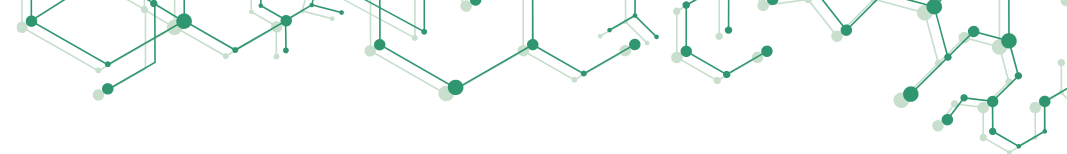


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DIASPORA PRACTICES: WATER AND SANITATION

Practice	Sub-region	Country	Year of implement	Implementation partners	Description
Burji District Borehole Project	Africa – East	Ethiopia	2019 – 2020	- Diaspora Burji Community Organisation - Grow East Africa (GEA) - National Peace Corps Association, Burji Development Association (BDA)	The Burji District Borehole Project aimed to improve access to safe and sustainable water in Burji District, Ethiopia. It supported the construction of a solar-powered borehole, WASH awareness activities, and community-based maintenance mechanisms. The initiative strengthened local ownership and contributed to the long-term management and sustainability of the community water system. The project was administered by Grow East Africa (GEA), a project of the Diaspora Burji Community Organization, in collaboration with the Burji Development Association and the Burji District Water Department.
EUTF / IOM Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals (TRQN) for Eritrea	Africa – East	Eritrea	2020 – 2023	- International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Government of the State of Eritrea	The EUTF/IOM Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals (TRQN) for Eritrea was a diaspora engagement programme implemented by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in partnership with the Government of the State of Eritrea. The programme aimed to strengthen institutional capacity across key socio-economic sectors, including water and sanitation, through the voluntary participation of Eritrean diaspora professionals. It facilitated skills transfer, technical assistance, and institutional support.
Water4Ethiopia Clean Water Projects	Africa – East	Ethiopia	2009 – ongoing	- Water4Ethiopia - EOC-DICAC - Local communities	The Water4Ethiopia Clean Water Projects is a UK-based diaspora-supported WASH initiative. It aims to improve access to safe and sustainable water in rural Ethiopia. Since 2009, it has funded the construction of protected wells, capped springs, and community

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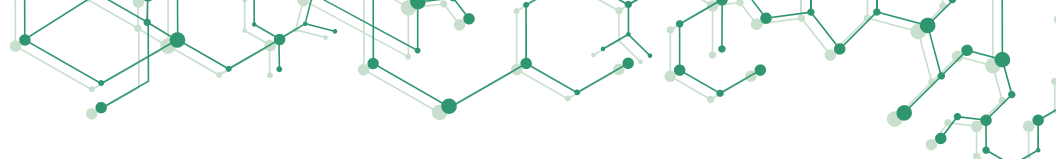
					water systems, while supporting hygiene and sanitation awareness programmes and community-based water management. The initiative continues to strengthen sustainable access to clean water. The initiative is implemented by Water4Ethiopia in collaboration with its partner organisation, EOC-DICAC, with the active involvement of local communities.
Climate-focused Diaspora SACCO WASH Investments	Africa – East	Kenya	2024 – ongoing	• Kenya USA Diaspora SACCO • World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) • ILCU Foundation • African Confederation of Cooperative Savings and Credit Associations (ACCOSCA)	The Climate-focused Diaspora SACCO WASH Investments initiative aims to improve access to sustainable water infrastructure and strengthen climate resilience in Kenya by mobilising diaspora savings. It channels diaspora investments into projects such as solar-powered water pumps, irrigation systems, and other climate-resilient water solutions through specialised climate deposit accounts. The initiative contributes to expanding sustainable water access while promoting community resilience and long-term climate adaptation. The initiative is developed by the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) and the Irish League of Credit Unions International Development Foundation (ILCU Foundation), with support from the African Confederation of Cooperative Savings and Credit Associations (ACCOSCA). Kenya USA Diaspora SACCO is one of the participating SACCOs that offers climate-focused deposit products under the initiative.
Magaalo Cad Water Dam & Resilient Water Systems	Africa – East	Somalia	2023 – ongoing	• Somali Diaspora Networks Local Communities • International Organization for Migration (IOM)	The Magaalo Cad Water Dam & Resilient Water Systems project secures sustainable access to clean water in drought-prone regions of Somalia by constructing a water dam and community-managed water distribution pipelines. The project strengthens water security and climate resilience while improving reliable access to safe water for local communities. community-led water infrastructure. It mobilises



