



a child's right
2009 annual report



every child
has a right to
clean water



message from the director

When I started **a child's right** in 2006, we had several technicians, engineers and water quality experts helping to design the systems we would use as well as the approach we were laying out. Much of the information was dry, quite academic and at times difficult to process and guide on an emotional level.

Underpinning all of the science and technology of our work, however, was this very real and clear mandate: the water we provide must be good enough to give to my own children, without hesitation. This meant it couldn't just be of comparable quality, it had to be equal to or better than the water I gave my own son and daughter to drink. This is a difficult goal to achieve and an even harder one to sustain. But it is also a distinct departure from the common model of many charitable organizations.

Too often, charities employ a *better than* model. Be it shoes, books, training, loans, infrastructure, and even water- the common model by many NGOs is to simply ensure these things are better than what is available at the local level. We don't believe in nor do we advocate that model. If those shoes, books, or even a cup of water aren't things readily used by the agencies providing them, what does that say about the recipients of that aid?

If a product is something I would pause in giving my own children, how can I in good conscience provide it to someone else's child simply because it is better than what they have presently?

Our work is grounded, shaped and guided by the root philosophy that the children we serve are as important and special, as gifted and unique, as powerful and fragile, and as full of promise and potential as our own. We design our systems, monitor our solutions, and modify our interventions with this philosophy charting all of our interactions at

home and abroad. It is within this framework that we confidently and proudly stand behind what has been accomplished last year.

In **China**, not only did we achieve our full funding goals, to provide safe water to every orphanage in the country, two years ahead of schedule; but we also found ourselves several months ahead of schedule in the actual implementation of our projects. By the end of 2009 we had provided clean water to virtually every orphanage in 10 provinces throughout China.

In **Nepal**, we worked with partners of many sizes, from a small school of 600 children to the nation's largest pediatric hospital- caring for more than 120,000 children a year.

In **Ethiopia**, we partnered with some of the most reputable and long-standing organizations in the country working on behalf of vulnerable children.

Cambodia, our most diverse project, saw us working with amazing partners of every stripe and size- from small shelters for children rescued from the sex trade to schools overflowing with children.

In the pages that follow we detail this work, which saw us serving more than 102,000 children in our four countries. Every cup of safe water provided was done so with complete respect for the populations we work for and total adherence to the underlying principle that every child we serve deserves the best that we can provide.

Sincerely,

Eric Stowe, *Founder and Director*



ABOVE: Kathmandu residents race to purchase water from tanker trucks. The water is dubious in quality and prohibitively priced for most.

Vulnerable children

The most distinctive quality of the work of **a child's right** is that it is highly focused on a specific population: vulnerable children. The largest concentrations of these children are found in orphanages, street shelters, schools, rescue homes and hospitals. These are the groups we partner with to provide safe drinking water to children.

Urban Setting

Over half of the world's population now lives in cities—more than 3 billion people! In these cities, big and small, we find the highest numbers of our world's most vulnerable children. We have found that investment in water projects in high population areas allows for the most children to be served per donor dollar invested. **a child's right** is the only non-profit organization with the exclusive focus of serving clean water to at-risk children in urban settings.

Clean Water

Every day, millions of children in cities around the world have no choice but to drink unsafe water. Far too many of these children are forced to access water that is damaging their health, keeping them ill, limiting their potential in so many ways— and the situation is only getting worse. Water related diseases presently kill more young children than AIDS, malaria and measles combined. **a child's right** intervenes in this desperate situation with an innovative operational model and equipment solution that has proven to be effective and sustainable.

The Challenge

We are driven by the simple belief that every child has a right to clean water. The world's population is expected to exceed 9 billion by the year 2050. Urban populations will rise nearly twice as fast as rural in the next 40 years. Factoring in urban pollution, inadequate water distribution, antiquated plumbing infrastructure, and the myriad tensions on city services that overpopulation brings about, water quality in these cities will continue to drop in direct correlation with population gains.

While many of the institutions and organizations that care for children are aware that the water is not safe to drink, they often lack the funding, resources or knowledge to do anything about it. As the world's cities continue to grow at a staggering pace and as child-care organizations struggle to provide clean water, **a child's right** has a proven track record of successful projects and is uniquely equipped to meet these growing challenges.

