



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Water for Kids

Helping People to Get Safe Drinking Water for the First Time

1995

Environmental Health Officers Stewart Petrie and David Clapham visit Peru as part of a EU sponsored scheme to help eradicate cholera. Their experiences lead to a desire to do more.

1996

Stewart Petrie and David Clapham, together with colleague Natasha Franklin, register "Water for Kids" as a new charity.

October 1999

Study tour led by co-founder David Clapham took 25 British Environmental Health Officers to Peru to attend the official opening a new communal kitchen and a safe water supply for the 1,000 residents of Quebrada Verde. The project was funded by Water for Kids and completed in conjunction with an NGO called OACA.

2001

Teresa and Steve Isaacs travel to Bulock in The Gambia to replace a dilapidated health centre and provide it with a safe water supply. The project was to take some 18 months and was part funded by Water for Kids.

2001

Trustee Stewart Petrie helps to set up a new Environmental Health degree course at Mhimbili University, Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. More than 600 applied for just 24 places.



April 2002

The Bishop of Banjul, The Gambia officially opens the new health centre and water supply in Bulock, thanks to Steve and Teresa Isaacs and funded jointly by Water for Kids and the Catholic Mission.



May 2002

Study tour to Tanzania led by trustee Stewart Petrie, to meet with teachers at Yombo School, Kiwalani that was the site of a project to provide the school with safe water for the first time for the 6,000 pupils. This work was carried out over some months by Water for Kids volunteer Rob Couch who worked with a school "water committee" to ensure the supply would be sustainable. Rob also carried out lecturing on the new Environmental Health degree course at Mhimbili University in Dar es Salaam.

Water for Kids committee member Caryn Hall met with Kijimo, a women's cheese making co-operative in Arusha. She provided guidance, hygiene equipment and over clothing and also met with Arumeru District Council where she discussed the technical advice available to groups such as Kijimo.

July 2002

Water for Kids volunteer Scott Grant travels to Pucallpa, an Amazonian town in Peru, to work with local health professionals to set up a sustainable chlorine production scheme for water treatment, and to work on other health projects. He would be there for approximately 18 months.

September 2003

Trustees Natasha Franklin and Barrie Whitehead visit Kamaila Village and school, Zambia for the first time. Kamaila is a large village of over 3,000 people using 7 unprotected wells, with a history of cholera and other water borne diseases. Agree to work with the Kamaila village water committee and the Zambian Institute of Environmental Health to identify sites for new protected boreholes, and consult and agree on a distribution system for safe water supply.

February 2003

Yombo School, Kiwalani, Tanzania celebrates the opening of the school's first water supply, thanks to Rob Couch and Water for Kids.



Spring 2004

Scott Grant hands over control of the water and health projects in Pucallpa to "Salud Para el Pueblo". The project was jointly funded by Water for Kids and Rotary International.



December 2004

Trustee Stewart Petrie proudly attends the graduation ceremony for the first batch of Environmental Health degree graduates at Mhimbili University, Dar es Salaam. Stewart had helped to set up the course, and Water for Kids volunteer Rob Couch carried out some lecturing duties during his time in Tanzania.



May 2005

Trustee Peter Minhinnett led a study tour to Iganga in Eastern Uganda in conjunction with twinning organisation "Davertry Friends of Iganga". Whilst in Iganga the 30 -strong group carried out work to improve the local health centre and school, and to protect 3 existing water supplies that were subject to contamination. This work was part funded by Water for Kids.

October 2005

Natasha Franklin and Sara Emanuel (Trustees) visited Kamaila Zambia and saw the installation of new boreholes providing clean water for the first time to 4,000 villagers. This completed phase one of the project funded by Water for Kids and managed by the Zambian Institute of Environmental Health (ZIEH).

2006

Water for Kids celebrates 10 years as a registered charity. Events are held throughout the year to recognise the many achievements of a small but hard working group of volunteers and their in-country partners.

22 March 2006

To celebrate World Water Day, Water for Kids held an event in Thornbury near Bristol. 60 golfers took part in a tournament, whilst over 1,000 balloons were released in a great Balloon Race. Killgerm kindly sponsored the race, and balloons reached as far away as Scotland.



May 2006

Peter Minhinnett repeated his successful study tour where the group was involved with water source protection work in villages in Uganda. Working with the Daventry twinning organisation, Daventry Friends of Iganga, several villages and a school benefited from work during the stay and members of the group also helped to refurbish a clinic and a blind school.

November 2006

Trustees visit Kamaila and celebrate completion of the school water project and to plan the distribution pipes to take water from boreholes across the village.

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December 2006

Appeal launched to buy wash stands for families in Kamaila, now that safe water has been brought to the village. A washstand can be purchased as a gift for a family member or friend and a card provided to tell the recipient about the gift.

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June 2007



Another study tour of 25 people went to Uganda including WfK Chairman, Stephen Young. They were able to assist in the completion of two rural water sources, the repair of three protected springs and two water pumps as well as carrying out further improvements to the Health Centre, Orphanage and Blind Centre.

June 2007

The first Water for Kids Day and AGM was held in Birmingham. It was well attended with members gathering to discuss another successful year and to vote in the Executive Committee for the next year. There were also presentations by the Chief EHO of Zambia and Trustees demonstrating achievements in Zambia and Uganda, thanks to the support of members and other fundraisers.

[click here if you would like to go on the 2008 trip to Uganda](#)

October 2007

First Water for Kids field trip to Kamaila Zambia. A group of sixteen people worked at Kamaila School to build a washroom for girls, paint classrooms and two murals and provide computer equipment.

The completed water installation was handed over to Kamaila Water Committee, which has appointed a caretaker and will ensure the water supply is maintained. There is now a stand-pipe within 100m of every home.

Two new projects were identified with executive members of ZIEH. One is to provide water to a rural health clinic in Chipapa and the other is to drill a borehole in Maopo for a "forgotten community" living in the outskirts of Lusaka.

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Don't miss our
Water for Kids Day
(including AGM)
Saturday June 28th 2008

at
Islington Town Hall

Speakers · Displays
Merchandise · Lunch

Put the date in your diary!

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