					diaspora contributions through the Sokaab crowdfunding platform, which uses a matched-funding mechanism supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to finance. Implementation is carried out by local businesses in partnership with local communities.
Clean water for life project	Africa – West	Gambia	2018 – ongoing	• Dampha Kunda Diaspora Organisation • Village Development Committee (VDC), Dampha Kunda • Dampha Kunda community	The Clean Water for Life Project aims to improve access to safe and reliable water for the Dampha Kunda community in The Gambia. It supports the construction of solar- and electricity-powered boreholes to provide a sustainable water supply for the village. The initiative contributes to improving access to clean water and strengthening community well-being through reliable water infrastructure. It is implemented by the Dampha Kunda Diaspora Organisation in collaboration with the Dampha Kunda Village Development Committee (VDC) and is funded through annual member contributions, individual donors, sponsors, and partner organisations.
FixTheCountry Diaspora Borehole Project	Africa – West	Ghana	2023 – ongoing	• FixTheCountry Diaspora • Local communities and community volunteers	The FixTheCountry Diaspora Borehole Project aims to improve access to safe drinking water in underserved rural communities across Ghana. It mobilises diaspora members, local communities, and volunteers to construct boreholes through a community-led initiative with a target of building 500 boreholes over five years. The project is implemented by the FixTheCountry Diaspora movement through diaspora fundraising and community engagement, with project coordinators based in the Ghanaian diaspora in the United States.
Sédo Sébé Village Water Tower & Grid Distribution	Africa – West	Senegal	1997 – ongoing	• International Association of Sédo Sébé Nationals (AIRSS) • Local community • Senegal-France Programme d'Appui aux	The Sédo Sébé Village Water Supply Rehabilitation and Expansion Project aims to improve access to safe and reliable drinking water for the Sédo Sébé community in Senegal by rehabilitating and expanding the village's potable water supply system. The initiative modernises water infrastructure through



				Initiatives de Solidarité pour le Développement (PAISD)	the rehabilitation of an existing water tower, the construction of a new 30 m ³ water tower and storage tank, the extension of the water distribution network, the installation of public water points, and the strengthening of water management systems. It provides sustainable access to clean water for more than 7,500 residents while improving water security, sanitation, and community well-being. The project is implemented by the International Association of Sédo Sébé Nationals (AIRSS) in partnership with the Programme for Supporting Solidarity Initiatives for Development (PAISD), with the Association of Water Users (ASUFOR) established and trained to manage and maintain the infrastructure.
Bokiladji Village Water Supply Project (Matam Region)	Africa – West	Senegal	2007	• Union des Ressortissants de Bokiladji (UPRB) • Fondation Adoma • Programme d'Appui aux Initiatives de Solidarité pour le Développement (PAISD)	The Bokiladji Village Water Supply Project aimed to improve access to safe drinking water in Bokiladji village, Matam Region, it involved the interconnection of three boreholes and the construction of an 8 km water distribution network, including household connections, to provide sustainable water access for the community. The project is implemented by the Union for the Promotion of Bokiladji (UPRB), a Senegalese diaspora association, in partnership with the Rural Community of Bokiladji, with support from the Projet Initiatives de Codéveloppement, the Fondation Adoma, and the Programme d'Appui aux Initiatives de Solidarité pour le Développement (PAISD).
Clean Nigeria" Ogere Remo Public WASH Facility	Africa – West	Nigeria	2022 – ongoing	• David Alaba Foundation • Organised Private Sector in WASH (OPSWASH) • Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM) • Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Nigeria	The Clean Nigeria Ogere Remo Public WASH Facility project aims to improve public sanitation and hygiene infrastructure in Ogere Remo. It established an eight-unit modern sanitation facility equipped with clean water access, handwashing stations, and solar electricity to reduce open defecation and strengthen access to safe and sustainable WASH services in the community. The project is implemented through the