Our Intervention

The water purification system installed at the project site is the centerpiece of **a child's right's** intervention. Simply put, we take dirty, contaminated water and make it clean and safe to drink. We do this by installing a small, customized water purification system assembled with the best equipment available. While providing water quality that surpasses US standards, it is also a system that is very simple to operate and easy to maintain. In most settings we also install dual-use water stations so that the kids can have unfettered access to the water. These stations include taps for hand washing and for drinking. A key component to the success and sustainability of the



our approach

ABOVE: drinking water basins at an urban school for 1,500 children in Siem Reap, Cambodia

operational model is our long-term commitment to monitoring, evaluation and in-country support. We employ highly qualified and trained staff in each country to ensure that project sites are well vetted before qualification, as well as all work installed and maintained according to the highest standards. We remain in close contact with the project site and ensure that the project is operational for years to come. Included in every installation is 5 years of replacement parts to make sure the project lacks nothing to keep it going for the long-term. Starting in 2010, we are able to increase this to 10 years of replacement parts and in-country support for every system that is installed.

The Bottom-Line

Our approach is quick, easy, effective, immediate and sustainable. What results from this unique focus and approach is nothing less than changed lives. Children are able to live healthier lives, less burdened by disease, and with a brighter future.



LEFT: four visual samples of well water at schools in Kathmandu. Collectively, this water is the primary source of water for more than 9,500 students daily.





NEPAL



ABOVE: The schools we work with have little funding for classroom materials, let alone clean water.



RIGHT: Water shortages cause urban residents to find whatever water sources they can- such as this public fountain.

Of the four countries a **child's right** currently works in, **Nepal** presents the most challenges in treating and purifying the water. Municipal water shortages plague all of Kathmandu. Because of this, nearly all homes and schools have switched to well water for the majority of their water supply. However, due to overpopulation and pollution, this water is rarely fit for consumption. For the last two years, more than 90% of our water quality tests taken at partner sites' wells have returned positive for horrible levels of bacteria, iron, ammonia, and many other harmful contaminants.

While our task of making the water potable might be more difficult, it is equally more rewarding to see children drinking clean and safe water, many for the first time. Fortunately, in Nepal we have a country manager with over a decade of diverse filtration expertise throughout the country. He is particularly gifted with the creativity, commitment and expertise

to confront the serious challenges Nepal throws our way and has been instrumental in our success there.

While other country programs focus on urban areas throughout the country, Nepal is exclusively focused on the capital city of Kathmandu. While the extreme population density of Kathmandu lends to some of the worst urban water in South Asia, it also allows us to serve a much greater number of children per donor dollar invested. The opportunities to work in impoverished public schools are virtually endless in Nepal, and as a result nearly all our projects are located in schools.

Last year we worked with six schools, ranging in size from 600 students all the way to 6,000, and the country's largest pediatric hospital which sees more than 120,000 children per year.



ABOVE: laughter and clean water at a girls' school for more than 1,000 students.



7 projects . 35,672 children served
\$52,720 spent . \$1.48 per beneficiary

NEPAL



Mahendra Adarsha

The Mahendra Adarsha school sits on the outskirts of the Kathmandu Valley. This school, our smallest partner site during our 2009 Nepal work, provides an education to more than 600 children from the surrounding community.

Meager on books, teaching materials, basic supplies, funds, and even electricity, the school targeted water as their most urgent need. The principal thus sought out our country staff to assess their water issues and try to find a long-term solution.

The bacteria in the school's well, their only water source, tested 209 times higher than what is allowed by international standards. Coupled with incredibly high iron levels, the water at the school was unsafe for any type of consumption.

However, throughout the day staff at the school would fill a single bucket from the school's well. They would do this as few as 20 and as many as 50 times per day. That bucket would be placed at the center of the school and children would drink from a single cup placed within.

600 children sharing from one cup. One cup filled with water from a contaminated well. It is not hard to imagine the health and educational issues that stemmed from this.

On average, prior to our work with the school, 130 students missed classes daily. That is greater than 20% of the student population. The primary reason given by staff and parents: diarrhea and sickness.

