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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 services<sup>1</sup>.

Globally, nearly half of all schools lack these facilities and training, impacting 834 million school children<sup>2</sup>. One-third of all hospitals and clinics lack WASH infrastructure including handwashing in locations where patients are treated. This leaves schoolchildren, health care workers, and their patients vulnerable to infection. Without this infrastructure, schoolchildren may fall ill and cannot attend school and front-line health care workers put themselves and their patients at risk. Lastly, according to the World Health Organization, mothers and infants die because of unclean births: 1 million deaths each year are associated with unclean births.

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.

From 2017 to date, we have also completed contextually appropriate WASH facilities in more than 89 clinics and hospitals, 841 schools, and 113 childcare centers in focus countries. These WASH interventions can include water systems such as handpumps, pumped networks, or gravity-fed systems, rainwater harvesting systems, handwashing and sanitation facilities, and/or changing rooms for girls to manage their menstrual hygiene. Our partnerships with local governments, businesses, and individuals help them bring sustainable water and sanitation systems to their communities and ensure they have the training and tools they need to maintain those systems for generations.

For this campaign, in 2022, Water For People and district partners planned to complete work at 31 clinics, 136 schools, and 13 childcare centers in need of WASH upgrades. We estimated investing in these systems will provide lasting benefits to nearly 96,016 people directly—and many more throughout the broader community. Every \$1 raised by Focusing Philanthropy was matched with \$2 raised by Water For People up to the campaign goal of \$1,500,000. Focusing Philanthropy contributed \$500,000 and Water For People contributed \$1,000,000.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](https://www.unwater.org/app/uploads/2021/07/SDG-6-Summary-Progress-Update-2021_Version-July-2021.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> State of the World's Drinking Water, World Health Organization, 2022. Pg. 43.

<https://www.unicef.org/media/129381/file/State%20of%20drinking%20water%20report.pdf>

**Campaign Impact**

Aligned with campaign commitments, Water For People has now completed work at 129 schools, 23 clinics, and 16 Anganwadi Centers (AWC) reaching 79,287 people in schools, 12,814 people in clinics, and 913 people in AWCs with WASH services in nine countries during 2022.

From 2020 to 2022, with the support of Focusing Philanthropy and campaigns for the past three years, Water For People completed work at: 1) 435 schools, reaching 226,043 people, 2) 59 clinics, reaching 52,215 people, and 3) 123 Anganwadi centers, reaching 6,893 people in nine countries.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Improvements completed in schools, rural childcare centers, and health care clinics in  
Everyone Forever Districts  
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**

<b>Country</b>	<b>TOTAL # Community members reached with new or improved water services</b>	<b>TOTAL # of clinics where work is complete</b>	<b>TOTAL # people reached in clinics</b>	<b>TOTAL # schools where work is complete</b>	<b>TOTAL # people reached in schools</b>	<b>TOTAL # AWCs</b>	<b>TOTAL # people reached in AWCs</b>
Bolivia	1,939	0	0	12	1,563	N/A	N/A
Guatemala	2,866	2	10,000	5	445	N/A	N/A
Honduras	226	0	0	2	94	N/A	N/A
India	6,000	5	438	13	555	16	913
Malawi	73,259	4	1,498	24	31,843	N/A	N/A
Nicaragua	0	0	0	3	106	N/A	N/A
Peru	1,553	0	0	1	8	N/A	N/A
Rwanda	124,464	10	800	51	34,646	N/A	N/A
Uganda	9,163	2	78	18	10,027	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219,470</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12,814</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>79,287</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>913</b>

## 2022 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 encountered challenges due to the cyclones in Malawi that caused some delays in initiating WASH interventions because schools were closed as they were temporarily used as shelter for displaced families.

**In Bolivia,** Water For People and partners completed the construction or rehabilitation of 11 community water systems ranging from gravity-fed community water systems (GFS) to pumped networks, providing people with improved water service in 11 communities in five Everyone Forever municipalities. This work improved water access for 1,939 people. As a result of our work, Water For People reached the **Everyone milestone for communities in the municipality of Tiraque in FY22! This means that every community in Tiraque has access to improved water services.**



A woman demonstrating handwashing in a Bolivian school with new WASH facilities.