					David Alaba Foundation, facilitated by the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), and delivered in collaboration with the Organized Private Sector in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (OPS-WASH), the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, and the Ogun State Government.
Bambili Community Rural Water Supply System	Africa – Middle	Cameroon	1995 – ongoing	• Bambili Village Development Authority • Bambili Water Authority • HELVETAS, Swiss Agency for Technical Assistance (SATA) • Cameroonian diaspora elites	The Bambili Community Rural Water Supply System aims to improve access to safe and reliable drinking water for the Bambili community in Cameroon. It supports the construction, rehabilitation, expansion, and management of rural water supply infrastructure. The project continues to strengthen community water services, improve water security, and promote the sustainable management of local water resources. The rural water system is managed by the Bambili Water Authority (BWA) with financial and technical support from the Government of Cameroon, development partners, and elites in the Cameroonian diaspora.
Bomaka Borehole Water Project	Africa – Middle	Cameroon	2022	• CAMBRIS-AF (Cameroon British Soldiers and Armed Forces Association) • Members of the Cameroonian diaspora • Zindatal School, Bomaka • The Bomaka community	The CAMBRIS-AF Bomaka Borehole Project aimed to improve access to safe drinking water for Zindatal School and the Bomaka community in Cameroon. It mobilised members of the local community and the Cameroonian diaspora to raise more than £8,500 for the construction of a borehole, providing clean drinking water to the school and surrounding households. The project reduced the distance children and families travelled to collect water while improving access to safe water. The project is implemented by CAMBRIS-AF in collaboration with Zindatal School and the Bomaka community through its Water Aid Programme.
Matabeleland Borehole Drilling Project (MBDP)	Africa – Southern	Zimbabwe	2022 – ongoing	• Matabeleland Borehole Drilling Project (MBDP) • Zimbabweans based in South Africa	The Matabeleland Borehole Drilling Project aims to improve access to safe water for domestic use and small-scale agriculture in Zimbabwe's drought-prone Matabeleland region. It mobilises more than 300



				Local beneficiary communities in Matabeleland	Zimbabweans living in South Africa, who pooled their resources to purchase borehole drilling equipment worth approximately R3.5 million for community borehole development. The project continues to strengthen water security, support local livelihoods. The project complements the Government of Zimbabwe's national borehole drilling programme.
Tmamna Village Solar Water Supply Project	Africa – North	Morocco	2004 – 2006	- Association des Amis du Village de Tmamna (AVT) - Veolia Foundation - Tmamna Village Community	The Tmamna Village Water Supply Project aimed to improve access to safe drinking water in Tmamna village, Morocco. It supported the construction of a well equipped with a solar-powered pumping station, providing reliable drinking water to residents who previously travelled 7–10 km to collect water. The project established a community managed maintenance system, with user fees contributing to a village fund that supports the long-term maintenance and rehabilitation of the water infrastructure. The project is implemented by the Association des Amis du Village de Tmamna (AVT), founded by a native of the village living abroad, with financial support from the Veolia Foundation.
Soqya Project for Sudan	Africa – North	Sudan	2022 – ongoing	- Soqya Project for Sudan - Kaflon Organisation - Sudanese diaspora donors - Participating schools and communities	The Soqya Project for Sudan aims to improve access to clean and accessible drinking water for schools and communities across Sudan. It works with the Kaflon Organization to construct brick water coolers and large water storage tanks, using recurring diaspora donations to finance new installations. The project continues to provide free drinking water, particularly for schoolchildren, while improving community access to safe water through sustainable WASH infrastructure. The project is implemented by the Soqya Project for Sudan in collaboration with the Kaflon Organization.
Aknaghbyur Water Network Project	Asia – West	Armenia	2013 – 2014	Hayastan All-Armenian Fund	The Aknaghbyur Water Network Project aimed to improve access to safe drinking water for residents of Aknaghbyur in Artsakh. It supported the renovation of



