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**Some
Good News**

Dear Friend,

Giving hope to the hopeless and providing a voice to the voiceless is why I accepted the position of Board Chair of World Hope International (Canada). I am new to this organization and I couldn't be more excited to join the global community bringing opportunity, dignity and respect to the most vulnerable people around the world.

The past few months have been challenging for each of us as we have been quarantined from our families and friends. However, I have been encouraged that World Hope has not stopped our important work in some of the poorest countries around the world. We have experience in fighting Ebola in Sierra Leone and are now working hard to protect and provide the necessary supplies, resources and training for villages to fight COVID-10 in developing countries.

We have been drilling wells around the world and seeing how access to clean water is helping a community fight the deadly invasion of COVID-19. We have been providing soap to rural villages in Cambodia and teaching community hygiene in Africa to ensure the protection of the most vulnerable.

I couldn't be more proud to lead and support our Canadian staff and I look forward to hearing more good news on what they continue to accomplish. They are here to serve you and we encourage you to reach out to them if you would like to begin a new partnership with World Hope. Thank you for your continued support and prayers, we couldn't do this without you!



These are trying days but in the middle of a global pandemic we have hope. It has been affirmed over and over that together we can make a difference. If we work as a team we will continue to protect the vulnerable and bring hope to communities that are struggling.

Best,
Dr. Eric Hallett



The Global Goals for Sustainable Development

The 17 Global Goals, outlined by the UN in 2015, have been taken up by nearly every country in the world. Also known as the Sustainable Development Goals, they are the blueprint to help countries and organizations partner together to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all and to be able to universally measure that progress along the way. The life changing goals address challenges faced globally, including ending extreme poverty; giving people better healthcare; and empowering women, girls, and other vulnerable populations. They are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them all by 2030. Check out which goals each of our projects tie into!

SIERRA LEONE

Well Drilled at School Brings Hygiene & Happiness

Thanks to Canadian donors, World Hope International completed the provision of a water service system for a primary school in Bombali District, Sierra Leone and went back to the school to see how it's going and talk with the school headmistress, Mrs. Rita Fatu Conteh, about the school's journey to clean water.

When Mrs. Conteh first began to work as Headmistress of Our Lady of Fatima primary school, the school's only water came from a small, hand-dug well installed by the entrance to the school compound. Unfortunately the hand-dug well only had water from July to October and so for the majority of the year, children had to go in search of water for drinking or even just for handwashing.

Although she and the School Management Committee tried to fix the problem, they were unable to solve it and had to continue sending the children elsewhere for clean water.

"One day we received a team from World Hope International staff ... of all discussions and what transpired thereafter, there was one thing that struck me most, [...] the question "What support do you want in the school?"

"Without delay and, on behalf of the school, I told the team it was water that we desperately needed. I expressed to the team how long the school has been struggling with this water issue," Conteh said.

World Hope responded, sending in our geophysical survey team first, then our drilling team, and finally, the pump installation team.

"We are happy and now have the guarantee that our lives and that of our pupil[s] are saved from water related disease outbreaks and I am very much optimistic that this water provided us will change our lives and lifestyle."

—Rita Fatu Conteh, Headmistress



Did you know?

Did you know? As with other wells we drill in response to community requests and needs, the drilling of a good and sustainable well involves a number of steps, including:

- Survey for a potential site
- Drilling of a borehole water well
- Construction of a protected well fence
- Hand pump installation
- Training of water management committees
- Chlorination of well to remove any initial contamination

"We were not too convinced of getting water until when the installation team finished their own part of the project. That day was a heavenly day in this from teachers down to the least pupil, happiness all over," Conteh shared. "We are happy and now have the guarantee that our lives and that of our pupil[s] are saved from water related disease outbreaks and I am very much optimistic that this water provided us will change our lives and lifestyle."

RELATED PROJECT: Clean Water Wells, Global

- Increasing access to clean water around the world
- Drilling since 2004!
- SDGs:





PAPUA NEW GUINEA On the Road to a More Secure Future

World Hope International traveled to Papua New Guinea in January 2020 to celebrate the opening of The Nomad Mougulu High School, which we are partnering with Strickland Bosavi Foundation to establish and resource. Tim Weatherall, a Board Director for World Hope International (Australia) was a member of the visiting team and was invited by the community to take pictures and learn and share stories that were told during their visit—and here is his experience listening, learning, and trying to capture the richness of culture and the challenges and dreams of the community...

I'm in Mougulu, in the lowlands of western Papua New Guinea. It has taken a remarkable and unpredictable three days to get here, traveling thousands of miles to capture this very moment.

It's an extremely remote place that is typically hot, yet green and full of life. We are untouched to some extent. One of the

few places left almost untarnished by the modern world until very recently. Apart from an airstrip that only works when the weather is just right, we are five days travel by foot from any major settlement, shop or advanced healthcare.

So, it is with this backdrop I first sat perched on one knee, leaning in, straining to listen

to softly spoken broken English, camera in hand, held at my chest, trying my hardest to look as much like a floorboard as I can. I was hoping to disappear, to be an invisible fly on the wall, to listen, to hear unfettered truth, frustration, anger, hurt and joy. I'm here to try and understand what these people are living through.

In this rough and dimly lit community hall sit teachers, parents, community leaders, and young people. Some have travelled up to two days' walk to be here, all eager to hear what Sally Lloyd, CEO and Director of Strickland Bosavi Foundation and a Volunteer Community Development Worker for WHI had to tell them about the new high school.

As I look around, I was amazed at the diversity of the group sitting here, people from six to 86 sit huddled together. Sally addressed the crowd and we raised hands when asked what grade we are moving into. The high school will start this year as a day school without boarding facilities for Grades 9 and 10, that's stage two. A number of the students look older, they are young adults, not the teenagers I expected.

“Why do you want to come to the high school?”

During our trip, a group of students moved to huddle around Sally as she asked them to tell their stories.

“Why do you want to come to the high school in Mougulu? What do you think will be better about a school here?” The answers that followed broke my heart.



One girl quietly introduced herself as Anne. "I have finished grade 8 but I had to stop. I did not have the money for school fees."

"How much are the fees?" Sally asked.

"1200 Kina," — the equivalent of \$500 CAD. That is all it costs to educate and house Anne for the whole academic year.

