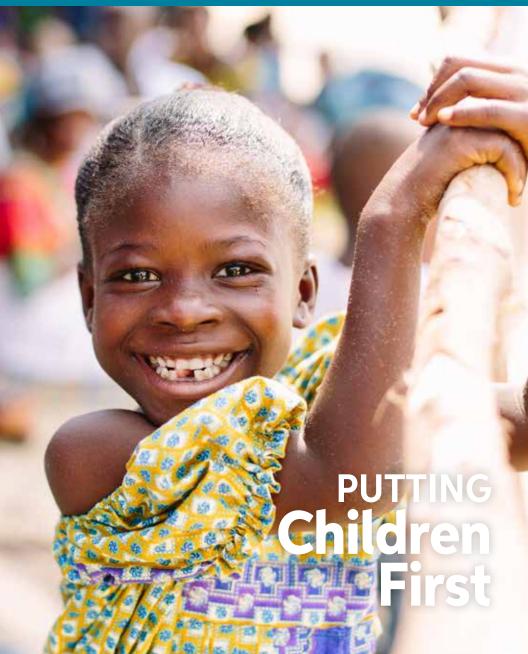
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PUTTING Children FIRST

Dear Friends,

As I engage with humanity, whether at home or abroad, I am increasingly convinced we were created to live in community—to work together to fight suffering and injustice. When I take the time to recognize the Imago Dei—or the reflection of God—in the face of everyone I meet, it becomes clear that people are not just a task list, or boxes to be checked. The people we serve are partners in the work of the Kingdom—representations of the image of God back to us. By recognizing the Imago Dei in others, we more fully understand our own reflection of Christ in the world.

God's image is in every face, even the littlest among us. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Mat. 19:14) At World Hope International (Canada) (WHI CA), we are committed to investing in the world's most precious resource—children. Through

"...we believe we can empower children around the world to impact their families, communities, and countries for good."

your partnership, we're implementing programs with children at the center so that children can be cared for from the time they are born all the way through to adulthood. By optimizing their access to good health and nutrition, education, clean water, and safety, we believe we can empower children around the world to impact their families, communities, and countries for good.



Our commitment to children's health

From the moment a child is born, WHI CA focuses on high-impact health interventions that improve health and survival of young children. WHI CA is committed to strengthening access to quality health and prevention services—whether nutrition classes, therapy for children with special needs, or providing critical medicines.



Our commitment to children's education

Ban Ki-Moon says, "Education promotes equality and lifts people out of poverty... Education is not just for a privileged few, it is for everyone. It is a fundamental human right." WHI CA partners with communities around the world to ensure children have access to quality education, a most critical piece in transforming communities.



Our commitment to clean water for children

Over half of the developing world's primary schools do not have access to water and sanitation facilities. WHI CA is committed to providing clean, reliable, and year-round drinking water to schools, because we believe it changes lives. In 2017, we drilled borehole wells at 32 schools.



Our commitment to children's safety

In areas where a child's vulnerability leaves them at great risk of trafficking and abuse, WHI CA is fervently committed to safety and prevention. Working alongside communities to educate, bring awareness, and build capacity of professionals, WHI CA fights for healing, recovery, and restoration for victims.

As the new executive director here at WHI CA, I'm so thankful to work with a team who believes there is no smarter investment in the world than children—and we're committed, alongside our other World Hope International partners, to holistic care. When we join together to support children's health, education, and safety, we will see real and lasting change in the world. Their well-being will have a ripple effect, promoting opportunity, dignity, and hope throughout their communities and countries.

Thank you for your partnership, as we seek to ensure children everywhere know their worth as image bearers of God!

Blessings,

Tanya Nace

Executive Director

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Supporting children with disabilities

OVER A THOUSAND GATHER FOR ANNUAL BEACH OUTING

his February, over 1,000 people came together representing over 400 children in World Hope International's (WHI) Enable the Children program. Beginning at 7am, families arrived on the beach in Freetown, Sierra Leone to engage with each other about the experience of raising a child with a disability in a society where disabilities are highly stigmatized, and share testimonials and skits of changed lives. Again this year, WHI heard stories from mothers who were ashamed to leave their house with their child, but they now have new courage to do so. Those who had given up on

their child and the exercises shared that they now have energy to engage again with therapy. One family finally had the strength to travel across town to the Beach Outing after keeping their son indoors for two years because of their shame of him. As they observed others' struggles and that they were not the only family who had a child with disabilities, they left with renewed spirit and understanding for their child. This day has become critical in building community and unity among families and parents.