Our Nepal team worked with the school to erect rooftop tanks for basic water storage, oxidation tanks to assist in removing the high iron levels in the well, installation of our purification equipment to target the bacteria in the water, and construction of a clean water station to provide for unrestricted and hygienic access to the water for drinking and hand washing purposes.

Water now flows from the taps freely. Children use any of the six faucets as often as they like without lines, without fees, and most importantly without fear of damaging their health for a simple drink of water.



RIGHT: well water at the school before and after our purification.



NEPAL





CAMBODIA



CAMBODIA 20 projects . 43,957 children served
\$117,311 spent . \$2.67 per beneficiary



ABOVE: ACR Country Director testing water at an orphanage to ensure water quality issues were present.

LEFT: Safe drinking water served to thousands of children daily at Cambodia's largest street shelter.

More than any other country of operations, our Cambodia program shows the beautiful diversity of organizations that **a child's right** partners with. It is through these partners that we also find some of the most courageous and inspiring work being done in Cambodia – from rescuing girls in sex slavery to caring for severely disabled orphans. Sadly, the one thing in common with our partner organizations is that they all need clean water and usually don't have the resources or know-how to do it themselves.

Last year we partnered with 20 sites: three hospitals- the country's largest pediatric hospital serving over

100,000 children annually as well as two small regional clinics, ten schools, two centers for street children, and five street shelters for rescued children and women from the sex trade.

The raw potential for the work of **a child's right** to expand in Cambodia is, quite sadly, virtually without end. Water quality issues persist while sites caring for at-risk children abound. However, with a dynamic and capable country manager newly hired in 2009, the work of **a child's right** and the future of the children we aim to serve in Cambodia both look very promising.



ABOVE: The only drinking water source for patients and their families at a regional hospital prior to our partnership with the site.



CAMBODIA

M'Lop Tapang

This site is located in southern Cambodia in a city with one of the highest child trafficking rates in all of Asia. The M'Lop Tapang Center for Street Children offers an incredible support network for several hundred children daily.

The center provides all meals, as well as schooling, sports, a top tier health clinic, preventative measures to keep the children off the street and emotional support for victims of trafficking, abuse, and neglect. One vital aspect missing from such a strong array of support programs, though, was the provision of clean water that could meet the capacity of the children at the site.

The well water being tapped was horribly inadequate for the children. The level of visual contamination alone was staggering. However, the water tests found the invisible contaminants even worse.

In a day, we were able to provide a long-term solution, ensuring that clean and safe drinking water could be accessed at any time by any number of children and staff on site. We also built a clean water station to ensure all the children safe access to the water in a centralized area.

Ultimately, it is a very small addition to the multitude of services needed to create better lives for these children. This is where we excel, though. We partner with organizations doing the hard and critical work on behalf of vulnerable children. They often have to neglect clean water due to prohibitive costs, lack of expertise, or lack of proper and durable technology. We work alongside them and provide a sustainable remedy.

There are an estimated 1,200 children who will receive water from this site on a daily basis, as well as 80 staff members. An additional 400 children have access to the water on weekends at a partner site in the area.



LEFT: well water before and after our purification.





ETHIOPIA



ABOVE: ACR Country staff working at the Mother Teresa Mission in Addis Ababa.

RIGHT: Clean and safe water at a school for 600 children.



In **Ethiopia**, water quality is incredibly poor throughout the country. In the capital city, Addis Ababa, this is especially true in the poorer districts, which is where our work is targeted.

Last year we were fortunate enough to work with some of the most reputable organizations in the country. From the country's largest feeding center for children—serving our water along with more than 200,000 free meals a year to street children, to a small orphanage on the outskirts of the city caring for 60 children.

The consistent thread tying all of our projects in Ethiopia together is certainly the sheer level of vulnerability and desperation shared by all the children we served and the incredible commitment to their survival by the organizations we partnered with.

Most illustrative of this is the Mother Teresa Mission and orphanage—both served by our water systems last year. In the clinic there are people literally packed in every corner, and in the orphanage some of the sickest children we have ever met. The Mother Teresa Mission sees, on average, twenty children and adults die monthly there. It truly is a last refuge for the urgently sick and desperately poor. In those environments, clean water is both a luxury and a vital necessity. We are fortunate to play a small role in their incredible work.

