



Background

Operation Toilets Australia (OTA) builds toilets and delivers hygiene education programs in schools and communities in developing countries with the special aim of improving the educational opportunities for adolescent girls and to improve the lives of needy families in rural areas.

Our projects are currently located in India, Ethiopia, and Nepal. OTA partners with in-country Rotary clubs, Rotary districts and not-for-profit organisations (NGO) and receives financial support from The Rotary Foundation in the form of matching Global Grants, donations from Rotary clubs and districts, Rotarians, schools, businesses, and members of the public.

OTA also works in partnership with International Needs Australia (INA), an approved "Cooperating Organisation", as part of The Rotary Foundation Global Grants system. INA is an accredited NGO with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and has access to funding under the Australian NGO Cooperation Program.



School toilets in Nasik, India

New Projects

OTA is currently planning a Global Grant in Piplantri, India and three new projects in partnership with INA, titled Ethiopia Water and Sanitation (EWASH) with a budget of AUD\$300,000. The total value of OTA projects since inception is AUD\$1.69 million.

When did it start?

OTA was formed following a visit to India by Mark Balla in 2014 where he noted that girls were not prevalent in the school yard and the issue of inadequate provision of toilets in schools came to light. Mark, as a member of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, has been key in developing OTA since that time with the assistance of an enthusiastic committee. OTA is an entity under the control of the club and is a registered charity in Australia.

What do we do?

OTA partners with Rotary clubs and not-for-profit organisations to build toilets that use systems that are proven to be appropriate for the local environment. A key element of any OTA project is hygiene education including Water Sanitation and Health (WASH) for schools developed by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Community Led Total Sanitation and Health (CLTSH) developed for communities. The final part of any OTA project is for a school or community to commit to an ongoing maintenance program to ensure that the toilets are kept in good working order.

How to donate

Make a donation to OTA for a project via bank transfer to Bendigo Bank BSB **633 000** Acc No **157145855**.
Account name: **Operation Toilets Australia Inc.**

Make a donation to OTA for a project using PayPal with **operationtoilets146@gmail.com** as the PayPal recipient.

Make a direct donation to a Global Grant that has been coordinated by OTA and approved by The Rotary Foundation.

Note: Australian donors can obtain an Australian Tax Office deduction by going to www.rawcs.org.au (Rotary Australia World Community Service) and donate to project No: 21 in the 2014 -15 year.

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New household toilet in Shurmo, Ethiopia