In addition, children with disabilities were able to meet and play with each other in a place that is safe and fun. Because life can be so difficult for these children, a day dedicated to fun in the water, sand, and bouncy house brings so much joy.



MANY CHILDREN RECEIVE FIRST-EVER TOY THROUGH WHI'S ENABLE THE CHILDREN

arlier this year, Love Chapel Hill Church in North Carolina collected toys for WHI's Enable the Children program to share among children with disabilities in Sierra Leone. Toys were strategically chosen that had high durability, or had different shapes, textures, and noises for engaging the senses and helping with development. The team is making plans for distributing the toys among children strategically, noting, for example, toys that are best for children who have poor fine motor skill coordination, children who have autism, children who need help with full-fisted grasp, and more.

"As a pastor, I teach about Jesus' love and acceptance— that these children are not cursed and their condition can be managed. This is my heartbeat and prayer."

—Jonathan Williams, Pastoral Support Worker





Thanks to a generous donor, last year we were able to send toy bears and elephants stuffed with a solar-powered Scripture reader, playing audio of the Bible in Krio. These stuffed animals were distributed to children with disabilities in Sierra Leone, where 97% of the population speaks Krio.



he first time WHI met Umu was in the children's hospital. She was presumed to be abandoned, as her mother went somewhere and didn't return. Umu was sick, thin and crying constantly. Right away, WHI's Enable the Children (ETC) team engaged the nursing staff at the hospital as advocates for Umu. ETC provided a supportive chair, feeding advice, and guidance to the nurses on exercises that could help Umu because of her disabilities.

About ten days later, her mother returned to the hospital, searching for Umu. She had been unwell, and ended up admitted into another hospital for care. The mother was overjoyed to be reunited with Umu again, and to find her in good care. But her life was hard. After being abandoned by Umu's father because of Umu's disability, Umu's mother became depressed, and had very little to provide for Umu and herself.

Thankfully, the ETC team was there to walk alongside Umu and her mother to make them avoid getting so sick again. In addition to exercise guidance and toys for Umu and her mother, the team provided household support so that Umu's mother could set up a catering business near to her house. This way, she could stay home and better care for Umu, while still earning a living.

SEEING IT FIRST-HAND: IWU OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS WORK ALONGSIDE WHI

n January 2018, four students from Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU)'s Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program joined WHI's Enable the Children (ETC) team in Freetown, Sierra Leone for a half semester-long practical program. This real-world experience allows students to receive practical physical and occupational therapy experience in the field under the supervision of Anna Vines, a licensed physical therapist from the UK.

"I am beyond impressed with the ETC team," reflected student Kayla Rix. "The love and true passion they have for children is evident in their work."

"The team does a great job connecting with families and communities and helping to break down stigma and get parents involved," student Christine Hansen shared. Lisa Smith added, "Sierra Leone is a community-based society that emphasizes interdependency in daily life. Without a strong family unit or community, living is very difficult—let alone therapy for a child with disabilities." Encouraging parents, other family





members, and community leaders to be involved in exercises for the children is critical for changing perspectives and providing love to children who need it.

Student Emily Vetor reflected on her training. "We have an abundance of resources on hand in our clinics. But here in Sierra Leone, their resources are limited. I've been impressed with how the team uses the resources they have to create tools for children to improve mobility within their communities."

All four IWU doctoral students reaffirmed how valuable this experience was—that they're humbled and thankful to work alongside and learn from such a dynamic and caring team.

"I was 9 months pregnant and I came to the center to deliver. When the baby came out, it wasn't crying and they didn't know what to do—they didn't know how to resuscitate it. My baby boy died. When I was pregnant the next time, I was so afraid. The baby was not breathing again, but it was a new midwife who was trained in resuscitation. I thank God and the nurse—she was able to skillfully give my baby the help it needed to breathe."

—Isatu Kanu, Sierra Leone



Saving newborn lives

In 2017, WHI's Helping Babies Breathe program trained over 3,000 health care workers and volunteers in 258 health facilities in infant resuscitation using pictorial-based materials to facilitate easy learning. The goal: continue reducing Sierra Leone's high infant mortality rate.



