



Annual Report

April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013





Our mission is to provide sustainable investments in water, sanitation and hygiene to combat disease and poverty in the developing world.

A Letter

From the Chairman of the Board of Directors:



Dear Friends,

The year ended March 31, 2013, marks another period of growth and accomplishment for our team in Masindi against a backdrop of significant change for The Water Trust. I'm grateful for the hard work and adaptability of the leaders we brought on board: Sarah Mendelsohn our Executive Director here in the States and Marije van den Broek, our Program Manager in Masindi, Uganda. In addition to delivering 42 new water projects and further developing our WASH model, these leaders drove our efforts to establish The Water Trust as an independent water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) non-profit in Uganda. We move into our next year mindful of our commitments of accountability and sustainability and excited by our opportunities. We will continue to push for healthier and more productive lives in East Africa and to strive toward our vision of living in a world where all people have access to clean water and a proper place to go to the toilet.

In a sense, the idea of The Water Trust began in August 1986 when I travelled to Uganda with my good friend Reverend Andrew Pearson to view the work of the then young Busoga Trust. I was inspired by their work and by the Ugandan people. This experience planted the seed from which The Water Trust was born, in 2008, as an American funded, Uganda-based satellite operation of Busoga Trust. In our 5 years working together, we completed over 150 water sources and sanitation projects, serving nearly 65,000 people. The Water Trust's move this year to become legally and functionally independent is a natural step in our effort to grow and broaden our impact. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Busoga Trust and are fortunate to have a partner of such capability, experience and integrity.

Our fiscal 2013 was another successful year on the ground in Masindi. Marije brought extensive sanitation and hygiene experience from her prior roles that proved valuable in our effort to continuously improve our WASH model. Key enhancements to our WASH model this year included:

- Implementation of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) with a focus on 100% latrine coverage (Open Defecation Free status)
- Creation of a dedicated team and resources for maintenance, evaluation and rehabilitation of our growing base of projects
- Implementation of improved sanitation systems for Masindi schools
- 98% of wells at or above Ugandan Government water quality standards



Our capable and experienced team of 12 employees in Masindi is targeting 40 new village partnerships, 5 WASH in Schools programs and two pilot studies to improve the management of our water sources in the year ahead.

I am equally impressed by our developments here in the States under the enthusiastic leadership of Sarah. Hiring Sarah and moving away from our all-volunteer US approach were vital steps on our path to broader impact in Africa. Sarah has made great progress in establishing a lean but capable infrastructure and professional management processes. I am confident that the foundation she is laying down will effectively support our growth in the years ahead. We will work diligently to control our costs and spend wisely in building out the infrastructure necessary for growth. We'll keep a keen eye on accountability and sustainability, foundational principals of our model.

This past August, I brought my family on my third visit to Masindi. Although The Water Trust strives to put in sharp focus the direct results of our work with a transparent model, nothing tells the story like being on the ground. I encourage all who can to join our annual visits. As I watched my kids kick a soccer ball with Ugandan children and my wife ask our team in Uganda about the challenges of their work, I realized that they were being inspired just as I was 26 years ago. Watching my family understand what we do and why we do it, not only highlighted how our work is making East Africa healthier, but also making the world a smaller place.

Gratefully Yours,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Ted Huber', is written in a cursive style.

Ted Huber
Chairman of The Board of Directors
The Water Trust.



“The Water Trust (TWT) consistently holds the sweet spot in our implementing partner portfolio. They maintain the balance we seek between solid, dependable implementation and creative risk-taking that moves our entire sector forward. Those we serve together are rewarded with excellent results and innovative approaches that maximize opportunities to unlock their true potential.”

--Peter Chasse President & Founder The Water Project

Where We Are Today

- 780 million people worldwide do not have access to clean water
- 2.5 billion people worldwide lack access to adequate sanitation
- Every 20 seconds a child dies from a water related disease
- Almost half the population of Uganda lack access to clean water
- More than 30% lack access to adequate sanitation in Uganda



MASINDI, UGANDA





“We are looking forward to this water source, and therefore we will work hard together with the technician. We heard about The Water Trust through the radio.

Due to the program we learned that
TWT constructs shallow wells together with the community.
We were very enthusiastic about this and immediately applied.”

--Chairman of The Water User Committee, Alimugonza-Kyabarokole



Village Partnerships



TWT strives toward sustainable developments of water, improved sanitation and hygiene trainings by implementing interdisciplinary community led projects – the majority of which are village partnerships. With the cooperation of a rural village in Uganda, the local government, TWT staff and investors of TWT, we work together to construct shallow hand-dug wells, provide sanitation and hygiene improvements, and lead trainings via TWT facilitated Community Led Total Sanitation.

Additionally, TWT oversees maintenance through training of water user committees to manage the water sources, and a network of hand pump mechanics who address repairs. Each TWT village partnership works towards accomplishing a healthy, equitable living environment, with a focus on achieving Open Defecation Free status – defined as one latrine per household.

