

**DEAR PASTOR BRYAN,
CAROLINE AND
EVERYONE AT EKKO
CHURCH,
YOUR FIRST PROJECT
UPDATE IS HERE!**

We are so excited to share this progress report with you!

In the first half of 2021, you made a generous donation to charity: water to provide clean water in Nepal. We are thrilled to tell you that progress is underway. Soon, many people will have access to clean and safe drinking water because of you, and we can't say thank you enough.

Your gift was sent to our local partner in July, and right now, we're about six months into our 21-month timeline.

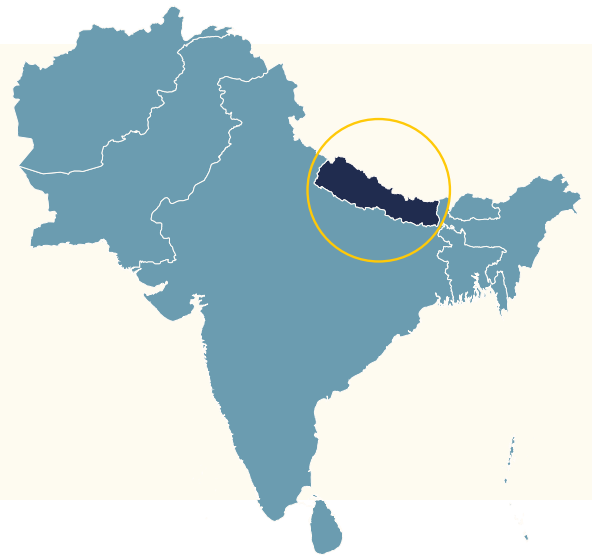


The preparation period is crucial for your project's success and sustainability. Our partners have been hard at work obtaining construction permits, purchasing supplies, and collaborating with community members. Community engagement is especially important at this stage, as it creates a sense of ownership and pride in the water project.

We'll have more updates for you this year, and we can't wait to share them with you. Thank you again for your support and commitment to our mission!

COUNTRY:
NEPAL

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:
NEPAL WATER FOR HEALTH



YOUR GENEROUS GIFT:
\$24,000

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT:
\$2,000,000

ABOUT NEPAL WATER FOR HEALTH

Since 2010, charity: water has been working with Nepal Water for Health (NEWAH) to improve access to clean and safe drinking water throughout the country. They are currently focused on the Sindhuli and Baglung Districts and working toward full water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) coverage.

In these districts, NEWAH implements gravity-fed and solar-powered piped systems that bring pure spring water from mountain sources to school, community, and household tap stands below. If a community is located above a water source, NEWAH uses new technologies, like mechanized lifting, to adapt to the terrain. NEWAH staff also supports communities receiving piped systems by living in the area throughout grant implementation. When the project is complete, the communities are incorporated into NEWAH's robust monitoring and maintenance program, "Hello Monitoring."



IN THE NEWS

Nepalese brothers to scale highest peak on each continent

PROGRESS TO DATE

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For NEWAH specifically, this stage has included staff trainings, coordination with the local government, and community engagement activities. NEWAH has also been working to find community volunteers, water system caretakers, and masons for the water projects. They have also begun building a maintenance fund and collecting local materials.

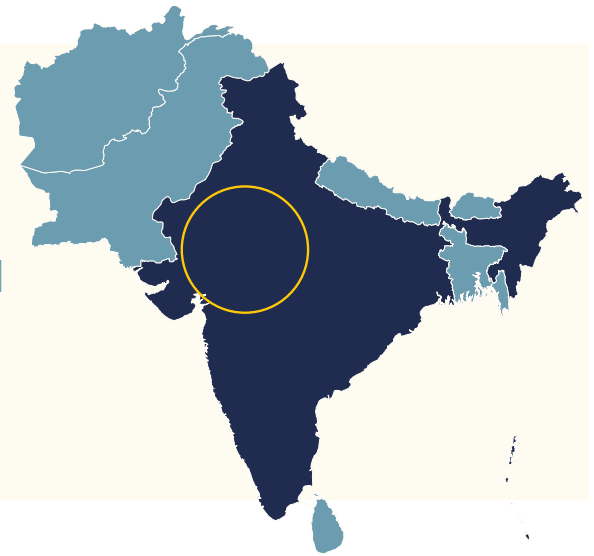
WHAT'S NEXT?

In the next few months, the construction of new piped systems will pick up pace. Meanwhile, NEWAH will coordinate trainings covering topics such as sustainability, sanitation, and hygiene. Once construction is complete, NEWAH will test the water quality and hand the projects over to the community-elected caretakers for ongoing maintenance and management. We can't wait to share even more details in your next report!



COUNTRY:
INDIA

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:
JAL BHAGIRATHI FOUNDATION



YOUR GENEROUS GIFT:
\$1,000

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT:
\$400,000

ABOUT JBF

The Jal Bhagirathi Foundation (JBF) was founded in 2002 to address the water crisis in India's Thar Desert. With charity: water's support, JBF is reviving the use of traditional household rainwater harvesting structures called "tankas." Even the smallest tanka can safely store 12,000 liters (3,170 gallons) of water at a time and harvests enough to meet a family's year-round drinking water needs.

JBF's work is supported by a "demand-driven" approach that requires participation from each household. Most notably, every household is asked to build their own tanka to ensure a sense of ownership and understanding of how the solution works. JBF, of course, provides technical support. Finally, JBF forms gender-balanced "Jal Sabhas"—or Water User Associations (WUAs)—to help maintain the tankas.

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For JBF specifically, this stage has included selecting communities, hosting engagement meetings, and coordinating with the local government. JBF has also been working to identify and train local tradespeople in tanka construction and maintenance. Already, tankas are being built!

WHAT'S NEXT?

In the next few months, the construction of new tankas will continue. Each household is responsible for building their own tanka while JBF provides technical oversight. Meanwhile, JBF will also coordinate trainings covering topics such as sustainability, sanitation, and hygiene. Once completed, the water quality will be tested and the tankas will be handed over to individual households and the Jal Sabhas for ongoing maintenance and management. We can't wait to share even more details in your next report!



IN THE NEWS

[India's GDP to rise 9.2% in current financial year, advance estimates show](#)



COUNTRY:

MOZAMBIQUE

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

HELVETAS



YOUR GENEROUS GIFT:

\$10,000

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT:

\$2,200,000

ABOUT HELVETAS

charity: water and HELVETAS Mozambique are working together to bring clean water to the Cabo Delgado and Nampula Provinces, where water access is as low as 34% in some districts. The narrative is changing, however, thanks to funding that will support the construction of small-scale piped systems and wells with handpumps in rural communities.

To maintain the functionality of water points, HELVETAS Mozambique uses a unique public-private partnership approach. As part of this approach, community members join local water committees and are in charge of handling basic maintenance. Private operators are responsible for operating and maintaining the system. Meanwhile, local governments and private sector technicians provide regular monitoring and assist with large repairs. This approach leads to improved sustainability and supports the government's goal of achieving full water coverage by 2030.



IN THE NEWS

[Tuskless elephant evolution linked to ivory hunting](#)

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For HELVETAS Mozambique specifically, this stage included collaborating with the district governments to choose water project sites. These decisions were made based on need. Surveys were also conducted to gauge the availability of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) resources within each community.

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In the next few months, the construction and rehabilitation of water points will pick up pace. Meanwhile, HELVETAS Mozambique will coordinate trainings covering topics such as sustainability, sanitation, and hygiene. Once construction is complete, HELVETAS Mozambique will test the water quality and hand the projects over to the local water committees, local governments, and private sector technicians. We can't wait to share even more details in your next report!

