

This provides an update on World Vision water efforts to address the global water crisis.

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World Vision Water Update: April 2017



World Vision Responding to Drought and Famine in East Africa

East Africa, sometimes known as the Horn of Africa, can be a beautiful place. The Great Rift Valley runs through the region leaving a dramatic landscape. It's a semi-arid region and regularly faces droughts based on El Nino patterns that can lead to starvation among subsistence farmers who remain in poverty and therefore have no resiliency to outlast the droughts. Most people will recall or have learned about the 1983-1985 famine in Ethiopia that led to charity efforts by celebrity singers including "Do They Know It's Christmas?" and "We are the World." The 1983-1985 Ethiopian drought that led to these well-known charity efforts impacted 8 million people with an estimated 1 million dying from starvation. Unfortunately, East Africa faces what experts are saying could become an even worse drought and famine ([watch video for details](#)).

Because of El Nino and the displacement of people from civil water in several countries, severe drought and famine is now impacting more than 20 million people in East Africa. An astonishing 5.6 million people in Ethiopia, 4.9 million people in South Sudan, 2.9 million people in Somalia, and 2.7 million people in Kenya are impacted. Literally, tens of thousands of children face potential death in these four countries because of food and water shortages. In addition, an estimated nearly 9 million children are not in school because their families are in search of food and water and have abandoned their communities.

Our teams and partners are reporting long lines of water in areas where people can find water.

World Vision staff in each of the affected countries are rapidly responding to the needs of 800,000 children who are severely malnourished through the use of nutrition feeding centers. By providing high energy peanut paste to mothers to provide their children, World Vision has demonstrated a success rate of more than 90 percent in combating severe malnutrition and thereby can save thousands of lives. We're also providing food assistance to address the needs of 3.5 million acutely malnourished children.



With regard to our water, sanitation, and hygiene efforts, in Ethiopia, we are providing water access for both households and livestock, which are perishing in large numbers in areas affected by the drought. In Kenya, we're repairing boreholes and providing some emergency water trucking. Procter & Gamble has made a large donation of their water purifiers for use in the affected region in Kenya. In Somalia and South Sudan, we're providing emergency water trucking to meet immediate needs as well as providing latrines and hygiene for displaced people.

Because this tragedy has not received much global attention and funding, the World Vision partnership has launched an emergency appeal for \$92 million to help 2.2 million people. Of this amount \$13.4 million is needed for the water, sanitation, and hygiene efforts. Please consider donating to help us respond ([LINK](#)). Thank you for your support and prayers for the people in East Africa.

LPGA Legend Betsy King vows to raise \$10 million for bringing clean water to Africa

Ten years ago, King established the non-profit [Golf Fore Africa](#), its sole mission being to help solve the global water crisis focused first on reaching everyone in Zambia. Tapping into her network of past and current LPGA stars, including Juli Inkster, Stacy Lewis and Cheyenne Woods,

King has taken annual trips to Africa and worked to give clean water and improved living conditions to 220 villages.

On World Water Day, March 22, King announced her commitment to raise \$10 million over the next five years ([Golf Week article](#)) to bring clean water to 200,000 people throughout Zambia. She has personally pledged \$1.3 million to help accomplish the goal ([USA Today](#)). Betsy is truly an inspiration.



Newsflash: Foster the People and a boy named George

"Clean water. That's all they asked for. That's what brought us together." - Izzi Innis

George (pictured), a young Ugandan boy suffering from typhoid fever, a disease contracted through dirty water, brought the band Foster the People to Uganda. Izzi Innis was volunteering in the hospital that saved George's life. She knew George and other kids in his community would continue to get sick unless they had access to clean water. So, Izzi rallied her friends from Foster the People and the TV series "Scream" to fund a borehole in George's community.



[This inspiring video](#) follows Izzi, Carlson Young and John Karna, stars of the MTV series "Scream," along with Mark Foster and Isom Innis from the band Foster the People on their trip to celebrate the arrival of clean water in George's community.

Thank you to the musician Kenna who connected Mark Foster and I several years ago for [Summit on the Summit:Kilimanjaro](#) that led to our reconnection with Foster the People for this effort, and a special thanks to Izzi Innis for never giving up on her efforts to make sure George and his village had clean water.



Newsflash: Huffington Post Op/Ed

In recognition of World Water Day, we submitted an Op/Ed to Huffington Post on our efforts to solve the global water crisis. [Here's a link](#) to the published Op/Ed that highlights Team World Vision Global 6K and the Forbes article on best bets in philanthropy.



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