

# PROJECT WATERFALL

## QUARTERLY UPDATE



## Thank you for your support!



The funds you have raised will make a real difference, bringing clean water, sanitation and education to coffee-growing communities.

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

### WORLD WATER DAY 2023

Thank you to all our supporters who participated in The World Water Day Campaign! Together, we raised over £10,000 for coffee growing communities.

### UK COFFEE WEEK IS BACK!

Save the date for UK Coffee Week:  
16 - 22 October 2023!

Registration is now open and you can sign up [here](#).

# APRIL HIGHLIGHT: LAUNCHING THE WAVE

The wave is a community of coffee lovers working to change lives in coffee growing communities.

Membership starts at just £3.30 a month - the price of an average cup of coffee.

If every coffee drinker in the UK donated the price of just one cup of coffee each month, we could solve the water crisis in just over a year.



# PROJECT UPDATES: BERBERE, ETHIOPIA

In the last six months, work on the **water supply system** has begun with the renovation of **Burkitu springs I and II** and the construction of **WASH facilities** in two schools and one healthcare centre have been brought forward.

A number of **key studies and assessments** that started during the inception period are now complete, including: a **gender and social inclusion** analysis; **hygiene** formative research assessment; and, **mapping and water security** assessment!

“Currently, I can proceed with my work even if I am on my period. Moreover, I have changed the way I feel about it now. Though I knew about menstruation before from school, this training helped me to develop my knowledge about keeping my hygiene and staying healthy.”

**Misra Abdela is a resident of Haro Nanon town. Misra took part in the MHM trainings provided by Abiyot Asfaw, a health extension worker from Berbere.**

The **menstrual hygiene management (MHM)** and the ‘**Rethinking Rural Sanitation Approach**’ trainings have begun for healthcare workers and we have commenced discussions with Berbere woreda administration on establishing a **watershed management plan**. These trainings reached **39 health workers**, from all seven project locales and were facilitated by the project team and experts from the **Bale Zone Health Office**.





# PROJECT UPDATES CONTINUED: BERBERE, ETHIOPIA

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In addition to this, **hygiene promotion** activities have begun in **Haro Dumal and Welitei-Berberere**. As a result, the recently trained health workers have reached **2,136 people** with hygiene and sanitation messages

In two schools, construction has begun on **toilets, handwashing facilities, drinking water points** and a **5,000l elevated water tanker**.

Based on the results of the **gender and social inclusion** analysis, community discussions in collaboration with **Berberere woreda Women and Child Affairs office** are underway with **193 participants**. These discussions covered topics such as: the concept of **gender, safeguarding**, women's **empowerment, climate change** and the effects on **women and socially excluded groups**, as well as **hygiene and sanitation**.





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“We don’t have easy access to water. Keeping hygiene and sanitation is key in such a health institute, but we don’t have enough water to do that. For example, we don’t have water in the delivery and emergency rooms. Unless there is access to water it’s very difficult to provide quality services.”

**Hamziya Adem, a nurse in Haro Dumal Health Centre.**

In **Haro Dumal Health Centre** construction has started on a **block of toilets** with six cubicles, designed to be **inclusive** to those with disabilities, along with **handwashing facilities** and a **5,000l elevated water tanker**.

**Elevated water tankers** are used to ensure that the **appropriate pressure** is generated once the water reaches taps.

In the last six months, both the **political economy analysis (PEA)** and the **hydrological mapping and water security assessment** have been completed.

The **hydrological mapping and water security assessment** generated different maps (geological, hydrogeological, drainage density, and rainfall). This assessment is used to indicate the **groundwater potential** for the **next 30 years**. These estimations can help inform design of **climate resilient (CR) WASH** services.



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In addition to the assessments, over the last six months **three water quality test kits** were purchased for **Haro Town Utility** and **the Rural Water Supply and Health office**. These are used for the rapid testing of water quality and can provide on the spot information for communities. In the next few months, **training** will be provided on how to use and store these test kits.

Finally, in the last six months, work alongside the **government** has been undertaken to re-energise the **WASH steering committee** and provided **refresher training** to the woreda administration offices (**Health; Water; Finance; Education; Agriculture; Environmental; and, Women and Child Affairs**) on creating **Water Safety Plans**, and to identify, prioritise and mitigate against existing risks to water supply.



We look forward to updating you on the progress of the project in our next newsletter. to use and store these test kits.



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARTNERS



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