

Safe Water Honduras -- Rotarians FAQ

What is Safe Water Honduras?

Safe Water Honduras is a collaborative project between Rotary and World Vision. The \$800,000, large-scale project will bring access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) to more than 14,000 people in western Honduras. Rotary Club of Sacramento is the sponsoring club for Safe Water Honduras. The Project is awaiting final approval from Rotary International and is grant number GG2237885.

What does “WASH” stand for?

WA is for water, S is for sanitation, H is for hygiene.

What is a Super WASH District?

It is Rotary's term for when all the clubs of one district financially join hands to support a project that brings safe water to underserved communities.

Who is the sponsoring Club?

Rotary Club of Sacramento, District 5180, has taken the lead in writing the grant and organizing the fundraising.

What role does World Vision take in this project?

World Vision, the world's largest nonprofit, will match Rotary's contribution with an additional \$400,000. World Vision also brings 73 years of documented experience and proven sustainability of projects with “boots on the ground” in 100 countries.

What is the immediate impact of this project?

As a result of this venture, 13 communities, 10 schools and five healthcare facilities will have life-changing access to clean water. More than 14,000 people will directly benefit from this project. Girls will be able to go to school and build productive lives.

Have water projects of this size been done before in Honduras?

YES! This is the third \$800,000 project near Copan in western Honduras. The goal is to have 100% of the country supplied with clean water by 2027.

What makes WASH projects unique?

WASH has a decades-long proven record of sustainability. An emphasis is placed on good hygiene in the schools and health care centers. Teams of locals are trained in sanitation and hygiene and take this knowledge into their community.

What else is unique about these large projects?

These grants have local participation from Honduran Rotary Clubs. Villagers will dig twenty miles of trenches to bury all the piping. Professional training will be given to develop local WASH teams for sanitation and hygiene. Additional training will be given for the operation and maintenance of the system. Also, every dollar given locally winds up being multiplied 5.6 times through matching funds from the Rotary districts, Rotary International and World Vision.

What is the status of the Grant?

We have raised virtually all of Rotary's \$400,000 share of the project cost. The grant was submitted to Rotary International for review at the beginning of March and we are waiting for final approval. Interested in helping? Contact us at HondurasWASH@rotarysacramento.com to find out how.

What other Districts besides 5180 are currently participating?

There are nine other districts:

- District 5030 – Washington
- District 5170 – Bay Area
- District 5240 – Central California
- District 5330 – Riverside, CA
- District 5750 – Oklahoma
- District 5840 – South Central Texas
- District 5890 – Houston
- District 5950 – Minnesota
- District 7170 – New York

Out of the 37 Clubs in District 5180, how many have already committed to participating?

All 37 clubs! This makes District 5180 a Super WASH District!

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