In public institutions, Water For People completed the construction or expansion of WASH infrastructure in 12 schools, improving access to WASH services for 1,563 students and school staff in the municipalities of Arani, Arbieto, Pocona, San Benito, and Tiraque. This infrastructure work consisted of a range of interventions including connecting school water systems to community water systems and installing handwashing stations, new sanitation facilities, and separate changing rooms for girls and female staff for menstrual hygiene management (MHM).<sup>6</sup> Beyond our work to build WASH infrastructure, Water For People promotes positive behavior change that focuses

on basic hygiene, menstrual hygiene management, oral hygiene, and handwashing in communities, primary schools, and health clinics. Water For People supported the DMSBs to provide hygiene education workshops for 439 people. Workshop participants included representatives from the Ministry of Education, as well as school principals and staff, parents, and teachers in six Everyone Forever municipalities.

**In Guatemala**, Water For People completed WASH interventions in five schools and two clinics in Guatemala. In San Andrés Sajcabajá, Water For People connected five schools to their respective community's GFS and equipped each of the schools with new or rehabilitated sanitation facilities, reaching 445 students and school staff. In addition, the schools are now equipped with sanitary blocks that include separate change rooms for adolescent girls and female staff. Water For People also improved WASH services at one clinic in San Andrés Sajcabajá, and rehabilitated WASH infrastructure at an urban healthcare facility in San Bartolomé Jocotenango. Together, the facilities' improvements – which include handwashing stations connected to the community water system and sanitation facilities for patients and staff – reach 10,000 people. To compliment the installation of WASH infrastructure in schools and clinics, we conducted health and hygiene workshops for key constituents. In San Andrés Sajcabajá and San Bartolomé Jocotenango we organized workshops with school leadership and parent organizations representing 32 schools. We also provided training on operation and maintenance of WASH systems to 73 teachers, parent organizations, health personnel, and members of Community Development Councils (COCODEs in Spanish) in the municipalities of San Andrés Sajcabajá and 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 operations and maintenance of school WASH facilities.



A newly completed school sanitation block with separate girls changing room for MHM (left rear of photo)

**In Honduras**, Water For People completed the construction of one new GFS in the municipality of El Negrito, providing improved water service for 225 people in one community. The installation of this water system is an example of our commitment to reaching Everyone – especially people living in “the last mile.” In addition, we continued post-hurricane restoration efforts to improve the level of water services in communities where water systems were severely damaged as a result of hurricanes Eta and Iota in November 2020. We supported the rehabilitation of five GFSs with household connections serving 23 communities in San Antonio de Cortés, 9,795 people. We also completed the restoration of one GFS in Chinda.

Water For People completed WASH interventions in two schools in MAMCEPAZ through the installation of handwashing stations connected to GFSs, providing improved WASH services to 94 students and staff. Each school is now equipped with sanitation facilities that include separate change rooms with mirrors for adolescent girls and female staff. Also, as part of post-hurricane rehabilitation work, Water For People repaired damaged sanitation facilities in 41 schools: three schools in Chinda, 19 in El Negrito, and 19 in San Antonio de Cortés. Water For People also provided hygiene education to students and staff at all the schools. In nine schools in El Negrito and 15 schools in San Antonio de Cortés, Water For People conducted 10 workshops for 503 teachers, students, and parents focused specifically on MHM and hand washing. To repair hurricane-damaged WASH infrastructure, in four healthcare facilities in El Negrito and San

Antonio de Cortés, Water For People rehabilitated WASH facilities, reaching more than 24,000 people.

**In India**, In Namkhana and Rajnagar (West Bengal) and Chikhaldara (Maharashtra), Water For People India completed 18 water systems, reaching 6,000 people, improving water access in 18 communities.



