

A young boy with dark skin and short hair is the central figure, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a green and brown horizontally striped t-shirt. He is carrying a large, yellow, rectangular plastic water container balanced on his head, with both hands resting on top of it. The background is a lush green cornfield with tall stalks and leaves, slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is natural, suggesting an outdoor setting during the day.

**THE  
WATER  
TRUST**

**2019**

ANNUAL REPORT

Thanks to your support, last year we helped more than 45,000 people provide their children clean water and healthy homes. In the process, we supported 120 communities to develop self-help groups that not only finance critical well maintenance to keep water flowing, but also provide a safe place to save and take out loans in rural unbanked communities.

We also developed critical partnerships in the US and Uganda to help us scale our impact in the year ahead. Together with two Ugandan district governments and our community of supporters in the US we will help 100,000 people in 2020 enjoy sustainable water.

In addition, our research and evaluation has uncovered new opportunities for impact and innovation. In this report you can learn more about our first grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and how it will help us discover new ways to help children grow up healthy.

Sincerely,



Chris Prottas  
Executive Director

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Fetching water from an open source was one of the problems we had suffered with for years despite our efforts to inform the local leaders. We would not send children alone to the water source because even the wild animals would come to drink, especially the monkeys. This looked like a situation that would not change for ages.

In addition to the water point we have also benefited from education on sanitation. We have come to learn that everyone that talks about [the importance of] a latrine is not your enemy but one that wishes for a healthy and developed community.

- Joseph Kyoterengereire -

A photograph of a man with a serious expression, wearing a light-colored polo shirt with thin horizontal stripes. He is standing in a field with tall grass and a hazy background. The image is split vertically, with the left side having a brownish tint and the right side being more natural. The word 'IMPACT' is overlaid at the bottom in large, bold, orange letters.

IMPACT

## CLEAN SUSTAINABLE WATER

From borehole wells to shallow-hand dug wells to protected springs, our team works to find the right technological solution for the rural villages and schools we serve. In communities where there is a broken down well, we will replace the parts and rehabilitate the well so it is functional again.

We also train a self-help group to manage the rehabilitated well, reducing the likelihood it ends up broken and abandoned again. We monitor all of our water points on an annual basis to ensure water points built up to ten years ago are still functioning and providing the clean water families need.

**21,054**

people gaining access to clean water

**30** rehabilitated wells

**24** new wells built

**1** hour per day saved, no longer traveling to distant water source

**\$29** cost per person

**37,329**

people benefitting from water managed by a new self-help group

new self-help groups trained **120**

annual savings and interest per group **\$1.5k+**

functionality of water points with a self-help group **93%**

**31,003**

people benefitting from sanitation education

new bathrooms constructed **1.7k**

new dish racks constructed **2.1k**

new handwashing facilities constructed **2k**

cost per person **\$6**

## HEALTHY EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES

Self-help groups are savings and credit unions we train in each community. They are critical to the sustainability of our water points because they allow the community to save for the future repairs that will inevitably be needed. In addition, they provide community members with access to personal savings and loans to pay for school fees, medical emergencies, and invest in agriculture.

We also educate communities on how they can build and use critical hygiene and sanitation facilities to ensure clean water results in healthy children and families.

IMPACT  
THAT  
LASTS

**200K+**

people benefiting from 386  
new or rehabilitated wells

**93%**

of wells constructed since  
2008 are functional

## INNOVATION THAT MATTERS

Last year we found that children living in households that owned more chickens had an >80% higher risk of diarrheal disease. Typically, chickens wander freely in and around homes, and their poop is a hidden health risk for infant children. Exposure not only leads to sickness, but can inhibit cognitive development.

This critical health risk is not limited to Uganda, as chickens are common in most poor rural communities across Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond. We are publishing our findings in a leading academic journal in partnership with faculty at North Carolina State University.

In addition, this year we began training rural communities to better manage their chickens. If we can convince households to confine and clean up after their chickens, we hope to see improvements in child health as well as the productivity of the chickens.

