

**We're working
together for water.**



**A consortium of
international NGOs
delivering on water**

Demonstrating how the integrated challenge of safe water, basic sanitation and river basin management can be met.

Water and sanitation cuts through the centre of development work. It is integral to health, nutrition, education, livelihoods, the role of women, and the environment. Meeting the challenge of safe water provision demands:

- 🍷 Interventions from the provision of **local supply infrastructure** through to the **conservation of ecosystems**
- 🍷 Working for **improved governance** so that communities can co-operate with local government and water providers
- 🍷 Supporting **policy frameworks** and market structures that ensure that progress is inclusive, sustainable and equitable
- 🍷 Working on the ground in **partnerships with local communities**

Demonstrating Delivery Across Sectors

A consortium of international NGOs – Birdlife, CARE International, the Freshwater Action Network, Greencross, Oxfam, Tearfund, WaterAid, and WWF – is demonstrating how these challenges can be met. These NGOs are bringing their wide-ranging skills and experience to providing water solutions across these sectors.

Working on the ground in partnership with local communities, these NGO activities demonstrate the ways water targets can be delivered: enabling local people to generate and sustain their own solutions to infrastructure provision; facilitating education programmes that allow people to understand how they can ensure they protect the sources of their freshwater; conserving the ecosystems that generate clean water and support biodiversity; and collaborating on research and advocacy to lobby governments to address the challenges of clean water provision.

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WaterAid



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Improved governance

CARE International UK community water-supply scheme, Lusaka, Zambia

Consultations with residents in the poor Chipata Compound of Lusaka revealed the redress of chronic water supply problems as their top priority. The core problem was not the availability of water, but rather the municipality's inability to manage and deliver it effectively.

CARE facilitated and supported the creation of a new governance structure for water delivery in which the municipality and the community jointly designed and built the water supply system. The community then took responsibility for managing and administering the new system. This reduced the burden on the government, gave formal recognition to the community and generated funds to reinvest in community projects. This approach is part of a broader project that enables around 500,000 people in poor urban communities in Zambia to receive water through these self-managed systems. The municipality has gone on to expand the programme throughout the city.



Conservation of ecosystems

WWF working in the Kafue Flats, Zambia

The annual flooding of the vast, open flats of the Kafue River plays a crucial role in sustaining the livelihoods that local people derive from hunting, fishing and grazing. These annual floods also replenish the water table on which domestic water bore-holes and wells all across the Flats depend. Zambia now draws much of its electricity from the hydropower of the Kafue Gorge and Itezhi-tezhi dams, disrupting the annual flood regime of the Kafue Flats.

WWF has been working with local communities, local farming interests, the Zambian Electricity Supply Company, and the Ministry of Energy and Water Development to establish integrated water management of the Flats. A focus of the project has been the restoration of the annual flooding regime. This innovative work will set a model for the region and secure the livelihoods and natural resources of the Kafue Flats. It will also secure the domestic water supplies of the area – saving women living on the Flats a walk of many hours to fetch water.



Countries in which we work



Case studies

Sarah Black, WWF-Canon



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The ways we work to deliver safe water

- integrated catchment management
- sanitation
- governance
- basic health education
- wetland restoration
- community forestry
- local infrastructure provision
- political empowerment
- international lobbying
- flood defence
- civil society partnerships
- national advocacy
- water quality testing
- humanitarian response



Meg Gawler, WWF-Canon



Partnerships with local communities

Tearfund: Flood preparedness for the Ganges and Brahmaputra

Deforestation in the Himalayas and the effects of climate change have combined with social pressures to increase the human consequences of flooding in Bangladesh in recent years – in 1998, 4,500 people died due to flooding alone. Tearfund has been supporting local partner NGO Koinonia to address these problems.

Koinonia assesses relief proposals from local churches and organisations and helps them to manage approved schemes to address these problems. Koinonia has a wide network of local partners and is well placed to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in flood-affected areas. Koinonia also trains local groups in disaster preparedness, including the re-excavation of canals to drain floodwaters away more quickly. After a flood, they help people rebuild their houses in a way that will make them more resilient to future floods and downpours.



Local supply infrastructure and improved policy frameworks

WaterAid working in partnership with local groups in Dhaka's squatter settlements

WaterAid has been working in partnership with Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK) in Dhaka's squatter settlements to address the barriers to the supply of water to residents. Because they could not prove legal tender to land, residents were not eligible for water supply points under the policies of the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (DWASA). DSK persuaded DWASA to install water points in some of these areas, and have been pushing hard for a permanent change in policy. At the same time, DSK has been working to strengthen the abilities of previously disparate local communities to work together to manage and maintain the new facilities themselves.

DSK's work to build bridges between the local people and the water supply authorities has resulted in provision of vital infrastructure, and WaterAid and DSK have been using the experience to develop a model that can be repeated elsewhere. WaterAid and CARE are now working together with other actors in the Urban Round Table in Bangladesh, a co-ordinating body of the major actors working in urban areas, to engage with the government and promote policy-level change.

A consortium of international NGOs is working together, on the ground with communities and at the policy level, to deliver on the challenges – infrastructural, political, social, economic, and environmental – necessary to secure safe water supplies. Contact us to find out how.



BirdLife International is a global partnership of conservation organizations operating in over one hundred countries and territories worldwide. It strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources.

www.birdlife.net



CARE International UK, a member of CARE International, is a global humanitarian organisation working with communities, governments and local partners to address the underlying causes of urban poverty and the rights of slum dwellers.

www.careinternational.org.uk



Freshwater Action Network is a global network of environmental and developmental non-governmental and community based organisations working to strengthen civil society's participation in international water policy formulation.

www.freshwateraction.net



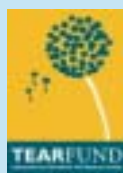
Green Cross International works to prevent conflicts in water-stressed regions by promoting informed and participatory decision-making, regional cooperation and the integrated management of land and water resources at the basin level.

www.gci.ch



Oxfam GB, a member of Oxfam International, works with others to overcome poverty and suffering in over 70 countries. Securing access to safe water and public health for poor communities is a central part of this work, particularly in humanitarian emergencies.

www.oxfam.org.uk



Tearfund is an evangelical Christian relief and development charity working with local partners to bring help and hope to communities in need around the world.

www.tearfund.org



WaterAid is an international NGO dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.

www.wateraid.org



WWF promotes the restoration of river basins crucial to wildlife and people, and influences private sector and government practices to safeguard freshwater resources.

www.panda.org