A handwashing station for children at a school with murals for hygiene messaging

In 13 schools, we also constructed multi-tap water systems, reaching 555 people. In 16 Anganwadi (rural childcare) centers, we supported the construction of multi-tap water systems with handwashing stations reached 913 people. Accompanying this work, Water For People India led efforts to form WASH committees or children's cabinets in schools and provided training to 756 (51% girls/49% boys) students, teachers, and parent on their responsibilities and hygiene practices. In addition, we also led or facilitated trainings by community mobilizers on personal hygiene such as the five critical times for handwashing and personal cleanliness to 1,164 (65% women/girls

and 35% men/boys) community members, teachers, mothers and girls, and children. To not only improve hygiene but also dispel myths and stigma associated with menstrual hygiene, Water For People India staff members led trainings of 590 female teachers, parents, young mothers, and girls on physical changes and personal hygiene especially during menstruation. Following up on commitments particularly in Patharpratima and Sagar Island (West Bengal), Water For People India supported the completion of WASH infrastructure in five clinics; two in Sagar Island and three in Patharpratima, reaching 438 people.

**In Malawi**, Across the three districts, Water For People completed WASH interventions in 24 schools, reaching 31,843 people. In four clinics in Chiradzulu district, we rehabilitated water points, reaching 1,498 people. Led by the District Health Office, we also facilitated a training of 50 health workers on environmental cleanliness and infection protection control in health care facilities.

In Chikwawa, across 10 schools, we added new and rehabilitated water points or connected piped systems for all schools and installed sanitation facilities in five schools complete with changing rooms for girls, handrails, and ramps for people living with accessibility issues, reaching 4,145 people. In an additional five schools, we completed Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) initiatives with changing rooms reaching 6,241 students. In Chiradzulu district, we rehabilitated water points or connected piped systems in nine schools and added sanitation facilities with MHM changing rooms for girls, ramps, and handrails, in three schools, reaching 11,104 people. As part of efforts to improve hygiene tailored to girls' needs in peri-urban Blantyre, Water For People added changing rooms in five schools so that girls can manage their menstrual hygiene in a private and well-equipped facility. In addition, the district used its own resources to retrofit existing areas to changing rooms for MHM and to provide schools with menstrual hygiene supplies. Led by the District Health and Education Offices in Chiradzulu and Chikwawa districts, we also organized

trainings of over 193 traditional leaders, Sanitation and Health teachers, headteachers, and community members on School Led Total Sanitation and games-based hygiene promotion.

To enable more schools to access government-funded School Improvement Grants for improving WASH access, Water For People developed a WASH budgeting tracking tool that is being used in schools across both districts. In Chikwawa, schools are tracking allocations of funds for WASH. We are also collaborating with the District Education Office in Chiradzulu with School Management Committees benefitting from tool orientation sessions, and as a result, WASH expenses for schools in Chiradzulu are now being tracked on a monthly basis.



In **Nicaragua**<sup>3</sup>, Water For People completed WASH infrastructure in three schools, reaching 106 people. This included the construction of two new and one rehabilitated sanitation facilities and handwashing stations in the municipality of San Rafael del Norte. We also completed sanitation facilities and installed a handwashing station in one primary school in La Concordia.

A boy demonstrating his approval for the new sanitation facility at his school

**In Peru**, Water For People and partners completed the construction of one new GFS in the district of Cascas and rehabilitated a community’s water system in the district of Reque, reaching 1,553 people. Water For People also assisted in the expansion of the first phase of another water system that benefits an additional three communities. As a result of our work, people in Cascas and Reque have access to improved water service, water quality, and water storage in five communities. In Cascas, Water For People also installed a GFS water supply with private taps in one primary school, reaching eight people.

**The installation of the new GFS and the expansion of water services allowed us to reach the Everyone milestone for communities in Cascas in FY22! Reaching this milestone is a major achievement within our Everyone Forever model.** In addition, we remain steadfast in our progress toward reaching the Everyone milestone in public institutions in Cascas. As part of our annual monitoring, Water For People implements a census evaluation of all public institutions. Due to the pandemic and monitoring cycles, data was only available in approximately ninety five percent of public institutions. As such we could not officially declare the milestone. However, in FY23 we

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<sup>3</sup> Water For People was unable to reach all of the FY22 anticipated outcomes for people reached due to circumstances beyond our control, which included difficulties with obtaining legalized documents required for construction projects, as well as unexpected increases in budget costs and an overall lack of available co-financing from the municipal government. Due to the difficulty working in Nicaragua, Water For People made the heart-wrenching decision to close the country program at the end of FY22. Staff then focused on the logistics of completing projects and closing the office.



anticipate its formal acknowledgment.