Assisted by a dedicated in-country team and a small group of US volunteers, our 2009 work in Ethiopia saw us work with five orphanages, one hospital, two schools, one feeding center, and one street shelter. It was an amazing year.



ABOVE: First drinks of our water at Ethiopia's largest feeding center. More than 1,000 poor children and 700 adults will daily have access to this water.



10 projects . 5,062 children served
\$61,689 spent . \$12.19 per beneficiary

ETHIOPIA



Abebech Gobena

Abebech Gobena has been in operation for 29 years. The site is situated on a massive compound in the heart of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital. The facility houses an orphanage, kindergarten and primary schools, vocational training for exploited children and women, and a maternal & child health hospital which also offers HIV/AIDS testing and counseling.

Daily, the school provides an education for more than 600 poor children and the orphanage houses nearly 300 abandoned children.

Prior to our partnership with the site, the sole source of drinking water was contaminated, while the only area to access the water was crowded, dirty and unsafe. Children would gather around a poorly constructed water station during classroom breaks just to gather water that was ultimately harming their health, impacting their studies, and limiting their success.

The majority of children at the school come from stunningly poor families—wages for most of the families average less than \$100 per month. Clean water throughout the city is expensive and thus considered a luxury, even in this urban setting.

Our Ethiopia staff had to create all new water lines to provide enough water to the site, construct an adequate area to access that water, and provide appropriate purification to ensure the water provided was free of any harmful bacteria.

Now all of these children, staff, and their families can drink and wash their hands in a secure area with a stable supply of clean water.



RIGHT: well water at the school before our purification.



ETHIOPIA





CHINA



CHINA 115 projects . 18,000 children served
\$359,239 spent . \$19.96 per beneficiary



ABOVE: ACR Director visiting with some of the children in the baby room at the Kunming orphanage.

LEFT: First drinks of safe water at an orphanage in Sichuan.

Our **Clean Water for Orphans Project** is our largest and most audacious program to date. The initial goal of providing every orphanage in China clean water- more than 650 orphanages in 31 provinces and municipalities- still seems outrageous in theory. Yet by the end of 2009 we had completed one third of the overall goal.

We kicked off our 2009 phase of the **Clean Water for Orphans Project** in February and by October we had completed 115 clean water projects for more than 18,000 orphaned children in seven provinces.

Our China staff members installed our clean water systems in orphanages throughout Ningxia and Qinghai

Provinces in February, Guizhou Province in March and May, Hunan Province in June, Sichuan Province in July, Yunnan Province in August, and Xinjiang in September.

Another highlight of our 2009 work involved completion of a joint project with Western Kentucky University and USAID. This involved a collaborative effort to provide safe water to more than 40 of our target orphanages in six provinces. We are so thankful for their involvement and support.

In all, it was an incredible year that saw us well ahead of our goals and all work projections.



ABOVE: Children at an orphanage in Hunan Province wait for our team to complete our project there.



CHINA

Kaiyuan Orphanage

The Kaiyuan orphanage, situated in Yunnan Province near the border between China and Vietnam, provides care for nearly 100 orphaned children. Ranging in ages from one month to 16 years, the majority of the children at the orphanage are classified as special needs, or children with a physical or mental disability.

Most of the children without special needs have either been adopted or shifted in to foster family settings. This puts a new burden on Chinese orphanages and their staff as increased awareness of significant medical issues, greater education of caregivers and better levels of general care are critical for the children's success. In the spectrum of urgent needs for the orphanages certainly comes the requirement of safe water supplies to the children.

The fact that many orphanages are forced to allocate great sums toward enhanced baby formula and expensive medications for the children under their care, yet continue to distribute both with potentially unsafe water, is a hard reality. Fortunately our solution is both an immediate and long-term solution to this all too common issue in China. Watching staff fill all the baby bottles and children's cups, dispense all medications, and wash and prepare foods with purified water is always an incredible sight.

Our work at the Kaiyuan orphanage marked the completion of our Yunnan project- providing every orphanage in the province clean and safe water.