"Our hope is that babies grow up well and healthy. These are our ministers and our presidents of the future! We want to meet all of their needs—to encourage mothers to love and care."

—Rugiatu, WHI's Helping Babies Breathe Program

WHI IN A NEW GLOBAL STUDY: CHAMPS

n many low-income countries, death of children under five is alarmingly high (5.9 million deaths in 2015), yet the causes are not always known. To track the causes of under-five death and stillbirths in Sierra Leone specifically, WHI, in partnership with a larger global network led by Emory University in Atlanta, is helping to find answers through epidemiologic surveillance under Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS). Once we collectively understand why children are dying, we can better address the causes at a community level. Stay tuned for more updates throughout the year.

HAITI MEDICAL SUPPLY DELIVERY BRINGS HOPE

Thanks to your generosity, WHI partnered to send over \$4 million worth of critical medicines and supplies to the Wesleyan Hospital on the Haitian island of LaGonave. These medicines will save the lives of children and their families, bringing healing and hope.





Education as the key: Transforming communities begins early

WHI'S EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT WORK MOTIVATES COMMUNITY LEADERS

HI believes that quality education for all children plays a vital role in laying a foundation for a healthy and successful life—and for reducing poverty, suffering, and injustice. Samuel Kalokoh, a primary school teacher in Mayagba, a community in Sierra Leone, would agree.

"It's my dream that the children here would have better opportunity to access education than even I did," Samuel shared. Before WHI's early childhood development program came to his community, Samuel started his own nursery program because he believes deeply that children's education is the key to a better life. Without any support, his nursery school failed. But today, Samuel is very involved in the early childhood development program—attending all meetings and motivating community members and parents to participate, volunteering to clean the center, and attending toymaking workshops.

Because of inspiring leadership like Samuel's, Mayagba community is even more committed to the development of its young children.



"I love kids. I wish to see them succeed in everything they do in life—to become president, to become lawyers, to become doctors. It would be my pride."

> —Isatu, WHI's Early Childhood Development Program

"My dream, with God on my side, is that these children go on safely to primary school, then secondary school, and so on through university. I want them to pass with flying colors and then come take the place of me, and other leaders—to come back and lead our community to be more successful."

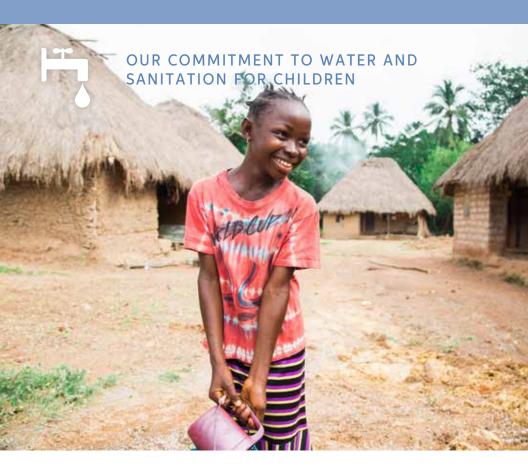
—Alie Koroma, Mafaray Town Chief, Sierra Leone





MOBILE BACKPACK LIBRARIES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

or over ten years, WHI has been working alongside The Wesleyan Church in Papua New Guinea (PNG). WHI's Mobile Backpack Libraries have been an essential resource for schools in the remote highlands of PNG where there are no libraries and school reading material is very limited. Backpack Libraries have up to 30 books in them that are used both as a teaching resource for the elementary teachers, but also reading material for the children to learn to read and understand the world outside of their community and country.



Clean water saves young lives

WE DID IT! CLEAN WATER FOR HASSANATU

t the end of 2017, for Hassanatu and thousands of girls like her, we raised \$514,365.63—including a \$66,500 pledge—for a total of \$580,865 during our Water Match Challenge!

Because every gift was matched 1:1 by a few generous donors, this means we can dedicate over one million dollars impacting over 80,000 lives across Liberia, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Ghana, Papua New Guinea, and Cambodial

We're thanking God, because we know cleaner, accessible water means fewer children will die, fewer women and children will be at risk of violent attack, and more children can stay in school and have a brighter future. It's a full community game-changer. We remain committed to finishing the stories of thousands of other children just like Hassanatu, and with your support, we have faith we can do it.

If you haven't seen it, go online at WorldHope.ca to watch Hassanatu's celebration video.