**In 2018 the district of Asunción reached all of the Everyone and Forever milestones.** As a result, in FY22 Water For People started to prepare a transition-to-exit plan that incorporates general protocols, norms, trainings, etc., that need to be considered and fulfilled before Water For People will exit the district. The plan includes the validation of Everyone Forever milestones and the institutionalization of the Everyone Forever model within the local government, among other requirements. Based on the work accomplished in FY22 to develop a transition-to-exit plan, Water For People expects to officially enter the transition phase in FY24.

**In Rwanda,** Water For People connected 51 schools using new piped water systems, reaching 34,646 people in 34 schools in Gicumbi and 17 schools in Karongi. In addition, sanitation facilities were constructed in 13 of these schools and in 16 of the 51 schools, fully equipped changing rooms for menstrual hygiene management were added. We also provided 31 schools with rainwater catchment systems and 13 schools with handwashing stations. Ten clinics serving 800 people in Gicumbi (9) and Karongi (1) also now have piped water access onsite with one clinic supplied with a handwashing station.



A sanitation block at a school in Rwanda



A health professional uses the new water tap for patient needs and infection prevention

**In Uganda,** Water For People constructed piped water systems in 13 communities in Kamwenge district, reaching 9,163 people. We also completed WASH interventions in 18 schools and two health care facilities in Kamwenge and Luuka districts, reaching 10,027 students and staff and 78 people served by the health care facility. Three schools now have equipped changing rooms for girls to manage their menstrual hygiene along with handwashing facilities and 12 schools are benefitting from new sanitation facilities. In the health care facility, Water For People in Uganda connected the health care facility to the piped water system, added handwashing facilities, and installed

changing rooms with ramps for accessibility so that women and girls are able to manage their menstrual hygiene. In addition, Water For People conducted a training of 985 teachers, parents, students, and members of Schools Health Clubs (SHCs) or School Management Committees in Kamwenge and Luuka districts on WASH promotion and management of their school facilities. In

addition, we conducted training of 616 teachers and students (including adolescent girls) on menstrual hygiene management.

## Impact Story

### Persevering for Education

“I will be sitting for the national examination. But I can assure you, learning without water, toilets with doors and changing rooms for us girls was not easy,” says Phaiyce. “I had a terrible experience.”

Phaiyce has persevered to reach this point in her education. This 14-year-old is in her eighth year at a primary school in Malawi. While Phaiyce is preparing to take exams this year, millions of students won’t reach this point in their education as they drop out due to poor water, sanitation, and hygiene at school.

In Malawi, 1.7 million school-aged children have limited or no access to drinking water at school, and 2.7 million have limited or no sanitation services. For hygiene, the number is even higher, with over 6 million students having no hygiene service at all ([JMP, 2021](#)). The lack of water and bathrooms is especially challenging for girls who are menstruating.

“The old toilets lacked privacy since they do not have doors. Not only that, but it was hard to find a room to change sanitary pads during menstruation since we had no changing room,” Phaiyce shares, the memories of these recent challenges coming quickly. “Sometimes, a teacher would take us to her house just to change sanitary pads. Boys would use that to bully us sometimes.”

For many students, it was just too difficult to attend school while on their periods, leading to missed classes and difficulties staying caught up with lessons.



In 2022, Water For People partnered with the school to build toilets for the girls, boys, and staff – including a changing room for the girls and stalls for students with disabilities. And since the nearest water supply was a river over half a mile away, Water For People constructed a solar-powered water system that serves the school and surrounding community.

“I am so excited!” says Phaiyce. “We now have privacy since these new toilets have doors and a wall covering the front, and we have a room for changing

sanitary pads. We also have a handwashing facility and piped water right at school.”

Now, Phaiyce gets to focus on her classes – not crumbling bathroom stalls. She can study for her upcoming exam – not worry about how she will manage her period. And she can spend time with friends – not walking to collect water.