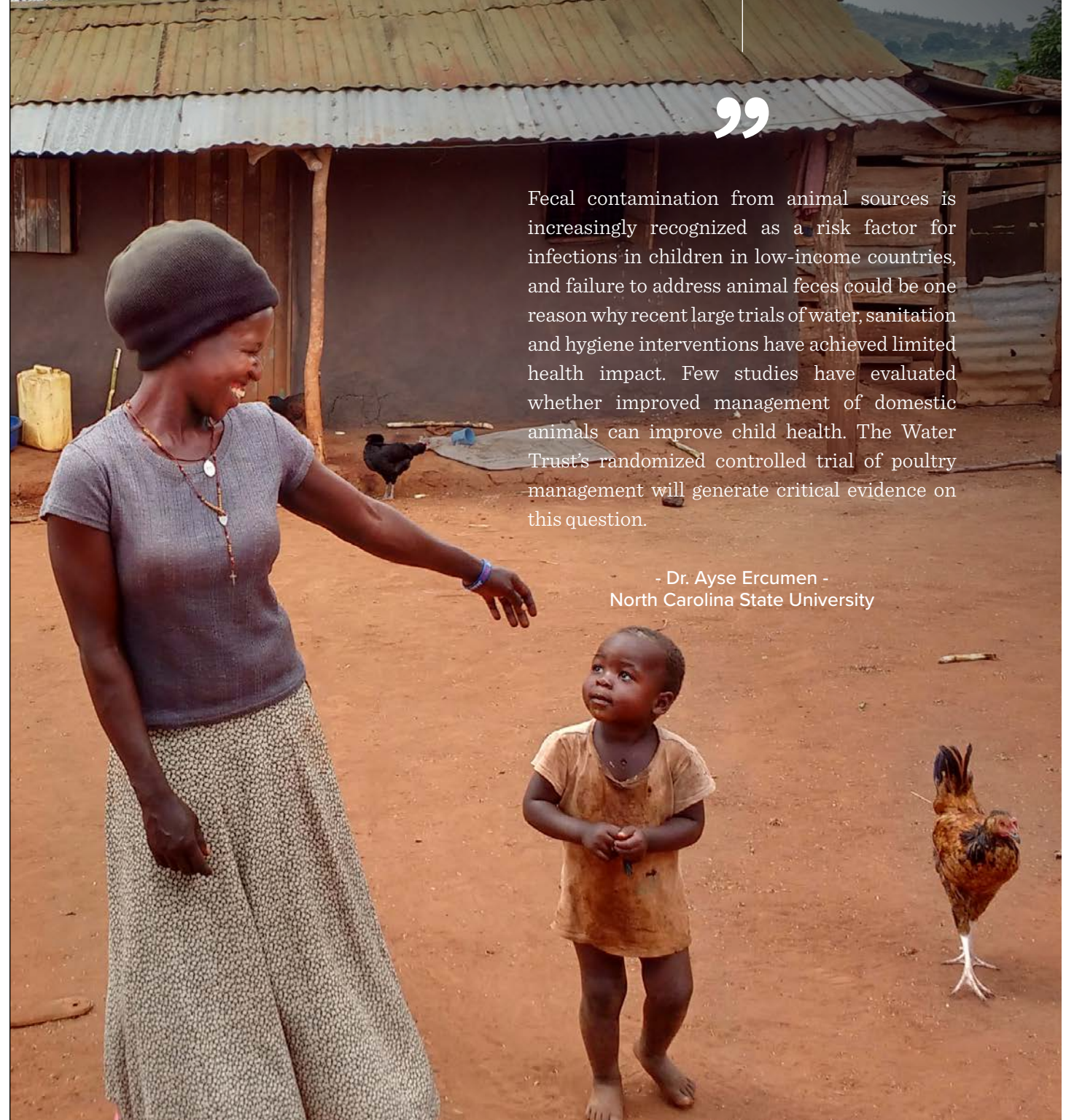
This work received critical seed funding from Pace Family Foundation, and now United States Agency for International Development is funding a randomized controlled trial of the program's impact. We expect to report on preliminary results in Summer 2020.



