



WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WELL

Atlas Copco has transformed communities
all over the world since 1984 through our
Water for All initiative.

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Photo: Mikael Lorin

CLEAN WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT

Water for All is the Atlas Copco Group's main community engagement project, initiated, run and supported by our employees on a voluntary basis. The mission is to provide people in need with clean drinking water and sanitation. So far close to two million people have been helped.

Water for All was founded in 1984 by Atlas Copco employees in Stockholm, Sweden. Since the start, a core belief has been that access to clean drinking water is a human right and this still guides the work done today.

Access to water has the power to transform human lives as well as entire communities. To date close to two million people all around the world have been provided with access to clean drinking water, thanks to Water for All.

Water for All is funded by voluntary donations by the employees, usually in the form of monthly deductions from their salaries. These donations are then doubled by the company, meaning that three times the money will go towards helping people in need.

Water for All partners with non-profit organizations which are the ones actually implementing the supported projects on the local level.

Projects have historically varied between digging or drilling wells, protecting natural water springs, or building water purification systems.



Training in sanitation and hygiene is an important aspect of all projects. The aim is also always to engage the local community in the project as a way to ensure sustainability and that the new water source will continue to function and be maintained.

... Between 1990 and 2015, 2.6 billion people in the world gained access to improved drinking water sources. However, more than 600 million people still lack access to clean drinking water. ►



A GREAT CAUSE WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL HISTORY

In March 1984 two employees at Atlas Copco's headquarters in Sweden happened to see a documentary on TV about the then ongoing drought in Peru. Both were moved by the suffering the people had to endure but they also had a very strong notion that it wasn't an irreversible situation; access to water was fixable.

Affected by what they had seen, they decided to find a way to help. They successfully engaged their fellow employees to contribute with voluntary donations to support a project, giving the drought-stricken areas shown in the documentary access to clean drinking water. They were so successful in this endeavor that Atlas Copco joined the cause and promised to donate the same amount of money as was raised by the employees.

The first Water for All project was not only a success for the Peruvian people, it also meant Atlas Copco had a large group of engaged employees who wanted to continue doing good in other countries as well. Several other projects followed and what once was meant to be a one-time intervention, has today grown into a global initiative with employees in more than 50 countries either running or starting up local Water for All organizations.



Photos from the very first project in Peru where the two founders were able to be present when the drill first hit water.



Water for All was officially founded on August 22, 1984.



... By 2050, at least 1/4 of the world's population is likely to live in areas affected by chronic or recurring shortages of fresh water. ►

CLEAN WATER EQUALS SAFE WATER



China,
Xixiang County

1 500 beneficiaries

Water for All's second project in China was implemented in 2012. In a remote area in the Xixiang County, the villagers had to walk to a nearby river to fetch water and then back up to their homes in the mountains three times a day. To worsen the ordeal, the river water was polluted and was even referred to as a death trap. However, the need for water, any water, was greater than the fear of death or deforming health problems.



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One of the Atlas Copco colleagues who got the chance to visit the project site

after clean drinking water had been secured, reported back: *“The proud look of one of the older women as she showed us where the water now came through a tap inside the house is something all donors should see.”*

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE SANITATION



Malawi,
Dedza District

1 350 beneficiaries

One of Water for All's larger projects was executed in central Malawi and focused on improving sanitation and hygiene in 20 primary schools, involving (in total) 12 000 pupils and, indirectly, 5 000 households.

A large number of protected water facilities were built as well as latrines, urinals and hand-washing facilities, bearing in mind the needs of girls and any disabled children. What many often tend to forget is that the issues around menstruation hygiene and the lack of safe sanitation areas, in schools for example, often result in increased absences among women and girls. Focusing on improving such conditions not only leads to increased dignity for women and girls but also lowers drop-out rates and lessens non-productive days.

