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Now More than Ever Campaign Summary

Campaign Background and Objectives

As shared previously, Water For People has a proven solution to end the global water and sanitation crisis as 1 in 4 people around the world lack access to safely managed drinking water, and nearly 1 in 2 people lack safely managed sanitation services¹. Some 829,000 people are estimated to die each year from diarrhea, a preventable disease, due to unsafe drinking water, sanitation, and hand hygiene². Forty-three percent of health care facilities do not even have basic hand hygiene facilities³. With programs in Africa, Latin America, and India, Water For People creates sustainable water and sanitation systems by bringing together local entrepreneurs, community members, and governments to build, operate, and maintain their own systems so that every family, health clinic, and school has access to safe water and sanitation that will last for generations to come.

Over the past 10 years, Water For People has worked in 164 clinics and hospitals across nine countries that now have reliable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services. For this campaign, in 2021, Water For People and district partners planned to complete work at 175 clinics and other community facilities in need of WASH upgrades. Investing in these systems will provide lasting benefits to nearly 53,000 people directly—and many more throughout the broader community—while also immediately reducing the likelihood and pace of the spread of COVID-19. Focusing Philanthropy added \$1 for every \$2 contributed by Water For People donors, providing up to \$333,000 in matching support toward the overall campaign goal of \$1 million. Water For People can reach one person for approximately \$19. Based on approximate cost and people reach estimate of a typical infrastructure investment, the \$1,000,000 campaign would assist us to reach about 52,631 people.

Campaign Impact

Aligned with campaign commitments, Water For People has now completed work at 121 schools, 16 clinics, and 13 Anganwadi Centers (AWC) reaching 59,248 people in schools, 5,418 people in clinics, and 695 people in AWCs with WASH services in nine countries during 2021. Therefore, this year our work in public institutions improved WASH services for 65,361 people in total, exceeding our original estimates! Our work assisted districts to prepare to or reopen schools with WASH services to contain the spread of COVID-19 and improved these services in clinics and AWCs, contributing to protecting the health of people served.

¹ UN Sustainable Development Goals Summary Progress Update 2021, pg. 10.

https://www.unwater.org/app/uploads/2021/07/SDG-6-Summary-Progress-Update-2021_Version-July-2021.pdf

² World Health Organization, <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/drinking-water>.

³ UNICEF, Hand Hygiene For All, 2021. [200626-unicef-who-hand-hygiene-global-initiative.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/hand-hygiene/global-initiative)

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Improvements completed in schools, rural childcare centers, and health care clinics in Everyone Forever Districts
(January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021)**

	# of community members reached with new or improved water services	# of clinics	# people reached in clinics	# of schools	# people reached in schools	# AWCs	# people reached in AWC
Bolivia	3,939	0	0	5	1,250	0	0
Guatemala	1,865	0	0	9	748	0	0
Honduras	936	0	0	2	231	0	0
India	27,380	8	1,685	38	11,805	13	695
Malawi	60,317	1	203	16	25,551	0	0
Nicaragua	369	1	*0	27	1,155	0	0
Peru	1,106	0	0	1	4	0	0
Rwanda	41,206	5	530	20	16,577	0	0
Uganda	10,539	1	3,000	3	1,927	0	0
TOTAL	147,657	16	5,418	121	59,248	13	695

*The number of people reached in this clinic was reported previously as part of a completed water system.

2021 Country by Country Campaign Details

Water For People was able to complete the majority of planned infrastructure in clinics, schools, and Anganwadi Centers although some WASH program activities continue to be delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related school closures and government restrictions on travel and large gatherings. Our work in schools and clinics not only align with governments' increasing prioritization on improving WASH services in the nine countries where we work but also assists districts to improve WASH services to reopen schools as they have been closed for extended periods in many countries.