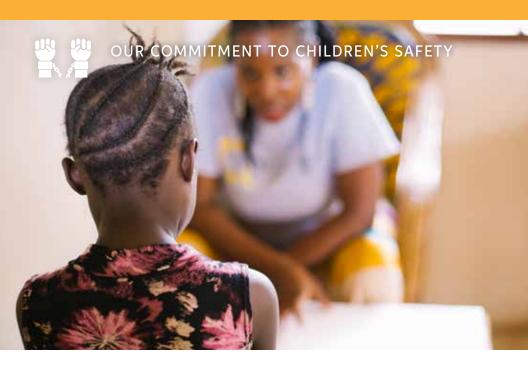
CLEAN WATER TO WEST AFRICA CHANGING THE WORLD

f you could change the world, would you? I'm sure most of us would like to change the world for the better to make a mark and leave an impact. But the task can seem daunting and



overwhelming. Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Hammonds Plains, NS decided that if changing the world was too big of a task, we could start with one village at a time. Since 2013, Cornerstone has been committed to bringing clean water to villages in West Africa. We believe that if we can change the lives of little girls in small villages, they will go on to change nations."

— Pastor Denn Guptill, Cornerstone Community Church



Finding freedom, justice, and restoration for children

LOVE IS ACTIVE

his past year, WHI's Recovery
Centre in Sierra Leone played a
critical role in providing residential
care for 40 survivors, while providing
psychosocial, physical, and social support
to 53 survivors in total.

Critical to the emotional healing process of trafficking survivors is their engagement in therapeutic care, including group and individual counseling, as well as life-skills training. Dominic, the Activities Director at the Recovery Centre and the only male caregiver on staff, has played a pivotal role in helping the girls—often abused at the hands of men—in realizing their full potential. Inspired by his faith in God

and his training, Dominic has become an advocate in his own community for the safety of girls.



"I want my own family to love well, even people they've never known before," Dominic shared. "That's what this work with victims of trafficking has taught me that what it means to love is active."

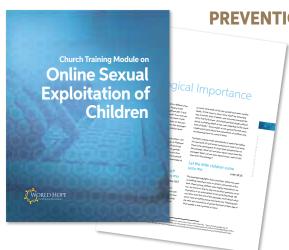


HOPE HOUSE IN THE UKRAINE

since Ukraine's independence, an estimated 120,000 young women have been trafficked from the Ukraine, mostly for the sex trade. One of the most vulnerable groups to trafficking are young women who are graduated from state-run orphanages at 16 years of age or who are living on the street.

WHI's Hope House is a transition home for young women—a place to belong

and learn life skills while completing education. Under the loving supervision of a house mother, 127 young women have completed the program since 2001, receiving life skills training and support to finish high school and college education. The need to provide a supportive spiritual environment for vulnerable children, especially girls, continues to be great in the Ukraine, and WHI's work is critical.



PREVENTION CURRICULUM FOR CHURCHES

WHI recently developed a prevention curriculum for pastors and congregants on Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) for use in the Philippines. This training will provide people with the tools needed to protect children and recognize OSEC in their communities.



HOPE HOUSE, UKRAINE

ergiy believes that God has a great sense of humor. "There are three things I feel least gifted in. The first is working with kids, the second is shopping, and the third is doing reports. That is what I've been doing the last seventeen years of my life. God is good!" Husband and wife, Sergiy and Dina, lead the Hope House in Odessa, Ukraine, a program of World Hope International (Canada). Hope House is a home for girls who have aged out of orphanages, which happens around age 15 or 16. Many of these girls have rough pasts and are at risk of being trafficked for the sex trade.

While at Hope House, the girls work out an educational plan, choose what they would like to study, and take exams to enter college. Dina works with each girl to bring out individual talents and to collect necessary documentation. After completing their degrees, some girls opt to pursue a master's degree, while others find practicums and begin their careers. The staff of Hope House provides support and encouragement every step of the way.

One current student, Sarah*, explained it this way: "Girls come here with a bad past, like me. They know our past, but they are trying to help change our lives. Sometimes we don't always appreciate it, but they always forgive us. They always try to help us. They never leave us."