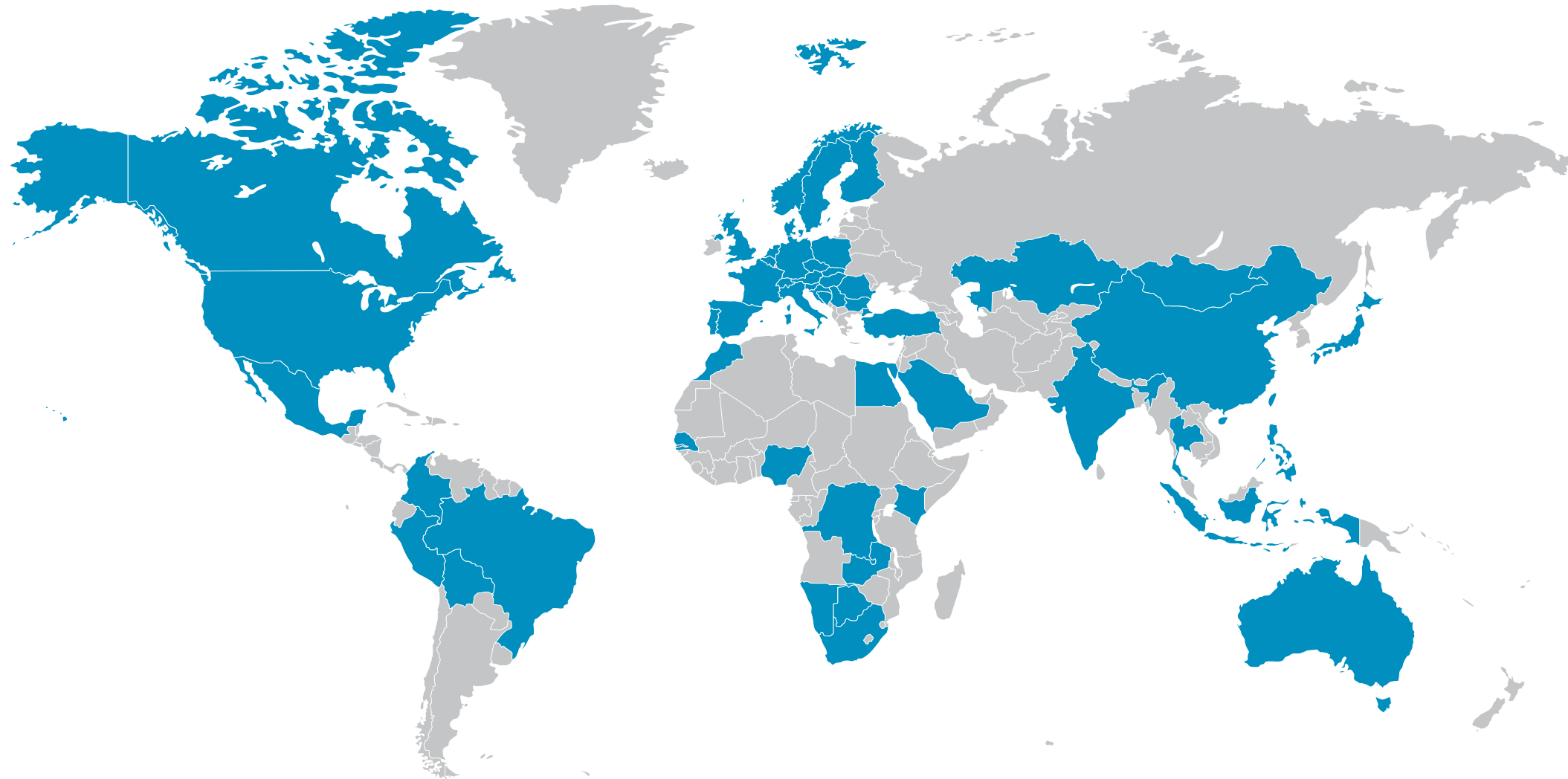
The Malawi project used the set-up of Health Clubs to promote and spread information about health and hygiene, in the schools as well as in pupils' homes. By stimulating sustainable behavioral change, and by building social solidarity and reciprocity, it was possible to reinforce new norms in society at large.