An added benefit of our work at this site is the elderly care facility adjacent to the orphanage. 150 elderly residents reside there and all have access to our water via water dispensers placed on every floor of the facility as well as in the kitchen where it is used for cooking and food preparation.





It is widely recognized that combining proper hygiene education with the provision of clean water is exponentially more effective at reducing water related diseases than one intervention alone. Research has found that when adding proper hand washing to a clean water project, diarrheal diseases can be reduced by an additional 30%.

Fortunately, many orphanages, schools and other organizations we partner with already teach and practice proper hygiene. At sites where deemed necessary, we have begun incorporating hygiene education into the project implementation. Either through our own staff or local partner organizations, we teach a comprehensive curriculum which includes instructing the children how to properly use the hand washing station installed at the site. At sites where the children go home to be with their parents at night, we equip them with knowledge and materials to share with their whole family. We are excited about the further impact this hygiene education will have on the health of the vulnerable children we serve.

hygiene education





water stations

In 2008 **a child's right** undertook the process of designing and implementing water stations where children, staff, and community members would be given unfettered access to clean drinking water. In 2009 we were able to take what we've learned from the previous year and improve on it. We now refer to these as "dual-use water stations" because they serve the purpose of a clean drinking water station as well as a hand-washing station.

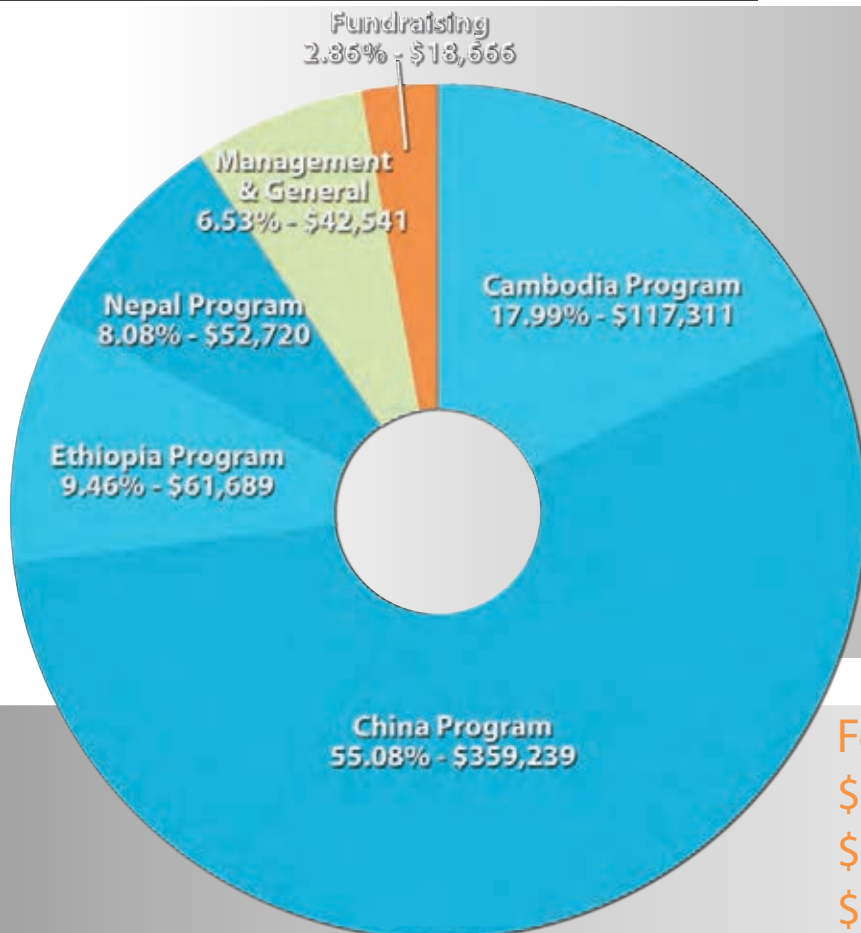
These water stations create a sanitary environment for the water use and are usually built out of concrete and tile that can be easily cleaned. The stations are built by local craftsmen using materials available in the country, with the added benefit of supporting the local economy. The dual-use water station is custom built to meet the specific needs of each site, but usually have a minimum of 2 taps for drinking and 2 for hand washing. This element of our work with the partner sites has proved to be extremely valuable in ensuring the long-term provision of clean drinking water and proper hygiene practices.