In Bolivia, Water For People completed the construction or expansion of WASH infrastructure in five schools, improving access to WASH services for 1,250 students and school staff. **As a result of our work, and in partnership with Focusing Philanthropy, we reached the Everyone milestone for public institutions in Arani!** Now every school and healthcare facility in the municipality has access to improved WASH services. In Pocona, Water For People constructed new WASH infrastructure for 203 students and staff at one school. This infrastructure includes handwashing stations connected to the community's gravity-fed system (GFS) and new sanitary blocks, with separate changing rooms for girls and female staff for menstrual hygiene management (MHM). In San Benito, we expanded previously existing WASH infrastructure at two schools to accommodate 995 students and school staff. In one school, we connected handwashing stations to the community's GFS and installed new sanitary blocks. In another school, we connected the school to the local water system and completed sanitary blocks with changing rooms for girls. In Tiraque, we expanded the previously existing WASH infrastructure at one school, providing improved WASH services for 25 students and staff, connecting handwashing stations to the community's GFS and installing sanitary blocks. In a school in Arbieta, we installed new sanitary blocks for 27 students and staff. To accompany our infrastructure work, Water For People promotes behavior change that focuses on basic hygiene, MHM, oral hygiene, and handwashing in communities, primary schools, and health clinics. In addition, Water For People supported the Municipal Water and Sanitation Departments (DMSB in Spanish) to provide 18 hygiene education workshops for 611 representatives from the Ministry of Education, school principals and staff, parents, and teachers in five Everyone Forever municipalities.

In Guatemala, Water For People accelerated our work in public institutions, completing WASH interventions in nine schools, reaching 748 students and school staff. In San Andrés Sajcabajá, Water For People connected handwashing stations to their respective community's piped systems and installed sanitary blocks that include separate MHM changing rooms for girls and female staff at six schools. As a result, 518 students and school staff now have access to improved WASH services. In San Bartolomé Jocotenango, Water For People connected handwashing stations at three schools to their community's respective piped systems and installed sanitary blocks that include separate MHM changing rooms for girls and female staff. Now, 230 students and school staff have improved access to WASH services. To accompany our WASH interventions in schools, Water For People conducted health and hygiene workshops with principals and parent organizations from 13 schools – 10 in San Andrés Sajcabajá and three in San Bartolomé Jocotenango. With support from Action Against Hunger (ACH in Spanish), we also produced radio content and teacher guides related to WASH in schools. In addition, we facilitated training on COVID-19 prevention as well as operation and maintenance of school WASH facilities. Water For People and the District Water and Sanitation Office (OMAS in Spanish) coordinated the review of hygiene indicators in schools and replicated hygiene education in communities in San Bartolomé Jocotenango and Santa Cruz del Quiché. We created agreements to address low-performing hygiene indicators, like water quality and the provision of adequate spaces for MHM. We also held a workshop with OMAS related to

processes for educating community leaders on the application of hygiene methodologies. **As a result of our collaboration, the Everyone milestone for public institutions was achieved in San Bartolomé Jocotenango and Santa Cruz del Quiché in FY21!** Now every school and healthcare facility have access to improved WASH services.

In Honduras, Water For People completed the rehabilitation of two school water systems in Chinda, reaching 231 students and school staff will access to improved WASH services. We installed handwashing stations that connect to their respective community's GFS and installed separate MHM changing rooms for female students and staff in both schools. We also continued to restore water systems damaged by the 2020 hurricanes.⁴ To accompany our WASH infrastructure, Water For People will continue to support technicians from the Municipal Technical Units for Water and Sanitation (UTMAS in Spanish) to implement hygiene education in both schools in Chinda once they reopen. In El Negrito, we continued the promotion of hygiene through the Healthy School and Healthy Home (ESCASAL in Spanish) program. Water For People organized and trained basic sanitation committees in the communities of El Zapote and la Ceibita 2.

