

# Ethiopia Water

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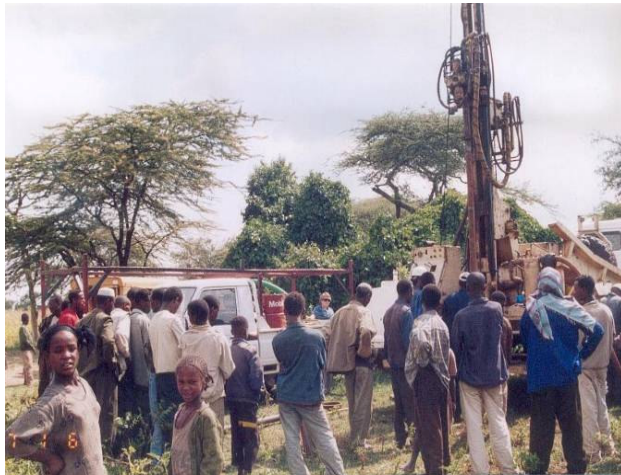
Awanno is in the Ethiopian highlands about 300km south-west of Addis Ababa. Here farming families collect their water from nearby creeks. This project trains local people to build and maintain water supplies, providing safe drinking water to communities. Spring capping, hand dug wells, well protection and gravity fed pipeline distribution systems are the most common measures constructed.

Lately, construction has been under way in Ethiopia in two particular areas: the accessing of safe water supplies, and the building of sanitation facilities.

The construction and rehabilitation of wells not only provides a community with a safe water supply but also means that women and children are no longer spending several hours each day fetching water, when they could be working or in school. This is often dangerous for girls in particular who have to

travel long distances to remote water supplies, greatly increasing their chance of abuse or abduction.

The construction of sanitation facilities such as basic Sanplat latrines, which cost \$8 AUD to build, and clothes washing pads, which cost \$20 AUD, contribute significantly to keep the drinking water clean and useable. Training community members on water and sanitation reduces contamination and outbreaks of water-related diseases.



Left: The drilling of a shallow well can cost anywhere between \$7,600 and \$11,500 AUD, and means a safe and accessible supply of water for the community.

Right: A Sanplat latrine, a simple effective way to prevent the pollution of drinking water.



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