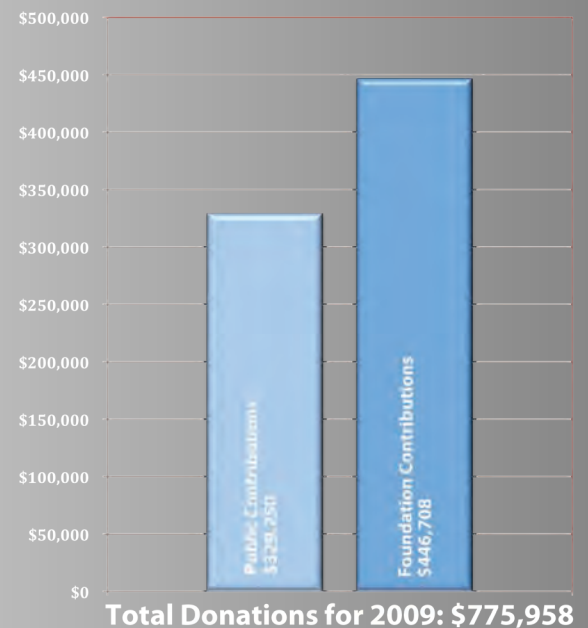
finances

EXPENSES	PROGRAM SERVICES				Total	SUPPORTING SERVICES			2009 Total
	China	Cambodia	Nepal	Ethiopia		General	Fundraising	Total	
Salaries and wages	\$ 28,050	\$ 9,350	\$ 4,675	\$ 4,675	\$ 46,750	\$ 25,500	\$ 12,750	\$ 38,250	\$ 85,000
Payroll taxes	\$2,264	\$755	\$377	\$377	\$3,773	\$2,059	\$1,028	\$3,087	\$6,860
Benefits	\$1,650	\$550	\$275	\$275	\$2,750	\$1,500	\$750	\$2,250	\$5,000
Conference/meetings	\$1,288	\$363	\$235	\$482	\$2,368	\$991	\$496	\$1,487	\$3,855
Meals						\$51		\$51	\$51
Office, postage, and printing	\$112	\$2,753	\$2,805	\$2,562	\$8,232	\$612	\$518	\$1,130	\$9,362
Rent, parking, utilities	\$2,793	\$914	\$457	\$457	\$4,621	\$2,491	\$1,245	\$3,736	\$8,357
Telephone	\$1,506	\$494	\$247	\$247	\$2,494	\$1,347	\$980	\$2,327	\$4,821
Accounting and contract services						\$4,632		\$4,632	\$4,632
Depreciation						\$1,672		\$1,672	\$1,672
Website and computer	\$1,543	\$427	\$192	\$192	\$2,354	\$1,570	\$99	\$1,669	\$4,023
Bank and currency fees	\$761	\$530	\$303	\$370	\$1,964	\$116	\$463	\$579	\$2,543
Water systems	\$226,303	\$56,790	\$12,643	\$17,491	\$313,227				\$313,227
Water stations	\$4,133		\$3,426		\$7,559				\$7,559
Overseas travel	\$23,534	\$15,852	\$9,744	\$6,899	\$56,029				\$56,029
U.S. travel	\$2,827	\$1,678	\$163		\$4,668		\$337	\$337	\$5,005
Supplies	\$20,704	\$2,588	\$5,890	\$10,567	\$39,749				\$39,749
Support personnel / contractors	\$23,443	\$7,944	\$7,142	\$169	\$38,698				\$38,698
Shipping	\$6,145	\$3,899	\$628	\$5,352	\$16,024				\$16,024
Customs and government fees	\$617	\$1,489	\$535	\$8,454	\$11,095				\$11,095
Other overseas expenses	\$11,566	\$10,935	\$2,983	\$3,120	\$28,604				\$28,604
Total Expenses	\$ 359,239	\$ 117,311	\$ 52,720	\$ 61,689	\$ 590,959	\$ 42,541	\$ 18,666	\$ 61,207	\$ 652,166

Funds dispersed in 2009:



Funds received in 2009:



For every \$1 dollar spent in 2009
 \$.91 cents went to programs
 \$.06 cents went to management
 \$.03 cents went to fundraising



russell gift



In 2008, Dion and George Russell made a significant donation to our **China Clean Water for Orphans Project**- providing funding for 91 clean water projects in orphanages throughout China's 8 poorest and hardest to reach provinces. This funding was catalytic for other donors who were interested in the project and spurred on dozens of groups to support our goal of providing every orphanage in China clean and safe water.