In India, Water For People India and partners completed WASH interventions in 38 schools, reaching 11,805 students and staff across ten blocks. In 18 schools in Sheohar district in Bihar state, we supported the completion of water points. To address the needs of girls and to make hygiene improvements to contain COVID-19, Water For People India completed accessible sanitation facilities with ramps and handrails, separate girls' changing rooms for MHM and permanent handwashing stations in these schools, reaching 5,962 people. The MHM changing rooms for girls are outfitted with incinerators or disposal facilities. In West Bengal, Water For People India completed WASH interventions in 16 schools, installing new or rehabilitating facilities, reaching 5,687 people. We built 16 multi-tap water systems. Other WASH interventions included: sanitation facilities in 16 schools, handwashing stations in 13 schools and fully outfitted changing rooms for girls in eight schools. In four schools in Maharashtra, Water For People India linked a new handwashing facility to the local gravity-fed system, completed multi-tap water systems for handwashing, and installed a new pumped water system in one of these four schools. Particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the needs of clinics to test, refer, or treat patients, Water For People India completed water systems in eight clinics: one in Sheohar and seven in West Bengal. In these eight clinics, we completed sanitation facilities that included flush toilets or latrines for six clinics, and handwashing stations for three clinics. Gender friendly toilet blocks were installed and MHM facilities added in the toilets for women. In 13 Anganwadi (childcare) centers, Water For People India and partners completed piped gravity-fed multi-tap or pumped water systems, reaching 695 people.



Two girls washing their hands at the new school WASH facilities

In all 10 blocks, Water For People India completed WASH interventions for communities, schools, and clinics

⁴ Water For People supported the rehabilitation or reconstruction of four water systems damaged by the 2020 hurricanes that restored water access for 20,434 people across the three districts of Chinda, El Negrito, and San Antonio de Cortés. As we previously constructed many of these systems, we do not count the people reached with restored services more than once.

to ensure that water and sanitation services remain uninterrupted during the pandemic. We also worked with local government and community partners on developing and disseminating messages on proper hygiene practices to help prevent the spread of COVID. For instance, in Sheohar, Water For People supported creation of posters and wall paintings depicting COVID-safe behaviors and practices. The team also organized awareness activities to encourage community members to get vaccinated. In addition, we provided trainings on handwashing and personal hygiene to many community groups.

In Malawi, Water For People in Malawi completed WASH interventions in 17 public institutions (16 schools and one clinic) in Chikwawa, Chiradzulu, and peri-urban Blantyre, reaching 25,551 people in schools and 203 people in the clinic. Schools reopened in February after prolonged closures due to the pandemic, were closed in April due to a teacher's strike yet reopened in May. In Chikwawa, we completed work in seven schools, reaching 6,744 people. WASH interventions included extending the piped water supply to one school and completing waterpoints in three schools, installing sanitation facilities with ramps and handrails in three schools, and girls' changing rooms for MHM in five schools. Water For People supported trainings on hygiene and School WASH: 50 student members of School WASH clubs received training in game-based hygiene promotion and 50 members of Mothers Groups received training on MHM. In addition, information education and communication materials on COVID-19 prevention were distributed in these schools. In Chiradzulu, we extended water supply systems or rehabilitated waterpoints for four schools and one clinic, adding ramps for access and reaching 2,833 people in schools and 203 people in the clinic. To improve inclusiveness and hygiene, in Blantyre, Water For People installed girls' changing rooms for MHM in five schools, reaching 15,974 people. This work was accompanied by training of 115 members of Mothers Groups and School Health and Nutrition teachers from these five schools.



Handwashing station in a school in Nicaragua

In Nicaragua, Water For People accelerated its work in public institutions this year. La Concordia, Water For People installed new handwashing stations with water reserve tanks in 11 schools, providing improved WASH services for 413 students and school staff. In San Rafael del Norte, Water For People completed the construction of new handwashing stations with water reserve tanks in 12 schools and new school sanitation blocks in three schools, reaching 717 students and school staff with improved WASH services. Water For People installed new handwashing stations with a reserve water tank in one healthcare facility in La Concordia.

In Peru, Water For People completed the construction and-or rehabilitation of 11 community water systems and connected one school water system to the community system, providing improved WASH services for the rural school's four students and staff. Water For People conducted trainings on WASH in schools (management and promotion of proper hygiene) for 846 docents, school and regional education directors, teachers, and students. Water For People also conducted a workshop for 13 health care personnel in clinics on proper operation and maintenance of WASH facilities to reduce infection risk.