In order to promote long-term developments, TWT has an intensive monitoring program that evaluates the functionality of the water source, and includes a Community Development Officer in each village to ensure sustainable developments, while concentrating on vulnerable populations (sick, disabled and elderly).

TWT implemented 36 village partnerships and funded 6 village partnerships that were implemented by our partner Busoga Trust during the period of April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

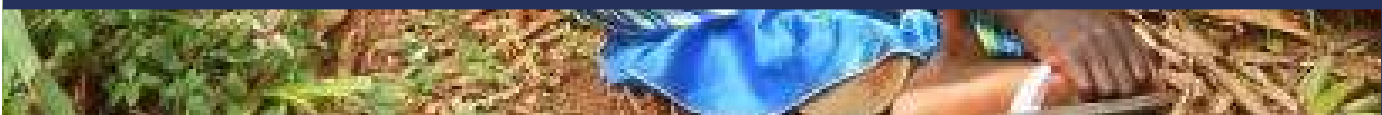
These developments provided clean water, improved sanitation, hygiene trainings and the capacity to maintain these developments for approximately 16,800 men, women and children in the Masindi District of Uganda.





“Providing a water source is the easiest part, maintaining it is the difficult part, and when you consider the economic conditions this is very difficult, but when we partner together - the government, the community and TWT - we can do it.”

--President of the Water User Committee , Iranda-Wateso



Additional Technologies

Advanced Water Sources

TWT joins industry leaders in drilling technologies with local contractors on borehole projects in regions with particularly challenging geologies, specifically where hand dug well technology is not suitable. Similar to Village Partnerships, these water sources are complemented by sanitation and hygiene programs.

TWT prioritizes the maintenance and repair of the water sources to ensure that they are truly sustainable developments. Hand pump mechanics are geographically assigned to villages to provide preventative maintenance, repairs and respond to technical issues of the borehole. TWT works with each village to determine the appropriate water source. Understanding that social, economic and technical feasibility of a community and region are the main determinants in the success of each project. During the period of April 1, 2012 to March 2013 TWT facilitated the construction of 3 boreholes.



TWT facilitated the construction of 3 boreholes that provided a safe water source for approximately 1200 people in rural Uganda.



Additional Programs

Masindi School Sanitation Project

In November 2012, TWT was invited to apply to, and was successfully selected for, the Citizen Effect Holiday 2012 Grant. This \$15,000 grant funded the construction of segregated latrines (a block for boys and block for girls) in 2 primary schools and the emptying of previously built latrines of 9 primary schools in Masindi, Uganda.

In addition, TWT helped help train School Health Clubs in sanitary hygiene, through which teachers are trained to be agents of change for healthy sanitation and hygiene behaviors. The project was designed and implemented in collaboration with the local government--working with both the Education and Water and Sanitation sectors.



This project provided access to sanitation facilities for 8800 students and teachers and empowered over 17,600 men, women and children to make informed decisions about their sanitation practices and health.



Financial Report

March 31, 2012 - April 1, 2013

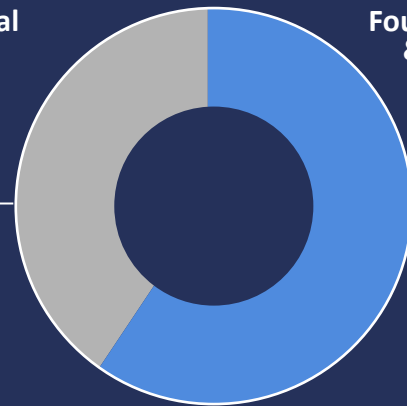


REVENUE

Foundation & Grants	\$230,890
Individual Giving	\$155,571
Total	\$386,461

Individual Giving
40%

Foundation & Grants
60%



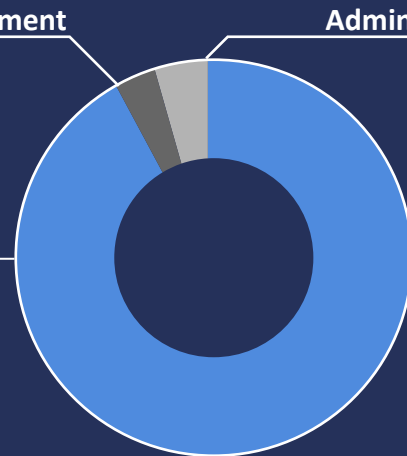
EXPENDITURE

Program	\$332,538
Development	\$12,832
Admin	\$19,713
Total	\$365,083

Development
4%

Administrative
5%

Program
91%



Net Surplus \$21,378



“It is our collective responsibility to ensure that the great strides that our society has made in technology, energy and healthcare benefit those who are most in need of such advances. Plainly put, access to basic human rights should not be correlated to ones ability to pay, and no parent should watch their child suffer or die from treatable or preventable disease due to our inability or unwillingness to deliver clean water to their town. The tenacious and intelligent work of our Ugandan team along with the generosity of our U.S. partners are the foundations of our participation in the fight against the inequitable results of poverty – one child at a time.”

-- Jeff Kaplan, Co-Founder The Water Trust



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