We all sit in silence as we hear how Anne now lives with her older brothers who have no means to support or provide for her daily needs, let alone find \$500 CAD a year to continue her education. A local school will allow her to live in free accommodation with the support of her wider family.

Between Hope & Opportunity: The Challenges in Getting Access to Education

On top of the challenging cost, we learned that Anne's school, which lies a full week's walk away, was rendered unusable by the 7.2 magnitude scale earthquake of 2018.

The epicentre of the disaster lies at the foot of distant mountains but its destruction will impact generations to come as the government and NGOs struggle to repair decimated infrastructure.

Sally asked, "Where are your parents? What do they do?"

She calmly replies, "My father, he died... My mother left".

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Addressing Conflict & Abuse

We move around the group until we reach some young men. They look to be in their late 20s. They tell story after story of a school life filled with conflict, fear, and abuse.

By traveling almost 186 miles to school, these young men become totally removed from family and a heritage that not only protects them but provides important cultural structures for discipline, respect and life together.

When men from this area have to travel the five days by foot, they will inherently move through land that is not of their people. This poses many issues for the young men with payback violence and extreme tribalism still an ever-present undertone of life here. Unfortunately, the schools are not in the lands of friendly tribes and physical altercations are a constant reminder of this tension. The men tell of having to leave the library as they study at night, driven out by violent members of other groups.

"There is fighting, always fighting. It is very hard for us to study".

Multiple times they have had to close their books and flee to relative safety, locking themselves in dormitories or hiding where they can. Unable to study or even participate in social life for fear of retaliation and violence, they live an untenable existence in these local yet foreign places without community, loved ones, security or safety.



Access to Education Provides Opportunity and Hope

This high school project is vital to the future of these young people. Without this, young people will continue to be subject to horrors that no young person should face.

The ability for them to attend a local high school will not only impact them individually, removing the most obvious obstacles from their education and development, but change the community for generations to come. Education leads to better health outcomes, economic development and a lasting legacy of meaningful impact.

Addressing Gender-Based Violence

What was soon obvious is that this awful reality also applies to young girls and women who travel so far for school. They are even more vulnerable to violence and abuse and the stories told by the young people here truly sickened me.

I am deeply saddened by the sheer number of young female students who will not, or are not allowed to, travel to school for fear of emotional, physical or sexual abuse. Young girls return from school pregnant, bruised and broken. Preyed on by men in

opportunistic crimes taking advantage of young women without the security and protection of family and community.

One day while we are at Mougulu a girl returns to the mission station by plane, delivered back to her home on medical evacuation. Her face bears a bandage covering the cuts she received at the hands of men who had ambushed her, along with her father and brother, on the road as they trekked to start the new school year some 186 miles away. The men beat her family members before attempting to sexually assault her. Amazingly they each escaped, battered but alive and able to seek help nearby. Even more sobering is the realization that this is not a unique occurrence.

This continues to happen whenever these young people are forced to travel outside their community, displaced hundreds of miles, to hostile environments, just to continue their education.

This is why I continue to support World Hope's efforts to support access to education, to empower communities to build a secure future, and to provide hope.

RELATED PROJECT: The Nomad Mougulu High School

- Providing access to life-long learning and vocational opportunities for students
- Launched 2020!

• SDGs:





THE PHILIPPINES

In Profile: Adesty Dulawan

World Hope International is staffed and led by an incredible team of passionate professionals around the world—one of whom is Adesty Dulawan, WHI’s Clinical Supervisor. She spends her days tackling the issue of online sexual exploitation of children in the Philippines. How does someone get involved with such a challenging and deep issue? How do they begin to make a difference?

“My career choice started initially as simply being interested with people—how they live their lives, how they think, and how they respond to situations. Eventually, I realized that I want to be a vessel of healing and hope and being a counselor is an avenue to do so.”

Adesty will tell you that she got involved in the most ordinary way possible: an opportunity came up and she was willing to take it. In early 2018, she came across a WHI job posting for a clinical supervisor role at the Protecting At-Risk Children Vulnerable to

Exploitation (PAVE) project, which was created in response to the growing epidemic of the online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC)—a global problem with an epicenter in the Philippines. PAVE aimed to strengthen systems already in place for identifying and caring for these survivors.

But how did OSEC come to be such an issue? The answer is intuitive: OSEC is as young as widespread internet and high definition video. As internet use becomes more accessible and a part of everyday life around the globe, the potential to abuse it also grows. One of the challenges confronting those who are working to address the issue is the lack of an established precedent for clinical care of OSEC survivors.

It was absolutely overwhelming at first. There was a huge need to help these children, and yet one of the first problems Adesty encountered was how to go about providing that help. Her previous experience and education had equipped her with tools

and scenarios to recognize and respond to a variety of traumatic situations, but OSEC was something entirely different. “The children

come to us not really presenting the typical trauma seen in sexually abused children,” Adesty related.

“My favorite part of my job is doing therapy with the survivors and seeing them heal from their painful past. Nothing is more rewarding than witnessing them being restored from being victims to being survivors.”

—Adesty Dulawan,
Clinical Supervisor, WHI

As they engaged with their research, Adesty and the PAVE team began creating a toolkit for understanding the needs of each child and matching the appropriate combination of therapy to each case. Developing the tools was only half the battle however; it was time to pass the knowledge and training on to the overworked social workers directly involved with the OSEC survivors. Adesty and the PAVE team implemented ongoing focus groups, coaching opportunities, and group trainings. The successes these training sessions brought were encouraging and



Although OSEC has tragically increased with the onset of COVID-19 and many more people homebound, Adesty and her team of social workers are continuing to help survivors, making phone calls and developing new tools, materials, and resources for survivors and survivor care givers.

allowed her to engage with some of the other challenges in the area of OSEC.

For Adesty, one of the biggest challenges in addressing OSEC in the Philippines has been pushing for family-based care—which means that children can reintegrate into the community after they have experienced successful intervention. She works hard with her team to identify solutions that will work best for the child survivors and take into account their community and existing structures.

When she isn't working to address OSEC and equip social workers, survivors, and their communities with the tools they need to succeed and heal, Adesty enjoys reading books

and travelling to see sights and experience different cultures.