				• French Affiliate of the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund • Brazilian Affiliate of the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund • Government of Artsakh	deep wells, the construction of two water reservoirs, and the rehabilitation of the village's internal water distribution network. The project provided around-the-clock access to clean drinking water for approximately 330 residents while strengthening the community's water infrastructure. The project is implemented by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund with co-sponsorship from its French and Brazilian affiliates and additional support from the Government of Artsakh.
Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation (YRRF) Safe Water Initiative	Asia – West	Yemen	2017 – ongoing	• Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation (YRRF) • Humanitarian Grand Challenge Canada (for the WARP water purification and renewable energy systems) • Local implementing partners in Yemen	The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation's Safe Water Initiative aims to improve access to safe drinking water and sustainable water infrastructure in communities across Yemen. It distributes water filters and storage tanks, rehabilitates water supply systems, constructs solar-powered water wells, pumping systems and distribution networks, installs renewable-energy-powered water purification systems, and trains community members to operate and maintain the infrastructure. The initiative is implemented by the Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation (YRRF) in collaboration with local communities and partner organisations, including support from the Humanitarian Grand Challenge Canada for the Water Purification and Renewable Power (WARP) Systems project.
LINKAPIL Water Well System Project	Asia – Southeast	Philippines	1989 – ongoing	• Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) • Overseas Filipinos • Local Government Units (LGUs) Public schools • Local beneficiary communities	The LINKAPIL Water Well System Project aims to improve access to safe and reliable water in underserved communities across the Philippines. It enables overseas Filipinos and Filipino diaspora organisations to finance the construction and installation of artesian wells, deep wells, water tanks, and submersible water pumps. The project is implemented by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) through its Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL) Program in collaboration with overseas



					Filipino donors and local beneficiary partners, including public schools, communities, local government units, and non-governmental organisations.
India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) – Swachh Bharat Sanitation Projects	Asia – Southern	India	2008 – ongoing	- India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) - Ministry of External Affairs - State Governments - Overseas Indians (NRIs/PIOs) - Local implementing agencies	The India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) mobilises Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and overseas Indian associations to support sanitation and community development projects across India. Diaspora contributions have financed the construction of community toilets and sanitation facilities in several states, including Punjab and Andhra Pradesh (Vijayawada and Tirupati). IDF-OI implements the programme in collaboration with State Governments and local implementing agencies, which oversee project execution and monitoring.
NRNA Smart Rest Room Project- Pokhara (Mahendrapool)	Asia – Southern	Nepal	2023 – ongoing	- Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) - Pokhara Metropolitan City and local stakeholders	The NRNA Smart Rest Room Project aims to improve access to safe, accessible, and inclusive public sanitation facilities in Nepal. Implemented by the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) in partnership with Pokhara Metropolitan City, the project constructs smart public restrooms equipped with disability-friendly features, lactation rooms, sanitary pad vending machines, and environmentally friendly technologies, funded through diaspora contributions. The project continues to strengthen public sanitation, enhance accessibility for residents and tourists, and promote healthier urban environments.
DAR 1+3 – "Apa, izvorul vieții" (Water, the Source of Life)	Europe – Eastern	Moldova	2021	- Bureau for Diaspora Relations (BRD) - Government of the Republic of Moldova - Tănătari Local Public Authority Moldovan diaspora	The "Apa, Izvorul Vieții" Project aimed to improve access to safe and reliable drinking water in Tănătari, Căușeni District, Moldova. Implemented through the Government's Diaspora Acasă Reușește (DAR 1+3) Programme, it rehabilitated and modernised artesian wells, renovated the village water tower, and restored the connection to the existing water distribution



					network. The project improved the reliability of the community's water supply while strengthening diaspora participation in local development.
Ukrainian Future e.V. – Water for Ukraine	Europe – Eastern	Ukraine	2023 – ongoing	• Ukrainian Future Hilfe Verein e.V. • German - Ukrainian volunteers and supporters • Local authorities in Ukraine	The Water for Ukraine initiative aims to restore access to safe drinking water in communities affected by the destruction of water infrastructure in Ukraine. Implemented by the German-Ukrainian initiative Ukrainian Future Hilfe Verein e.V., it installs mobile drinking water stations that produce WHO-quality drinking water for towns and villages where municipal water systems have been damaged or destroyed. Each station can supply safe drinking water to up to 30,000 people per year, producing up to 30,000 litres of purified water per day, thereby strengthening community resilience and supporting long-term recovery efforts.
Bolívar Potable Water Project	Central America	El Salvador	2022	• Salvadoran diaspora members in the United States (led by residents in New York) • Municipality of Bolívar • Community Development Associations (ADESCOs)	The Bolívar Potable Water Project aimed to improve access to safe drinking water for the urban community of Bolívar in El Salvador. It mobilised contributions from Salvadoran diaspora members in the United States, working in partnership with the municipality of Bolívar, Community Development Associations (ADESCOs), and local volunteers to finance the drilling of a well, installation of pumping equipment, an electrical substation, a control panel, and a pump house. The project provided reliable access to potable water for approximately 300 families while strengthening collaboration between the diaspora and local stakeholders in community development.