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Fecal contamination from animal sources is increasingly recognized as a risk factor for infections in children in low-income countries, and failure to address animal feces could be one reason why recent large trials of water, sanitation and hygiene interventions have achieved limited health impact. Few studies have evaluated whether improved management of domestic animals can improve child health. The Water Trust's randomized controlled trial of poultry management will generate critical evidence on this question.

- Dr. Ayse Ercumen -  
North Carolina State University



## DEVIOUS BIRUNGI

12 years old

A year ago The Water Trust built a water point in Devious' home village of Pakanyi. That water point today provides access to clean water for Devious, her family, and more than 250 people in her neighborhood, as well as a neighboring primary school and nursery. In addition to clean water, the community received hygiene education that increased the coverage of simple bathrooms from just 41% of households to more than 80%. These bathrooms weren't provided by The Water Trust, but were built by community members themselves.

"This water point has helped reduce the cost of paying for other water," said Devious. "Our parents used to pay for water, and we went to fetch from other water points, spending a long time queuing for water. I have also noticed that since the water point was constructed, my parents were educated [on sanitation] and now many households have constructed latrines, a kitchen, dish racks and rubbish pits.

"[Also now] this water point helps us at school. Water from this water point helps our school prepare food and provides water for the handwashing facility to allow us to wash hands after using the latrine, before eating, and after eating."

Devious' home village also benefits from a self-help group trained by The Water Trust. This group is a savings and credit union based in the village itself that offers community members a safe place to save and take out loans. Importantly, it also maintains a reserve fund to pay for well repairs to keep water flowing.

With 45% of wells in this area broken, sustainable management is critical. The self-help group already has 42 members and saved more than \$2,500 in its first year of operations. So far it has spent \$12 on basic maintenance of the well and has a special reserve fund of \$88 set aside in case a more expensive repair is needed. In the meantime, Devious' family and others can enjoy access to savings and loans to pay for education and invest in their future.



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Having a safe and protected water point next to me was just in my imagination in the past. I thank The Water Trust. My family did not have options other than drinking from the open source in the nearby pond. I almost lost one of my children in the pond when she followed her elder siblings to collect water. I now have safe water accessible even for my children, I don't have worries that my daughter will risk drowning in the pond, and I can also move to the water point at any time.

- Beatrice Mumsie -  
mother of eight children



# EFFICIENCY

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

**\$835K**

COST PER PROGRAM

\*These calculations include all direct program and indirect expenses (such as administration and fundraising)