RELATED PROJECT: Protecting At-Risk Children Vulnerable to Exploitation in The Philippines

- Paving the way to a brighter future for child survivors of OSEC (the online sexual exploitation of children)
- Started Oct 2017
- SDGs:



For therapists charged with the daunting task of helping children heal, for children fighting trauma and searching for peace and happiness, and for communities ravaged by this terrible form of trafficking, this new therapy tool is beginning to bring healing—and hope.

**Name changed to protect her privacy*

Since 2017, World Hope International (WHI) has been working in the Philippines to introduce therapeutic interventions for survivors of Online Sexual Abuse of Children (OSEC)—a complicated form of abuse which continues to impact survivors in a detrimental way long after they have been removed from the abusive situation.

Sofia* wrote that she already forgave her abusers and would encourage them to change for the better. She told them “not to lose hope, and to make use of the second chance given to them.” She also said she has learned now to “seek for justice/help, and if you are an abused person, you must report it to the authorities, especially if you discover that you are a child experiencing OSEC.” Finally, she charged her family to “be strong despite the difficulty of the sudden life changes due to the untoward incidents. Depression happens, but these trials are temporary,” and that we should all remember “that a person’s trust, faith, and hope in God will help conquer [these trials].”



In a courthouse in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on Tuesday, February 11th, after being found guilty on 30 counts, two women were sentenced to prison for trafficking-in-persons (TIP) and money laundering. They were initially convicted in a landmark case on Thursday, February 6th – the first human trafficking conviction for Sierra Leone!

One of the accused, Fatmata Kamara, was convicted on 30 charges and received a sentence for 20 years in prison. The second accused, Kadiatu Kargbo, was found guilty on two counts and sentenced to 8 years in prison. They were caught in a breakthrough trafficking bust in January while attempting to traffic young Sierra Leonean women across the border.

World Hope International (WHI) attended the hearing along with the rescued survivors,

nine of whom have been sheltered since their rescue at World Hope’s Recovery Centre.

Also present for the hearing were representatives from the United States Embassy in Freetown as well as representatives from the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the International Organization for Migration.

Following the conviction on Thursday, State Prosecutor Adrian Fisher, Esq., shared that he was confident a strong sentence would

be passed down and stated that “World Hope International has done brilliantly in the success we have had [in this conviction].”

One of the reasons there have been no trafficking convictions since 2005 is because survivors of trafficking are often approached in their communities and either pressured or paid off to not testify against the accused.

“If we can’t secure victims, you aren’t going to get convictions,” Fisher explained. “If we’re gonna fight this thing, we need to secure victims.”

By sheltering survivors of this trafficking attempt at WHI’s Recovery Centre, the survivors were not only able to receive trauma care, but were also protected from these attempts to silence them. All of the women attended the trial with WHI’s Recovery Centre staff and were prepared and willing to testify.

“This case is a perfect example of all aspects of anti-human trafficking work: prevention, protection, and prosecution,” shared Haley Clark, WHI’s Director of Gender-Based Violence & Anti-Human Trafficking programs. **The training of border guards led to identification of the trafficking attempt (prevention), World Hope was able to shelter (protect) the survivors, and years of working with the Government of Sierra Leone on prosecution and anti-trafficking legislation and awareness led to the conviction and sentencing on February 8th (prosecution).**

“Our hard work on Trafficking-in-Persons has paid off today and it was a big day for Sierra Leone,” Saidu Kanu, WHI’s Country Director for Sierra Leone, stated right after the sentence was announced. “After many years of training

law enforcement officers and engagement with the government and judiciary, the first Trafficking-in-Persons conviction was handed today. This is a cause for celebration and kudos to our staff who provided care and accompanied the survivors to court.”

As Fisher noted, “There’s nothing sweeter than putting a bad guy in jail; knowing they’ll never hurt anyone again.”

But for the women who were rescued at the border from the trafficking attempt, it was also a sobering day. When the historic conviction was first announced on Thursday, the women “were shouting ‘we have won the case—thank you to WHI!’ and laughing and dancing for joy,” according to WHI’s Recovery Centre Counselor, Fanta Conteh.

As the case dragged on, they had begun to fear that perhaps there would be no conviction and were elated by the news. However, the women were quiet as the sentences were announced. One sobbed bitterly and shared that one of the accused who had recruited her for this “opportunity abroad” had been her friend.

The judge also announced that the survivors would not be compensated, as the agent who used the convicted women to recruit the survivors was not himself caught. These agents are often the masterminds behind the scenes and, in this case, the money the survivors paid for their opportunity to work abroad was wired to him. One of the accused said he is in Ghana.

They will have to find and arrest this agent whom the convicted traffickers were working for in order for the survivors to get compensation—and the judge asked the Fisher as Prosecutor for the case to try to get him.

“Exploitation like human trafficking is terrible because not only is it enslavement, but it also preys on the victim’s hopes for the future and steals their dreams, their trust, and their opportunity,” stated Saidu. “Now there is a message from the Government of Sierra Leone that this is not acceptable.”

The survivors must now begin the task of moving forward and figuring out what life will look like for them after this. One survivor shared that they wish the sentence had been for 50 years and another noted that “If anyone tells me about having a program overseas again, I will hit that person with a big stick.”

“I think a strong message has been sent. It’s a start to get to the masterminds, and these women could have been trafficked again if they had not found themselves in the recovery shelter,” shared WHI’s Trafficking-in-Persons Protection Manager, Miriam Fullah. **“They now understand the seriousness of the situation they were in.”**



RELATED PROJECT: The Recovery Centre in Sierra Leone

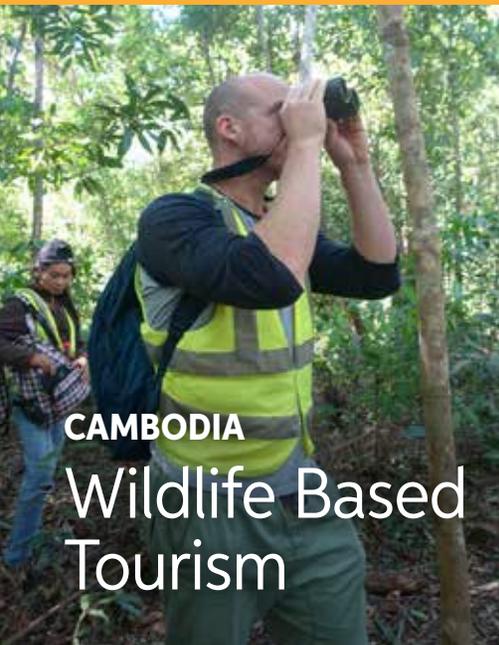
- Creating a safe space for survivors of human trafficking and building the pathways to prevention and justice
- Started March 1, 2013

• SDGs:



Looking at what’s next for Sierra Leone as a country after this case, Saidu shared, “It is my hope that these long sentences handed down will send a strong message to would-be traffickers and that this case helps get the revisions to the Trafficking-in-Persons Act of 2005 that we helped work on passed into law in the near future.”

