



Newsletter

Clean water, a human right not a luxury

Volunteer donor groups are very important contributors to Water for Cambodia. Each brings their generosity, energy, spirit of adventure and warmth to help impact lives.

Water for Cambodia regularly hosts donor volunteer groups throughout the year. Each group comes to Cambodia to combine their philanthropy with direct action on the ground. Almost since our inception, the mission of Water for Cambodia has attracted volunteer groups interested in participating directly and seeing their contributions put to work.

The WFC staff has hosted secondary schools, universities, social volunteer groups, families, professional colleagues and adventurous friends. They each have brought a level of enthusiasm and sense of fun that inspires the staff and delights the village families, especially the children.

Everyone gets to enjoy the benefits of getting dirty playing in the wet concrete while building filters. Then by participating in actually helping families install their own filters a unique bond of fellowship is forged. Some volunteers take part in demonstrating hygiene practices to school children such as learning to brush their teeth properly while others use their skills to help out testing water in the lab.



Singapore International Volunteers bring personal hygiene kits and teach young students how to properly brush their teeth



Students from the Whitley Secondary School from Singapore learn to build the filters they will deliver and install.

Donor groups and organizations provide our builders with their logo or name so Water for Cambodia can pay tribute to their generosity. Each one becomes instantly



Water for Cambodia has broadened its focus on clean safe water toward solving the problem of ensuring secure and protected sources of water within the villages we serve.

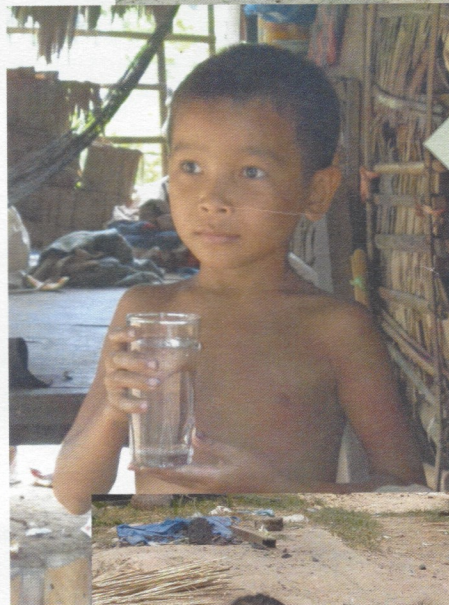
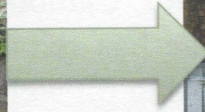
Many of the villages that Water for Cambodia works with do not have enough functioning wells to ensure everyone has reliable access to water all year long. Too many villagers must rely on crudely dug pit wells subject to contamination with animal waste and often dry up seasonally. Beginning in 2014, in partnership with Malteser, WFC took on the challenge of rebuilding or installing ring wells equipped with proper covers and hand pumps. These hand pumps were designed and are built in Cambodia using locally available materials. This is important to facilitate maintenance and repair by villagers. Upon the departure of Malteser in 2016, WFC recognized that this work must continue and decided to take on this challenge alone.

To begin, our staff concentrated on constructing wells at individual community schools to ensure students had continuous access to a reliable source of water for use with the bio-sand filters provided. Having gained confidence in our ability to manage well construction to our standards, the staff has taken on the challenge at the village level. In March WFC began constructing 19 wells that will be distributed across three villages in a very remote area in the far Northwest of Siem Reap Province.

More and more of our future projects will include well construction as a fundamental part of delivering clean safe water.



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