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Amount granted to charity: water	Country
\$85,608	ETHIOPIA
Project Start date	Status
May 2011	Funds in holding.

Country Overview

charity: water has been committed to providing access to safe drinking water in Ethiopia since 2007. It's currently our most concentrated investment and we're excited to continue working towards eradicating the water crisis district by district. In northern Ethiopia, we have already nudged the needle in the direction of total water access. And through your gift, we can move it more.

Ethiopia is one of the 11 poorest countries on the planet with more than 40 million people living without access to safe water. Landlocked in the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia borders Eritrea to the north, Sudan to the west, Kenya to the south, Somalia to the east, and Djibouti to the northeast. With almost two-thirds of Ethiopian's illiterate, the country's economy revolves around agriculture, which in turn relies on rainfall that is inadequate, unpredictable and uneven in its distribution.

Ethiopia averages 40% clean water coverage across the country, with higher rates of clean water clustered in cities and larger towns. In rural parts of the country, where our partners focus their efforts, just one in three people have access to clean water while only 13% have access to adequate sanitation services. At any given time it is estimated that half of the country's population of 80 million people is suffering from an unnecessary water-related disease, and more than 250,000 children under the age of five die each year from diarrhea.

Region Overview

GlobalGiving's campaign funds will serve several communities in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

Tigray is the northernmost region of the country and is home to more than 4 million people with less than 50% clean water coverage. While water availability varies greatly across the region, the majority of Tigreans obtain their water from rivers, ponds, streams, and unprotected springs. They also have to share these water sources with livestock and wild animals, which results in a dirty, tainted water supply. Our local partners have identified those communities in highest need as well as effective, sustainable water solutions to help them.

We're truly grateful to ABC 20/20 for featuring charity: water and inspiring hundreds of individuals around the globe to support our work. We're looking forward to sharing the impact this investment can have on thousands of lives for years to come.