In additional exciting news, our WASH team in Freetown successfully hit a good aquifer of drinkable water at the Recovery Centre earlier this year after several days of drilling! Not only has it meant they finally have water, but it has helped the women and girls isolate and manage the COVID-19 lockdown in Sierra Leone, too.



CAMBODIA Wildlife Based Tourism

World Hope International (WHI) is excited to share about its management acquisition of the Jahoo Gibbon Eco-Tourism Camp, which is located in the beautiful mountainous region of Mondulhiri, Cambodia.

From this boutique jungle accommodation, tourists can take a guided tour led by a local Indigenous Bunong guide, deep into thick rainforest to spot the rare ‘Southern Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon’ in its natural habitat. Equipped with a melodious musical call, these striking vibrant apes can be spotted in the lush Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary – known to be the primates last stronghold.

Partnering with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), World Hope works for the Forest custodians, the local Indigenous Bunong, to help protect this unique Gibbon species, as well as foster a sustainable future for the community.

Respectfully adopting the Bunong word ‘Jahoo’ meaning female Gibbon, World Hope is working alongside the Indigenous Community Committee (ICC) towards a low

impact, eco-tourism plan, enhancing both the previous business model and camp facilities for future visitors. WHI Eco-Tourism Manager Kyle Winney reveals that **“The overall goal is to create a model of wildlife-based tourism that is successful in accomplishing both wildlife conservation and providing a means by which to support sustainable community development and serve as a model for replication throughout Cambodia.”**

As a social venture initiative, all revenue remains in the community, staff are employed from the community, food, supplies and materials are purchased locally and a Community Development Fund (from tourism fees) supports sustainable development activities.

“The ICC are quickly recognizing that the forest and its wildlife, especially the gibbon, are

an important community asset that needs to be protected, whilst Jahoo Gibbon Camp needs a sustainable business model to be successful in the long-term,” says Kyle.

Tourism fees are directed to a Community Development Fund (CDF), which is used by the community to improve local health, sanitation and education services. The fund is also used to support protection activities such as community patrols and boundary demarcation as well as conservation awareness raising in the community. The fund links the protection of nature to the community’s development resulting in improved attitudes and behaviors for wildlife conservation.

Guests can choose to sleep in a traditional Bunong house or in one of Jahoo’s jungle tents.

With a new ICC committee recently elected, Kyle eagerly recalls “It was positive to hear the ICC say that Jahoo benefits need to be recognized by the whole community.”

Jahoo cook Nahn Kon says she has seen much benefit for the community since commencing employment with Jahoo, sharing that “The community has been able to pay back the loan for the community hall building, people have been able to afford to buy ploughs for the rice fields and there are more jobs for locals at Jahoo.” Kyle adds “The ICC also wants a stronger representation of Bunong cultural heritage at Jahoo – the use of traditional materials will be integrated into building design, and folk stories will be incorporated into the tour itineraries.”

Since WHI’s management appropriation, new business processes are already taking shape with the implementation of a new online booking program, new financial systems and the appointment of Bunong campsite manager Chanhea Ten.

Working closely with the ICC to develop their role as community leaders and build foundations for community-led action towards transformation change, Kyle looks forward to seeing more consistent work and improved skills for local staff, and believes “more job opportunities will come as business improvements are made and tourists visits increase, this will also lead to more local development activities through the CDF.”

RELATED PROJECT: Jahoo Gibbon Camp in Cambodia

- Ecotourism supporting nature conservation and sustainable community development

- Launched in 2014

- SDGs:





BOSNIA Living Better Than Yesterday

In the thick of challenging times, a light of hope is emerging in Livno, Bosnia through the partnership of World Hope International and the local technical high school, Srednja strukovna škola Silvija Strahimira Kranjčevića (SSK). One community member reflected, “our world is changing and there has been an exodus of people. It’s hard, negative and no one is believing in the future. It’s difficult to find something positive.”

Positive energy is rare in Livno and it is crucial to help create an environment of hope for the future of the community and its young residents. It is for this reason that WHI is excited to work alongside businesses and educational partners to help create a community poised to flourish. This is where Saša Grabovac comes in. WHI Bosnia Director, Joshua Carter and Saša have been partnering closely for a few years.

Saša is the Director of SSK and even though high school is not required in this region of Bosnia, the technical high school still has the largest student body population in the city.

The school is active in the community and seeks to drive change and provide opportunity to its students. The SSK teaches trades such as gardening, English, tourism, coding and cooking to prepare their graduates to

join the Bosnian workforce. They also reach out to their community to make a difference.

WHI partners with SSK to run a soup kitchen. The students learn how to cook and serve meals, so rather than baking food to be wasted, they opened a soup kitchen to provide healthy meals for families in need.

Recently, a class of students with intellectual disabilities were learning to bake pastries. They were excited to try out the new commercial oven that was purchased by WHI for the soup kitchen. The students buzzed around with excitement as their teacher taught them to roll, cut, and butter the dough before they went to see the new stove being installed. A few hours later the experiment was complete with tasty croissants ready for a family in need!

As Saša shared, “We fight every day. Here in Livno, we must have something excellent because we want our citizens to live better than yesterday.” Local partnerships with leaders like Saša are essential for WHI as we work to facilitate change and provide opportunity for a better future in Bosnia.

SSK is a place of hope because students are not only learning valuable trades for future careers but they are being taught the importance of giving back to their community.