In Rwanda, Water For People completed WASH interventions in 20 schools and five clinics in three districts, reaching 16,577 students and staff and 530 people in clinics. In Gicumbi district, 13 schools and four clinics

benefited from WASH interventions. Gravity-fed and pumped piped water systems connected these schools and clinics. Water For People installed rainwater harvesting systems in two schools and sanitation facilities in four of the 13 schools. In Rulindo, as part of efforts to contain COVID-19 when schools reopened, Water For People installed handwashing stations in three schools, reaching 3,391 people. In Karongi district, Water For People connected four schools and one clinic to gravity-fed piped water systems. Water For People also facilitated a district-led training of 84 members of School Hygiene and Sanitation Committees on their roles and responsibilities and hygiene promotion. We also supported a Training of Trainers of District officials responsible for hygiene and sanitation and WASH sector education inspectors on Rwanda's new school-based Environmental Health Promotion Program. Twenty-two officials attended this Training of Trainers. However, training of school committees and hygiene clubs aimed at improving WASH management and hygiene, part of capacity building activities for sustainable WASH services, was delayed due to multiple school closures aimed at containing COVID-19. However, some trainings resumed in November.

In Uganda, Water For People completed WASH interventions in four public institutions – three schools and one health care facility in both districts, reaching 1,927 students and staff and 3,000 staff and people served by the health care facility. In Kamwenge district, the Kabambiro piped water system is now connected to one additional school, reaching 23 students and staff with improved water services. In two schools in Luuka district, Water For People completed sanitation facilities with MHM changing rooms for girls. Schools were open for a few months in 2021 until a strict lockdown was reinstituted in May; Uganda will reopen schools in February 2022. As result, schools have been closed, fully or partly for more than 70 weeks, causing disruptions to children's education. Water For People's work in schools will ensure that when schools reopen, students have improved WASH services. In the largest health care facility in Luuka district, [Kiyunga HC IV](#), Water For People installed a medical waste incinerator to improve infection prevention and control and improve sanitation and waste management, reaching 3,000 people. To support Kampala's efforts to contain COVID-19, Water For People constructed dedicated handwashing stations located at the entrances to public markets in three divisions of Kampala Central, Rubaga, and Kawempe at Kiseka, Kamwokya, and Wandegeya markets.



Handwashing station at entrance to Wandegeya market

When the lockdown lifted, Water For People conducted a training of 437 teachers and members of Schools Health Clubs (SHCs) in Kamwenge and Luuka districts that established SHCs and focused on WASH promotion and management of their school facilities. In addition, we conducted training of 642 teachers and students (including adolescent girls) on MHM.

Impact Stories

Changes at Mawira Primary School

It's not easy for students to focus on learning when there are no bathrooms. This was the case for the 1,406 students at the Mawira Primary School in Chikwawa, Malawi.



Students resorted to open defecation without access to bathrooms or handwashing stations. This put the health of the students, and the broader community, at risk from infections diarrheal disease such as cholera. The lack of adequate sanitation facilities was especially challenging for adolescent girls during their periods. Many girls chose to stay home from school as they would have no access to bathrooms or privacy during the day. In partnership with the District Education Manager's office, Water For People works with schools in Chikwawa to increase access to sustainable water and sanitation facilities and to promote healthy hygiene practices among students.

Student at Mawira Primary School

In December 2020, Water For People started working with the Mawira Primary School to construct new bathroom facilities and introduce hygiene education activities. This includes ventilated pit latrines in blocks for boys and girls as well as stalls with accessible pedestal toilets, ramps, and handrails. Separate changing rooms provide girls privacy during menstruation and incinerators allow for easy disposal of sanitary products. Handwashing stations help prevent the spread of disease, and education around health and hygiene means the students are using, and maintaining, these new facilities.

For a Year 6 student like Chisomo, these changes at her school are transformational. She no longer worries about where she will go to the bathroom during the day, and no longer misses school when on her period. Chisomo and her 1,405 fellow students can now stay focused on what truly matters – learning.



New bathroom facilities at Mawira Primary School