Abandoned by her mother, Sarah moved around from foster home to foster home. never finding a place she belonged. Some foster homes were unsafe and physically abusive, while others were neglectful. Eventually, she found herself living with her older sister and seven other people in a one room apartment. One day, a woman invited Sarah to Grace Church where she heard Sergiy speak. Something in his sermon touched her, and she reached out to him. During that meeting, Sergiy also explained the work of Hope House. Six months later. Sarah moved in to Hope House, and her life and mindset have been transformed. Before Hope House, Sarah felt angry and had little direction. Now, she is in her second year of university studying to be a physical

education teacher. She looks for ways to help people and dreams of supporting orphaned children herself.

Sarah's story is one of many victories that have come out of Hope House.

"The biggest result for us is when the girls change their lives. You see a girl who no one wanted—who sometimes thinks she is nothing herself—become a new person in the course of a year. Most of our girls have found God and have started new lives."

Thank you for supporting Hope House and offering hope and dignity to vulnerable girls like Sarah.

*Named changed for the purpose of child protection



"Since coming to the house, my mindset has changed. I used to try to find reasons to argue with other people, but now if someone is irritating me, I will try to talk to them and help them."

—Sarah

"I lost my father when I was 5.
I understand that it is hard in
our world. Now I see that God
can use me to be a father for
those who don't have a father."

—Sergiy





FIRST STEP CENTRE, UKRAINE

atyana has watched the First
Step Centre—a program supported by World Hope International
(Canada)—grow and adapt to the needs of children of Odessa for the last 18 years.
What started as meeting street kids at cafes to buy them meals and spend time telling them about God now has a permanent location in an office once occupied by Tatyana's own husband.

Another ministry adaptation was necessary when a government initiative began to build more shelters and largely end child homelessness. However, First Step understood that though these former street kids are no longer homeless, they are still lacking in the warmth and connection of family. This is now the central need that First Step aims to meet.

Tatyana explains the ministry of First Step best. "Here at the First Step Centre, we spend most of our time playing with the kids, helping with homework, playing table games, doing arts and crafts, doing Bible study, watching movies, and teaching conflict resolution. We want their time here to be relaxing. They want our attention. They want our love."

Thanks to First Step, around 90 children each week receive not just a warm meal and hygiene care, but a place to be loved and to belong. In 2017 alone, over 5,000 children came through the centre, and over 24,000 meals were served.





Valued, wanted, and loved: 3 boys changed by sponsorship

alram was the first to apply to Hope For Children's school—WHI's child sponsorship program—in Central India. He lived in a leper colony, trapped beneath the stigma of his grandparents' disease. Rupendra, a boy with big ambitions but no means to accomplish them, also applied. Bhagwat, a boy who lost both parents, was thrilled to discover he was accepted even though his family was Hindu. These boys suddenly found themselves in a reputable school, mentored by compassionate staff, and

captivated by the love of Jesus. The studies were challenging, but through prayer and perseverance, all three graduated. Balram went on to Bible college, and returns to the classrooms that changed his life to lead Bible studies. Rupendra is in his final year of pharmaceutical studies. Bhagwat is pursuing seminary. All three lives are eternally impacted by sponsorship. "Hope For Children gave me the belief that I was valued, wanted and loved," Rupendra shared. "Such a sense of security helped me overcome trials and thrive."

"One thing I have learned from you is love. Because of the love you have shown to me, when I finish school and start working, I will also sponsor other children in the world as you have done for me. I have seen the love that you have for me. It is my prayer that your sponsorship shall not be in vain and that God will reward you."

-WHI-sponsored child to his sponsor



A Woman of Courage, Compassion, and Generosity

By Jo Anne Lyon, Founder of WHI

ust whatever you are doing with children, let me know. That is my heart." This was one of the first conversations I had with Elaine Rose, a businesswoman who, along with her husband Ed, had made nursing homes into comfortable and inviting facilities for the elderly. Their generosity extended to the world.

Our first trip together was to the Amazon area of Brazil, where they helped World Hope International (WHI) launch a ministry of education, training, and care for Street Children. Today, many of those children are now in business, ministry and other professions leading productive lives.

When the civil war was at its height in Sierra Leone, Elaine never flinched when we talked about going there and being with the desperate people who were struggling to survive. She got on that rickety helicopter in Conakry, Guinea without a question. She and Ed flew an hour on that thing with me to get to Freetown, Sierra Leone—all

Her heart broke over human trafficking. She helped considerably with WHI work in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where thousands were prevented from being trafficked and hundreds rescued and restored.