RELATED PROJECT: Education Resource Center, Bosnia & Herzegovina

- Empowering, encouraging, and resourcing local educators, students, and community members
- Established in 2016
- SDGs:



CAMBODIA Potable, Piped Water for Communities & Healthcare Facilities



Last year, World Hope International signed onto a commitment through Global Water 2020 for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Healthcare Facilities. As part of our commitment, we aim to improve WASH in healthcare facilities in Cambodia. By the end of 2019, we successfully completed piloting our TapEffect social venture in Monduliri Province, Cambodia, where the pilot **connected 100 households, two schools, and one healthcare facility in the province to treated, clean water.**



Now, TapEffect is scaling up and moving out of the pilot phase. In early March, the TapEffect team began laying down pipes that will connect 3,000 households, eight schools, and four healthcare clinics in Cambodia’s Banteay Meanchey Province—with the taps on track to start running by August 2020.

The impact

Communities using TapEffect will be able to connect their local hospitals and clinics, providing clean water on-site to improve the water, sanitation and hygiene conditions in their health facilities. Having tapped water in schools and homes also enables sanitation best

Did you know?

Because families pay \$50-100 per year in many communities across Cambodia just to access water trucked in from dirty and dangerous sources like rivers and ponds, the TapEffect team thought they might pay an affordable rate for water that is safe and clean—and tapped right to their homes and healthcare facilities.

- Advances in technology have led to improvements in smartphones, internet coverage, pumps, and piping infrastructure worldwide. **TapEffect leverages these advances and employs locally.**
- It's an **affordable, basic “design-build-operate” piped water model** that builds on the existing infrastructure supply chain.
- TapEffect **installs a water pump and water treatment facility; builds a piping grid with water-usage meters** to connect houses and facilities; and uses smartphones and **mobile technology for data collection, analysis, and water billing.**
- Ultimate goal: **designing scalable portfolios of small piped water systems that are investment-ready** and can be installed across Cambodia and SE Asia.
- **TapEffect water is filtered, chlorinated, and drinkable from the tap**—with the systems subject to random and independent testing.

practices and education and reduces the risk of contamination, improving community health.

Piped water in Mondulkiri schools not only helped children stay in school, but the increased sanitation education and clean water, coupled with the new ability of community members to cook and serve meals on-site for the children in a sanitary manner, resulted in a **school dropout rate plummeting from 22 percent to zero.**

N. Dep, a mother of six and school feeding program cook, shared that her children regularly suffered stomach problems, bouts of diarrhea, and she lost a child. Now, not only



COVID-19 monitoring taking place outside one of the HCFs in Banteay Meanchey Province, where WHI will be bringing tapped water

TapEffect team continuing to lay pipes down to connect Banteay Meanchey Province to clean water



do the children get hot food, but they have learned to wash their hands routinely, wash their dishes and utensils, and enjoy access to clean water for safe drinking and other sanitary needs. They also stopped getting sick.

What's next

Water is considered an essential service in Cambodia even amid the COVID-19 crisis, so the TapEffect team is still working and doing split shifts from 6am–2pm and 2pm–10pm in order to complete the laying of new pipes. If they were to pause, the work would be delayed many months due to the upcoming rainy season.

TapEffect staff are also helping the Cambodian Ministry of Health monitor the wellbeing of current and onboarding customers. One TapEffect community operator providing COVID-19 awareness and sanitation best practices to customers actually has



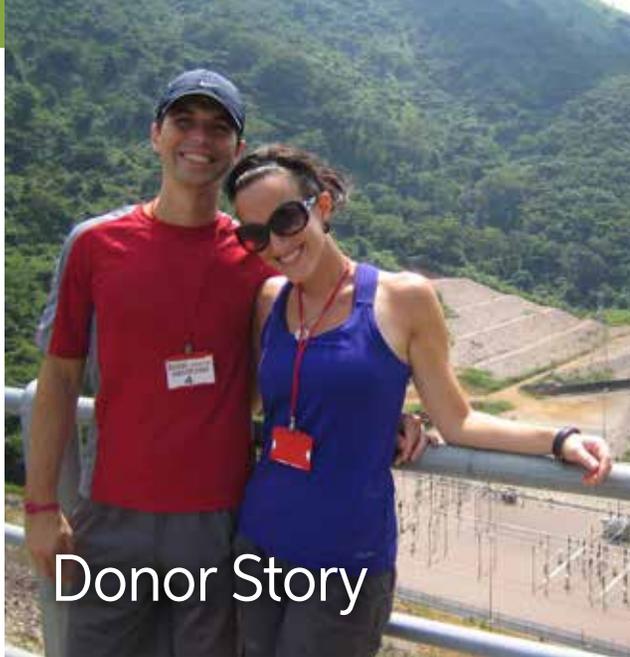
N. Dep cooks for the school feeding program now that they have clean water on-site. With access to clean water and sanitation, her own children are no longer getting sick.

a background working as a nurse. It will take 300 truckloads of soil to raise land above the flood line for the new water treatment plant, but the effort is worth it. Few things are more extraordinary than dependable, potable water in one's home and local healthcare facilities.

RELATED PROJECT: TapEffect in Cambodia

- Affordable, accessible, clean, piped water
- Established in 2017
- SDGs:





Donor Story

program director and physiotherapist for Enable the Children program in Sierra Leone.

The time they spent in Sierra Leone was eye opening and they were forever impacted by the time they had to connect with local culture and the people. Aaron said, “when it comes to being in relation-

ship with others, just as in the developed world, we found that it simply came down to giving time and love.”

Jenn and Aaron expressed that people who are hurting need others to walk the day-to-day with them. Aaron spent time in Freetown where a lot of his time was spent investing into homeless boys who were just trying to survive another day.

I asked Jenn and Aaron, what motivates them to continue to give to World Hope? They explained that people like Anna and others under World Hope’s umbrella are out there, feet on the ground, doing the dirty work. The Riede’s have seen first-hand the difficulties of living in Sierra Leone. There is a lack of basic human needs like food, clean water, and shelter. After seeing it they are even more motivated to continue being part of the action. In their current season of life that means financially supporting the workers on the ground and advocating for others to get involved.

Aaron and Jenn packed up their belongings in Nebraska and headed to Milton, ON in the summer of 2018, where they now reside with their two boys – Gideon (4 ½) and Simon (2). Jenn is currently working as a registered NICU nurse and Aaron is the finance director of a large church in Mississauga, ON.

The Riede family is passionate about travelling and learning from the world and its diverse population. One of their family goals is for Gideon and Simon to develop open-minded and selfless personalities through traveling the world.