CLEAN SUSTAINABLE WATER

**\$617k\***

\$29 per person

HEALTHY EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES

**\$218k\***

\$6 per person

**90%**  
PROGRAM  
\$750,955

**4%**  
ADMINISTRATION  
\$34,956

**6%**  
FUNDRAISING  
\$49,005

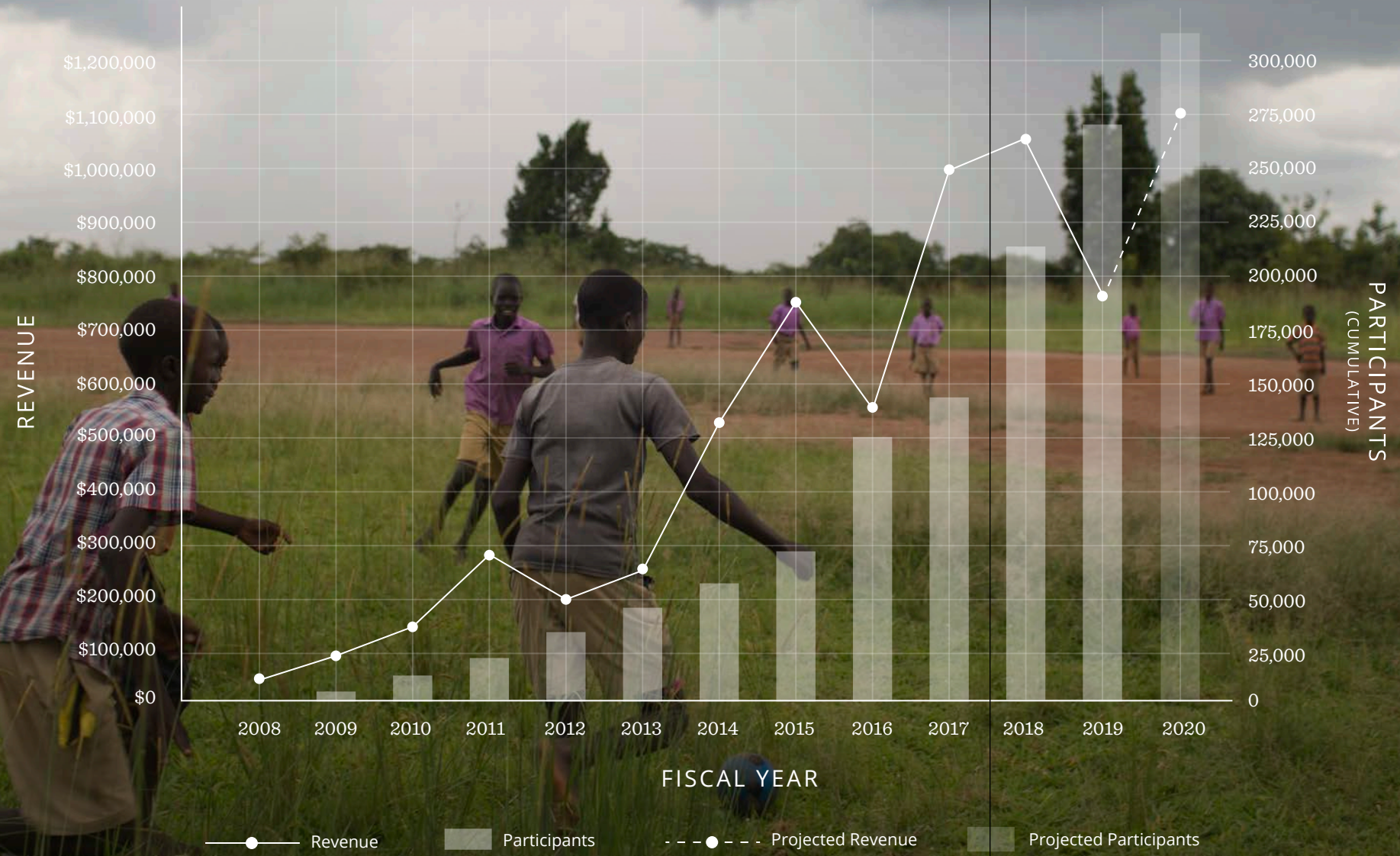
ANNUAL EXPENSES

Salaries, taxes and benefits	\$346,438
Construction and training costs	\$287,056
Contract and professional services	\$55,432
Rent, office, phone	\$41,410
Travel and conferences	\$31,984
Depreciation	\$29,004
Vehicular expenses	\$18,211
Other	\$15,920
Event expense	\$6,675
Marketing	\$2,787
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$834,917</b>

The figures above are unaudited 2019 financials. This report will be updated with audited figures when the audit is completed.



## ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH



## LOOKING FORWARD

In the next five years, we aim to scale our self-help group program to benefit one million people in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2020, we aim to help 100,000 people improve their access to sustainable clean water and sanitation, of which half will be in new communities that have never received any support from The Water Trust.

We also plan to secure our first partnership outside of Uganda in order to begin expanding the self-help group approach across the region.

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We suffered collecting water from an open source called Kaborogota stream. My children consistently suffered diarrhea and bloody stool because of the open well. I am hopeful that this clean water source will enhance our capacity to keep improved hygiene in our homes.

- Monica Alituha -

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