis Ababa West, Ethiopia
 - Rotary Club of Lake Union
 - Project members from Vashon Island and University District Clubs
 - Splash (US NGO)
- Total Program Budget:**

- Systems, Hygiene Education and Water Stations

\$174,575