It was through Jen and Aaron’s love for volunteering and their passion for the world that they found one another during their time serving on Mercy Ships. Aaron served 10 months in Sierra Leone in 2011 and Jen served a total of 16 months in Liberia, Togo, and Sierra Leone in 2011. During their time with Mercy Ships they were connected with Anna Vines—current

Executive Director travels to Eastern Europe

Tanya Nace reflects on her most recent trip to Eastern Europe:

I just got back from visiting Hope House and I cannot fully express my excitement for the future of this ministry. We are moving from a place of learning to a place of impact with local leaders and believers. Our new leaders who have been on our team for the past eight years have been actively mentoring churches who desire to foster orphans and a couple who have sensed a call by God to provide a safe home for orphaned girls.

While in Ukraine, I was able to meet with local ministries who desire to partner with us and I was invited into a high level government meeting to discuss the potential of future partnership. Recently, we have been asked to help the government with their goal of ending child institutionalization in Ukraine by the year 2030. We sense that God has been opening doors for an incredible future of ministry in this beautiful country and a confirmation that we have the experience and history to help teach others.

When I was at Hope House, the residents were enthused to share about their Christmas concert. They wrote and produced a play for their local church and it was the highlight of their Christmas season! It was heart-warming to hear many of our Hope House girls calling their house parents mamma and papa. To hear young girls who do not have an active parent in their life or no parent at all is a reminder of the way that God is our Father and that He loves us and leads us.



After my time in Ukraine. I visited the small mountain town of Livno, home to kind and hearty people, the World Hope International Education Resource Center (ERC) offers hope to a region of Bosnia that has been depressed and forgotten.

I was excited to meet Marijana Perkovic. Marijana is a speech therapist who offers speech therapy through the ERC. She specializes in working with children with autism and helping parents learn how to assist their children with home exercises. Thanks to WHI, Marijana has been trained and certified with Talk Tools (Level 2) based in Charleston, SC and is trained in methods from The Hanen Centre based in Toronto, Canada. In addition to serving families in her community, Marijana teaches seminars, mentors other therapists, and provides neurofeedback therapy.

Afterwards, I met with Saša, the Director of a local technical school (SSK). SSK is a place of hope because students are not only learning valuable trades for future careers but they are being taught the importance of giving back to their community.



THE BAHAMAS Building The Bahamas Back!

After our initial response to Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas last fall, World Hope International committed to staying longer and helping the local community and local church rebuild. We are so grateful for the six churches and 33 of volunteers that serve with us over the past few months in this labour of love.

In addition to running Tesla solar-powered stations in healthcare facilities and other vital services locations in the Bahamas, we were able to repair roofs, conduct drywall repairs, install vinyl flooring, trim, and baseboards, and fix gutters. Thanks to supporters like you, we were able to priori-

tize work for those living with disabilities as well as the elderly, unemployed, and single parents.

One painfully leaky roof that took two days to repair was for an elderly woman who is single and takes care of her disabled son. Another house completed was for another elderly woman who has CKDu (chronic kidney disease). Her house had finished peel-and-stick, but she did not have enough money to complete the shingles, and peel-and-stick should only be on a house exposed to UV rays for 30 days at most before it begins to crack, so this quickly became a high priority. She



“I had the privilege to work with some amazing WHI team members making a difference in the Bahamas. The teams produced 15000+ gallons of water and worked on countless other projects helping the local population left decimated by Hurricane Dorian. Incredible organization, incredible people, incredible cause.”

—Lewis Thibault

told us that she had been praying for weeks for some help to finish her roof and we found her at this time and were able to complete the job.

Another roof we repaired was for a woman who had about five feet of water in her house during the storm and sustained non-structural roof damage. She is an EMT on a local ambulance, but did not have insurance after the last hurricane that hit the Bahamas. The stories go on! Thank you for helping us to not only provide much needed power and repairs in the wake of Dorian’s devastation, but enabling us to encourage, empower, and provide sustained disaster relief in the Bahamas.

21 roofs over **55** people’s heads repaired

30 tons and **24,600** square feet of shingles installed

33 volunteers signed up to serve

4 outreach cookouts for several hundred community members coordinated and hosted

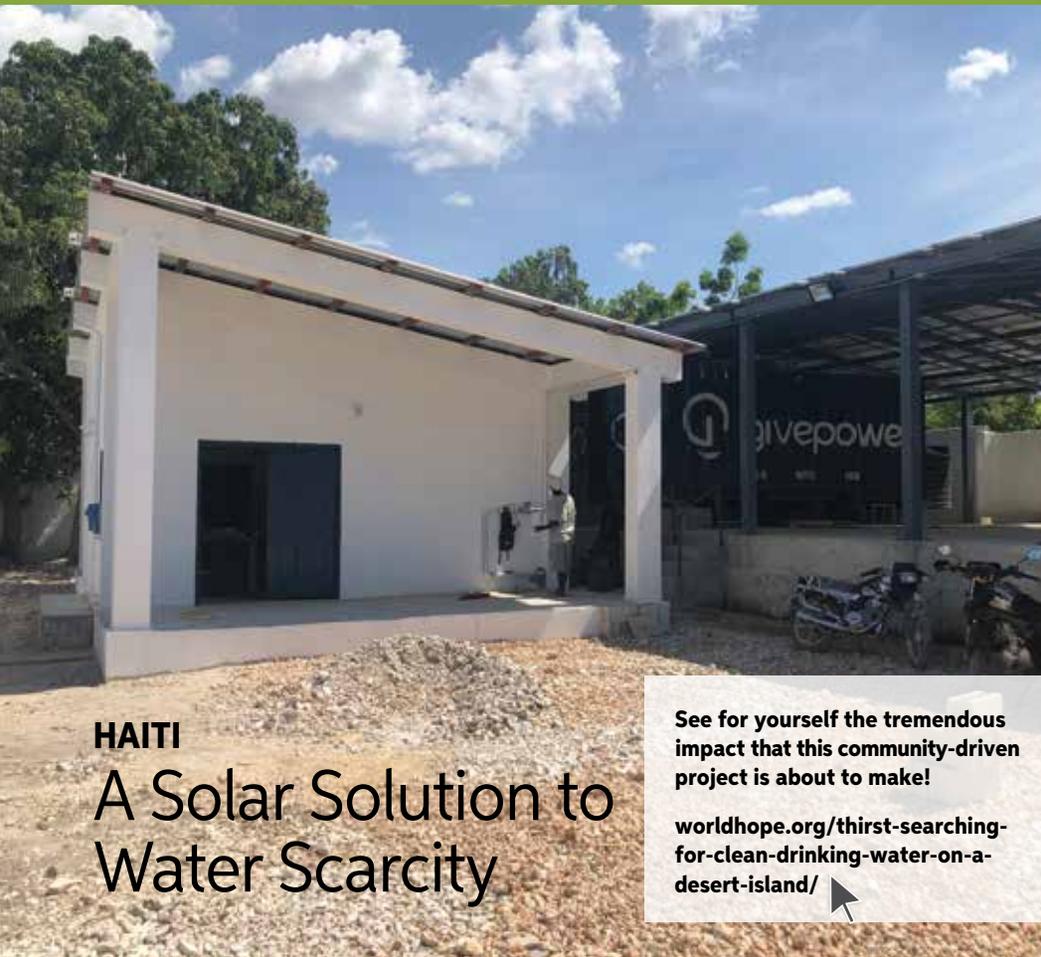
4 Tesla solar-power stations in 4 communities