In early 2009, with more than 300 orphanages still needing funding, Dion and George made the commitment to provide support for all remaining orphanages in China. The gift came in the form of a three year grant to fully complete the **China Clean Water for Orphans Project**. This incredible

donation will allow us to reach our goal years ahead of schedule and, more importantly, ensure access to potable water for children who absolutely rely on this as a cornerstone for proper health and development. We are so very grateful for the Russell family support of this project.

“The work that a child’s right is doing in China to provide clean water to children is work that must be done. We all share in the responsibility of making the world a safer and better place to live and we are very pleased to be a part of this effort.”

-Dion & George Russell





2010 & beyond

Building on the successes of our 2009 projects, we head in to 2010 full of confidence in our approach, faith in our focus, and knowledge of the positive benefits we are able to afford so many children. We pride ourselves on being innovative and as such look to 2010 to continue building new models to assist the most at-risk children in the urban sectors we operate in. The major goals we have set for 2010:

MONITORING

To better facilitate multi-country program management, enhance quality assurance, and create a greater level of donor transparency, a **child's right's** most pressing goal for 2010 is to create a robust database to accurately monitor donor funded projects in real-time. All data and metrics of the project will be stored here - preceding and following the project, as well as for all successive years. This will all be available to the general public and our donors so anyone can see every level of our projects- not only of the water and children on the day we inaugurated our work, but long after. Our goal is to provide a greater level of oversight for our supporters than any other water group in the field.

STAFFING

To replicate our work in new countries and regions, we look toward 2010 to scale up our domestic operations to better suit our international successes. Right now we are small, scrappy, and tireless. All three come in handy, but the desired future scope and scale of our programs over the next 5-10 years compels an

organizational infrastructure commensurate with the planned growth of the agency. Thus, we will be initiating a substantial increase in our US base of operations in 2010.

HYGIENE

To better serve the children we assist we plan to significantly expand our hygiene education platform in 2010. By working directly with external organizations promoting hygiene and sanitation within the countries we operate in, we can learn a great deal without imposing our own models, and better compliment our programs while increasing the overall impact at each partner site. Of most importance to achieve this is to increase our hygiene training and hold it to the same monitoring and evaluation standards we analyze our other projects with.

PARTNERS

Our most successful projects in every country we work in are those where we develop an integrated approach with partners on the ground long before we perform any work and long after the project is completed. In every instance where our water systems have been utilized to serve thousands more children than originally intended, it was wholly due to the inventiveness of the partner organization. We look to increase our time with and education from these partners in hopes that our programs becomes stronger from the knowledge and techniques we gain from these partners.



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Man Phally: Program Coordinator for Mith Samlanh -

Cambodia's largest street shelter and vocational training center for children living on the street.

Access to clean water is crucial to provide support to the 1,800 children and youth that we work with daily. Thanks to this water system, we have distributed on average 312 water containers (20 liters apiece) per day (6,240 liters) to children and youth in our Training Center, Educational Center and other Mith Samlanh Centers such as the 4 Transitional Homes, and our Drop-In Centers.

Not only has this system provided us with a safe and consistent supply of clean water, but it also helped Mith Samlanh save a lot of money: every month we save around \$900.00 USD (\$10,950 annually!).

On behalf of the children and youth, Mith Samlanh would like to express our sincere thanks to ACR for the support and care for the most vulnerable children and youth in Cambodia.

Zenebe Ayele: Executive Director of HOPE Enterprises -

Ethiopia's longest running and largest organization supporting feeding centers and education for street children.