Elaine's great love was putting together gift packs for children. She mobilized volunteers and engaged Walmart and

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transportation into Sierra Leone was suspended at that time other than a UN helicopter. We were greeted at the helipad with displaced children singing "What a Mighty God We Serve." There were no dry eyes that day.

In the midst of the AIDS crisis again, Elaine did not shrink back in fear, but went to Zambia and into the huts with women and children dying of AIDS. She spent many days and nights working in Haiti, sewing, stacking medicines, taking care of team members, and more. Earlier trips were to the Philippines to assist with schools and other projects as well as Central America and various other places.

other stores to donate school supplies at low cost or free. Thousands and thousands of gift packs in gallon ziplock bags were shipped and distributed throughout the world. With these packs, she always said, "This will help children to learn and become self-sufficient"

Elaine embodied WHI in her giving— Opportunity, Dignity, and Hope.

Elaine Rose passed away near the date of the death of Billy Graham, but today they are both worshipping Jesus as the ground is always level at His feet.

Elaine, we will miss you. May there be those who follow in your footsteps.

World Hope International in the News

Inc.

28 Easy Habits These High Achievers Practice Every Day

October 5, 2017

19. Remind yourself to be open to spontaneous partnerships and new synergies.

"Like Chuck Noland from Castaway said, 'Who knows what the tide could bring in?' While it is easier to work vertically and stay in my lane, I've seen the power of collaboration with others. Especially when human suffering is urgently on the line—like in our disaster response work partnerships are key to making sure the best skills are at the table. Keeping my eyes up each day and being open to relationships that the tide brings in helps me to be successful and means that I am ready, aware, and waiting for opportunity to show. I focus on what it takes to be an even greater force for good—and that often looks like leveraging other people and creating teams to work smarter."

—John Lyon, President, WHI

The Christian Post

Clean Water Means Time, Education and Hope for Young Girls

December 20, 2017

I've seen how access to water that's closer to home opens a whole new world for young girls. Girls can arrive to school on time and stay for the whole day, allowing them to focus fully on their studies alongside their peers. Additionally, according to the World Bank, better educated women tend to be healthier, participate more in the formal labor market, earn higher incomes, have fewer children, marry at a later age, and enable better health care and education for their children, should they choose to become mothers. All these factors combined can help lift households, communities, and nations out of poverty.

I've heard first-hand stories of women whose lives were altered because of access to clean water. These women who go on to college later return to their communities and are able to share messages of hope to the next generation of young girls.

—Dr. Jo Anne Lyon

HuffPost

Celebrating Freedom and Fighting Slavery

December 27, 2017

To help fight the injustice of sexual assault, we must change the male attitudes towards females, the vitality of the judicial system, and the "culture of silence" that allows violent acts to continue, unchecked. Moreover, we need to decrease the places and spaces where sexual assault occurs, including things like reducing the time it takes for young girls to travel to a clean water source (collectively 200 million hours per day!).

- Dr. Jo Anne Lyon and Haley Clark

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6 Important Causes To Recognize On World Day Of Social Justice

February 20, 2018

1. Access to Clean Drinking Water

"We know that one child under five dies every 60 seconds from diarrheal disease as a result of unsafe drinking water," John Lyon, president of World Hope International told me. "Plus, many children spend six to eight hours a day fetching water and 90% of the clean water burden falls on women. That time could be spent in school or on other income-generating activities."

Organizations like World Hope International and Thirst Project have focused their efforts on drilling wells and setting up sanitation facilities in communities across the globe, thereby boosting local economies.

NEWS FROM WHI

World Hope International and World Hope Canada Form Operational Partnership To Expand Reach Of Global Aid Work

December 11, 2017

World Hope International (WHI), a Christian relief and development non-profit organization working with vulnerable and exploited communities worldwide, and sister organization, World Hope Canada (WHC), today announced that the two organizations entered into an official operational partnership, which will streamline resources to better serve the world's poorest communities. Joined by a common mission, identity, and shared core values, the new partnership will strengthen and expand both organizations' global work to alleviate poverty, suffering and worldwide injustices.

Katadyn Partners with World Hope International

February 14, 2018

Katadyn, a global manufacturer of industry-leading water treatment systems, is proud to announce a partnership with World Hope International (WHI), a Christian relief and development non-profit organization working with vulnerable and exploited communities worldwide. Through this partnership, World Hope International will provide Katadyn water filtration technologies to people and communities in need of clean and safe drinking water.

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