2 churches significantly repaired

“This was the most humbling, down in the dirt, boots on the ground, fulfilling, gritty, fantastic, rewarding type of experience I have been involved in and plan to continue developing a long term partnership with World Hope International!”

—Dave Rowe





HAITI A Solar Solution to Water Scarcity

See for yourself the tremendous impact that this community-driven project is about to make!

worldhope.org/thirst-searching-for-clean-drinking-water-on-a-desert-island/

“I had this idea that if you could just build a water cistern that can save the water and have it when it’s dry, that would be good. Having ocean water be drinkable would help so many people.”

These are the words of Jeanot, a night watchman in Anse-à-Galets on the island of La Gonâve, Haiti, a year ago. This year, his dream is about to come true, as World Hope International, in partnership with GivePower, prepares to turn the tap and launch its new, solar-powered water desalination and distribution centre on the island.

After a year of preparation and long hours of laboring on the barren land, the solar panel array, Tesla batteries and pump are ready to go. Electrical, plumbing, and other finishing touches are now being applied. Soon 20,000 gallons of clean water will be produced straight from the sea.

Not only will the sale of the water allow the installation to be entirely self-sufficient, covering the ongoing maintenance of the equipment and salaries of the local technicians and staff, but now, clean water will also be regularly supplied to the only hospital on the island--something made more important than ever in the time of COVID-19.

Vision Trips

Reflection from Natalie Gidney & Haven Rhoda of Vision Trip to Hope House, Ukraine

Natalie reflects on her time at Hope House:

As I reflect on my journey to Hope House in Odessa, Ukraine, I feel it prudent to share a bit of my back story. See, I had no desire to do global mission work and felt that my calling was to whatever community God would call me to in the Maritimes. As an intern in 2016, two pastors on the team I was serving with were headed out on short term missions projects and as I listened to their passion and excitement, I wondered if something was missing in my heart. I sought God on the matter and spent time praying and seeking His will for me.

It wasn't long before I sensed the nudge of something very specific. It was clear God wanted me to go "in or near Russia and help with young women." Well, I tucked that in the back of my heart and mind thinking, "There's no way that will happen—short of a miracle." On February 29, 2020, I began the journey to Odessa, Ukraine.

While we were in Ukraine on this Vision trip, we had the opportunity to see the Hope House Ministry in action from start to finish. The girls who come to Hope House, generally come from orphanages. Seeing where these girls come from and the institutionalized life they grew up in, opens one's eyes to the great need for Hope House. Hearing their stories about how they ended up in the orphanages and that



Ukraine Vision Team

some of them believed that being in the orphanage was the safest and best place for them made my mama heart sad.

Sergiy and Larissa prepare the girls for life. They learn how to cook, clean, do laundry, and all the things necessary to keep a home and raise a family. Most importantly, they learn the love of Jesus. As new girls come in, they are paired with a girl who has been there and she helps the newcomer adjust and get acclimated. This buddy system works very well and the girls become very close.

As someone who had no desire to leave home to take part in world missions, I must say, I have been changed. My heart and desire to see Jesus taken to the world has grown from being words and a mission for others to becoming very personal. Hope House is more than a home for girls, it's a family!

Haven reflects on her time at Hope House:

Three pieces fit together to form Hope House Two one night: the aroma of homemade pizza, and a decibel of noise only a house full of joyfully reunited family members could procure. We laughed through tomato sauced smiles as we built stronger relationships with those we knew while being introduced to others who had come for the merry reunion.

The house drew a relieved breath as we quieted ourselves together in the family room. There, we recounted memories of the past while rejoicing in present triumphs and of hopes to come. Half of the room was warmed by young women who had graduated from the Hope House and were living successful lives pursuing their vocational and familial dreams.

Members of our team began to ask the graduates questions regarding their lives, as well as the lessons and memories they carried with them from their time spent at Hope House Two.

“What is one thing you learned at Hope House that will stick with you forever?”

After a thoughtful pause, a graduate responded, “To love people and not expect anything back from them.” Here lay that third piece: the kind of love that asks for nothing.



Haven Rhoda

When Sergiy and Larissa welcome these girls into their home, they wrap them in the sacrificial love of Jesus that offers grace with no strings attached. And that’s just it—a love that offers itself to you with no strings attached is exactly the kind of love that sticks with you forever.

Hope House does more than transform individual lives—it offers a grace and love that becomes generational. That is the entire point! World Hope’s vision is to provide opportunity, dignity, and hope to those who need it in a way that inspires and enables them to possess the tools for change in themselves, their family, and their community for generations to come.

Hope House’s abundance of loving care, gift of education, and access to a hopeful future inspires the young women who live and grow there to be a part of the solution, adding to the program’s sustainability while continuing the transformational impact of the Hope House.

This is a “no strings attached” kind of hope. This is a sticky kind of love.