Photo: Welthungerhilfe

... 2.4 billion people lack access to basic sanitation services, such as toilets or latrines. What is more, in 2015, more than 1.8 billion people relied on a source of drinking water contaminated by fecal matter. ►





A GLOBAL WILL TO HELP

Since the start in 1984, Water for All's network has continued to develop and now spans more than 50 countries, including local organizations still in the start-up phase as well as those established since long. The projects funded by Water for All are found all over the world, however predominantly in Africa and Asia. To date Water for All has helped almost 2 million people get access to clean drinking water.

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- Turkey
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- Zambia

A TRANSFORMED COMMUNITY



Kenya,
Komollo village
outside Nairobi

2 500 beneficiaries

In 2014 Water for All supported the Komollo village with a borehole well and six months later the partner returned to monitor how life had changed. They met a transformed community with the cycle of poverty broken. Girls had returned to school.

“Water brings all the good things in life.”

Women had begun small businesses and the men were no longer too sick to work. Fields were watered and food supply more reliable. Health had returned and children could grow up to be productive members of their community.

One of the women summarized the change: *“We no longer have to plan around avoiding the queues at the river every day because water is readily available. Our livestock drink from the existing pond and we have plenty of water for brick making, construction, watering trees seedlings and vegetable farming. Fetching water has become an easy task. We can collect more than ten 20-liter jerricans of water from the borehole. In the past, during the dry season, when water would be scarce, we could only fetch one jerrican for cooking and drinking thus lowering our personal hygiene. Water brings all the good things in life.”*



Photo: Mikael Lorin

... Eliminating the daily trek to fetch water frees up people's time, so children, especially girls, can go to school and women can work. In the long run this means that completely new social structures develop, ultimately transforming entire communities. ►

WATER IS A NECESSITY



India,
Hemalkasa in the
Gadchiroli district

3 000 beneficiaries

In the middle of India, in the Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra, the Madia Gond tribe lived for centuries, almost completely cut off from civilization. The result was malnourishment, high mortality rates and complete ignorance of life beyond the jungles. In the 1970s local philanthropist Baba Amte opened a health center in the region and later on

a school, completely transforming life for the local community.

A crucial aspect of the success of his endeavors has been access to clean drinking water. In 2015, Water for All helped secure improved rain water harvesting in the form of an elevated storage reservoir of 200 000 liters with corresponding water distribution systems, to supply the whole area with clean drinking water, including both the hospital and the school, thus providing water where it is most needed.

Baba Amte strongly believed that education was the only way in which the tribal people could become aware of their situation and therefore strive to improve it. This noble and simple idea faced many hurdles of which the toughest task was to convince the tribes, who found no immediate benefit from education.

The school originally started with 25 students under a tree. Today the school has grown to serve nearly 800 children from nursery to grade twelve, with graduates moving on to become teachers, doctors, engineers, policemen and forest guards.



THE PETER WALLENBERG WATER FOR ALL FOUNDATION

Peter Wallenberg Sr., world renowned businessman, was active in Atlas Copco for more than 60 years and served as Honorary Chair of the Board when he passed away in January 2015.

To honor his memory hundreds of donations, from individuals as well as companies, were made to Water for All. In order to manage these donations, the Peter Wallenberg Water for All Foundation was established, jointly governed by representatives from Peter Wallenberg's family, Atlas Copco and Water for All.

As its first mission, the Foundation is supporting a three year project in Malawi, initiated in October 2015. The remaining funds have been invested to generate a good return, money that will be used to support project applications from the existing Water for All network

of local organizations which are in need of an extra monetary boost. The intention is that the Foundation in this way will be able to support the world with clean drinking water and sanitation during the many years to come.



Peter Wallenberg Sr. started his career in Atlas Copco in 1953 and was among many things, representing the company in Southern Africa. When Water for All was founded in 1984 he was Chairman of the Atlas Copco's Board of Directors.

... A clean local water supply not only saves lives, it also allows people to grow crops near their homes, produce food for their families, and even sell any surplus. ■

In 2015, members of Atlas Copco's Board of Directors, including Peter Wallenberg Jr., Chair of the Foundation, visited a Water for All project in Rorke's Drift, South Africa.



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*Atlas Copco doubles all
employee donations made to a
local Water for All organization.*

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