

Water Around The World

NVON Project in Common

2013-2015



The NVON Project in Common for 2013-2015 is “Water Around The World.” The objective of the three-year international project is to present an overview of how water is an essential resource and fundamental building block of life, present an awareness of problems that could arise when clean water is lacking in communities, and how we can help those in need around the world.

The world’s water crisis has many faces; a girl in Africa walks three miles before school to fetch water from a distant well; a teenage boy in China is afflicted with terrible skin lesions because his village well is contaminated with arsenic. Impoverished slum dwellers in Angola draw drinking water from the local river where their sewage is dumped.

The United Nations has declared 2005-2015 as the ‘Water for Life’ decade. The goal is to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water by 2015 and to stop unsustainable exploitation of water resources.

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- According to the United Nations, every day 4,500 children under the age of 5 die around the world, having fallen sick because of unclean water and sanitation.
- Five times as many children die each year of diarrhea as of HIV/AIDS.
- A third of the world’s population is enduring some form of water scarcity.
- One in every six human beings has no access to clean water within a kilometer of their homes.
- Half of all people in developing countries have no access to proper sanitation.
- Water is critical for life and for livelihoods.
- Billions of people suffer from disease, poverty, and a lack of dignity and opportunity because they have no access to this basic resource.

One way NVON can support the efforts of the United Nations to get clean “Water Around The World” is by using the PointONE Filter system. It uses technology developed for kidney dialysis. It is the first portable purification device to remove bacteria mechanically and exceed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Science Foundation (NSF) recommendations.

The PointONE Filter is designed by Sawyer Products, Inc. of Safety Harbor, Florida and is thus far the fastest, easiest and most cost efficient portable water filter on the market today. Sawyer Products, Inc. is currently working in over 70+ countries with numerous relief agencies, mission organizations and non-governmental organizations. For more information on the PointONE Filter please visit www.sawyer.com.

We can help support these efforts by purchasing/sponsoring filters to send to missionaries who work in countries that have no access to clean water. Each filter kit cost approx. \$60 U.S. dollars and supports an entire family. If properly maintained these filters can last a lifetime.

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