WORLD HOPE EVENTS

Celebrating the Passionate Purpose: A Gala Event



This year, we could not host our annual spring gala in person, but we moved it online and had a wonderful night on May 29th! We are grateful for everyone who joined and gave. The gala was themed, “Celebrating the Passionate Purpose: A Gala Event.” World Hope International has projects for any passion thereby providing individuals with an opportunity to partner with a project which aligns with their passions. By combining others’ passions with World Hope’s passion and purpose, many people are reached, and lives are changed. If you missed the gala, you can go to our website to watch the recording.

Father’s Day Project

In recent years, churches have been moving away from purchasing individual gifts for Father’s Day. Instead they give a monetary gift to a special World Hope project in honour of their mothers and fathers. Each year World Hope shares a life-changing project that impacts the most vulnerable people around the world and this year we have selected the minis-

try of Hope House in Odessa, Ukraine as our 2020 Father’s Day project!

These meaningful holidays are not only a time to honour and remember our biological parents but it is a time to honour those who have been parental figures in our lives.

This year we want to honour Sergiy and Larissa Rubikov who have given their lives to be parental figures to orphaned young women in Ukraine with a special gift to the ministry of Hope House parents.

They have served hundreds of orphans and have become parents who love their children, invest in their lives and share the love of Jesus with



Sergiy, Larissa and Tanya

them through their words, actions and support. Not only do Sergiy and Larissa parent orphans, but they also mentor mothers and fathers in their community on how to be foster parents to orphaned children. The Rubikovs not only desire to love the girls at Hope House as their own but are passionate about helping other families receive training and be resourced to bring orphans into their families and provide a safe and loving home.



Maximize Your Giving

We want our lives to make a difference, but what impact will we make as we pass our values and valuables to the next generation? How can we make smart and effective asset-based giving choices during times of crisis like COVID-19? No matter what stage of life you're in, it's never too soon to begin thinking about your legacy.

Did you know you can maximize your philanthropic gifts to the Kingdom and World

Hope International by making a legacy gift or putting World Hope in your will?

For more information, please contact our Executive Director, Tanya Nace at TanyaNace@WorldHope.org.

Because of your generous and planned gifts, WHI's legacy to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity, and hope will remain strong now and in the future. Thank you for your partnership!



Taking a Short-Term Trip with World Hope

We have updated our short-term team sending process. We want to make the sending process as smooth as possible and set our teams up for success—from the start of the process to the end. We are currently sending three types of teams: Partnership, Vision, and Emergency Relief. Our goal is to send teams that have established partnerships with a World Hope project. We will be sending teams to Bosnia, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, and Ukraine. In 2021, Cornerstone Church will be sending a team to visit the village they have made a four-year commitment to support. This partnership trip will strengthen the long-term relationship between church and village.

“Being able to encourage and meet the people of our Village is a huge opportunity. We will have the chance to pray with the village, pray over the village, and pray over the work that World Hope is doing in Sierra Leone. We are showing the people of the Village that they matter to us so much that we have come to see them, to hear their hopes and dreams for their families and their community.” —

Deborah Gilbert, Missions Pastor of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church

20 Wells in 2020

2020 has already been a challenging year as COVID-19 has impacted the world. We are more convinced than ever that water is the most important resource to fight COVID-19 and to provide hygiene access to the third world. Can you imagine having to wash your hands as a way to protect yourself from disease yet have no access to clean water?

This year we are challenging Canada to raise enough funds for 20 wells to be drilled in West Africa. We already have 13 wells funded or pledged! Would you consider joining the 20 Wells in 2020 challenge?

Visit worldhope.ca/project/clean-water-wells for more information.

NEW HIRE

Marilyn Otis, Financial Officer

Marilyn Otis is the new financial officer for World Hope International. She has more than 20 years of experience as a Financial Officer and is currently working with Threshold Ministries, and The Wesleyan Church of Canada. She holds a bachelor's degree from Kingswood University.




Push Toward Impact launches

Our Executive Director launched a specialized Facebook page on December 31, 2019. This is a place to inspire people to step up, be transformed, and push toward impact around the world. She has been interviewing global leaders, sharing about global impact and giving followers insight into life and leadership on the road. **Join her on Facebook!**

facebook.com/pushtowardimpact



Give the Gift of Light

Illuminate the world for children in Sierra Leone

Join us in providing children in our Sierra Leone programs with a sustainable source of light by purchasing a solar lantern for them! With schools closed due to COVID-19, the need for light and power at home is more important than ever...

Lights will:

- help children study and read after dark
- benefit the child and their whole family who lack access to electricity and may have to use other substitutes like kerosene or candles

One lantern is only \$50

All donations must be received by July 31, 2020. For more information visit worldhope.ca/gift-of-light.



Did You Know?

Dive into the projects World Hope International is implementing around the world on our website! Information on projects including PAVE, the Recovery Centre, Tap Effect and more can all be found online, along with related stories, news, and resources—check it out!



New Office Address

In case you missed it, we moved our office to Moncton, New Brunswick. We are here to serve you! If you have questions, please don't hesitate to connect with us in the following ways:

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COVID-19 Resources!

World Hope has not only been able to pivot our projects globally to meet and adapt to the needs and demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have also produced some resources and tools that are available to the public — including you! Check them out:

Get-Support

Get-Support helps community churches



accelerate their historic role during periods of crisis by directly connecting people with needs to people who can support them. By adopting this free, secure, and simple tool, churches strengthen their group identity, empower church members to help each other, and reduce the administrative load of coordinating volunteers with requests.

“Teaming up with World Hope International and Disaster Tech has given us an opportunity to meet a variety of our local communities’ needs during this time

of Covid-19 isolation. Not only have we been able to help with physical needs but spiritual needs are being met.” —Nathan Adams, Pastor of Outreach & Missions

COVID-19 Disease Guidelines for Homes for Children and Residential Shelters

In partnership with the Salvation Army, World Hope put together some guidelines for protective shelters and childrens’ homes in the time of COVID-19, which are available on our website for downloading and sharing and were distributed by the US State Department to all their grantees.

COVID-19 Video Guide Mini-Series for Homes for Children and Residential Shelters

Also in partnership with the Salvation Army, World Hope produced a series of short but succinct training videos for practitioners and caregivers in homes for children and residential shelters, addressing questions including how to best care during COVID-19 for children with underlying health problems, supporting children’s mental health, ensuring they properly isolate, and more.



CHECK OUT WHERE WORLD HOPE IS CURRENTLY OPERATING!