

WaterPartners International
Attachment to Form 990 for the Fiscal Year Ended 9/30/08
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Descriptions of Program Service Accomplishments

Grant programs. During FY08, WaterPartners funded water and sanitation project grants in Honduras, Ethiopia, Kenya, India and Bangladesh. WaterPartners reached more than 153,000 individuals with access to clean drinking water, improved sanitation, and hygiene training in FY08. This intervention provides an immediate, cost-effective and long-lasting improvement in the quality of life for people in developing countries. An independent impact study of WaterPartners' programs in Bangladesh was carried out by researchers from the Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology in Dhaka during FY08. Researchers concluded that the water and sanitation facilities implemented by WaterPartners' local partners are functioning effectively, that users have significantly greater access to safe water and latrines, and that users are highly satisfied with their new services.

WaterCredit. To date, WaterPartners has facilitated the disbursement of more than \$1.6 million in microcredit loans for water and sanitation, resulting in almost 9,000 loans made, and more than 80,000 people served. WaterPartners is one of the first organizations in the world to use microcredit to help people in developing countries finance their own water systems. By making small loans to communities and individuals who do not have access to traditional credit markets, WaterCredit helps finance the upfront cost of water and sanitation systems. Because the loans are repaid into a revolving fund, the multiplier effect means that many more people can be helped for the same philanthropic investment. And since users with a financial stake in their water supply projects have a greater incentive to ensure proper operations and maintenance, WaterCredit projects have built-in advantages for long-term sustainability.

For the first time, in FY08 WaterPartners' partner organizations were able to obtain funding for the loans directly from the commercial banks, instead of through grants from WaterPartners. For donors, this translates into greater leverage for each dollar donated. By stimulating external capital (i.e. loans from commercial banks), less WaterPartners funding is needed for the program and more grant money can go to where it's needed most – to the poorest of the poor.

Partner Network Development. WaterPartners selects partner organizations in developing countries with a strong success record of implementing safe water and sanitation projects. As part of its capacity-building efforts, WaterPartners doubled the number of its local partner organizations in FY08 from 12 to 24. WaterPartners maintains liaison offices in both India and Kenya.

Outreach. WaterPartners raises awareness of the water supply crisis through www.water.org, media outreach, electronic and print publications, and live presentations. Throughout FY08, presentations were provided to schools, civic groups and a variety of other organizations. World Water Day, March 22, marked a major outreach campaign which included the launch of an online WaterPartners *Global Village*, global water supply lesson plans, and support of a major World Water Day celebration in India. Other important information-sharing efforts in FY08 included construction of a new Toilet Training Center in India and presentations by WaterPartners at top industry conferences around the world.