Every day we provide breakfast and lunch for 1,000 people on the street, and 750 street children. As you know, these children are living on the street and they don't get any clean water. This is great for the children. As you have seen, they wash, they drink, they quench their thirst here. That is a great thing for us.

Because we are teaching in the school about cleanness, about sanitation, and providing them this clean water is sometimes a difficult thing. One of the major problems in Ethiopia is the provision of clean and potable water. The children are affected by communicable diseases... that comes from lack of sanitation and clean water. These children still live in the street, and they need clean water to keep them healthy and to attend to their education in a good way. Thank you.

Dr. T.R. Burlakoti: Director of Kanti Children's Hospital -

Nepal's largest pediatric hospital serving more than 120,000 children annually.

We have a safe drinking project from your organization. There was a small problem in the beginning but it was solved quickly. We are happy with this project and 2,500 children drink this water every day. Also parents, families and 800 staff who work at the hospital.

Most of our outpatient admissions are for diarrheal diseases and upper respiratory infections. The majority of diarrheal diseases are from unsafe drinking water... In Nepal, we have a lot of drinking water problems. Water is not safe in our country. Children, parents, visitors, and staff are all happy and we drink this water directly and we don't have any stomach problems. We had laboratory tests also and we know it is safe.

I thank you so much for the benefits of our developing children and our people.

Peng Shaohua, Magistrate of Tashui county, Sichuan -

one of the hardest hit areas during the 2008 China earthquake which killed more than 80,000 people

We feel the work with A Child's Right is very timely, as we just move the earthquake effected people to the newly finished temporarily relief houses.

We have big relief camps in Tashui county, to prevent widespread and massive disease is my duty- the water cleaning systems helped my work and more importantly, it helps the people here long term. We now have good protection of our water.





partner quotes

Dr. William Houseworth: Executive Director of Angkor Hospital for Children -
one of the largest pediatric hospitals in Cambodia.

There were more than 100,000 visits by Cambodian children and their families to our hospital last year. It has always been our goal to provide comprehensive care to these children and with the help of ACR we are now able to consistently offer one of the most essential basics of health care – clean water. In a country where so many of the families simply do not have access to clean drinking water this simple measure will go a long way in improving the health of Cambodia's children.

In addition, with the support of A Child's Right our satellite clinic located at the government district hospital in the more rural village of Sotnikum has its first ever stable supply of clean drinking water. The entire community in Sotnikum is particularly thankful for this step forwards. It certainly has been a privilege for AHC to partner with A Child's Right and to directly see the impact of their important work.

Jonathan Hursh: Founder and Director of Compassion for Migrant Children -
China's largest NGO focused on helping China's urban migrant children, primarily through social and educational programs.

The migrants that we serve have benefitted greatly from the partnership with A Child's Right. ACR's donation of a complete water filtration system to one of our migrant community centers has given them free access to clean and safe drinking water for the first time, which has a direct impact on their quality of life.

They are able to be in classrooms and at work more often, preparing for their future or providing for their families. ACR is an NGO with an earned reputation of effectiveness and professionalism, quickly cutting to the heart of one of the most basic needs of vulnerable communities.

William Livermore: Executive Director of the Somaly Mam Foundation -
one of the world's leading organizations fighting against sexual trafficking.

Our partnership with A Child's Right is incredibly unique because of the broad impact it has on our organization, for both the women and children we support and the world we all share. As a result of clean water filtration systems in the shelters, residents have access to purified drinking water and are able to take showers- a luxury they did not have before. The girls are healthier both mentally and physically leading to higher self-esteem.

We were spending thousands of dollars each year on bottled water for the girls, and now we are able to apply those resources to programs and direct victim services, while simultaneously reducing our carbon footprint on the world. This partnership has been instrumental to our organization- thank you A Child's Right.

Maggie Eno: Founder and Director of M'Lop Tapang -
southern Cambodia's largest street shelter for poor, orphaned, and street children.

Your organization provides such a fundamental part of a child's health. It has completely changed the way our main center functions through enhanced access to clean, safe water at all times for the kids and staff.

All the families and children that come to our (health) clinic also have access to it (approx 1500 a month) We really think very highly of your work and would highly recommend it to anyone else working with high numbers of poor children.



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