



## Annual Report 2021-22



The opening of a large toilet block for girls and boys as part of the Nasik Road Project 6.



Members of the Rotary Club of Nasik Road with students and staff who are directly benefiting from the Nasik 6 project.

# OPERATION TOILETS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

## 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

Operation Toilets Australia Inc. (OTA) is an advocacy and changemaker entity with a focus on behavioural change as part of water, sanitation, and health projects in the developing world.

Our core purpose is to encourage behavioural change in schools with the Wash in Schools (WinS) program in India and in the community in Ethiopia with the Community Led Total Sanitation and Health (CLTS&H) program.

Our focus in schools has the special aim to improve the educational opportunities of adolescent girls and in the community to improve the overall health of all family members.

We have moved from a focus on hardware (building and refurbishing toilets) to a combined focus on hardware and software (health education and maintenance training).

OTA is a project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central.

### Operation Toilets Australia projects completed or currently planned since inception

Totals based on The Rotary Foundation USD>AUD exchange rate as of 30 June 2022 (1.39)

Project	AUD Cost	Status	No. of sites	Beneficiaries
1. India Nasik Road - 1 (District Grant)	\$9,850.79	Completed	1	500
2. India Nasik Road – 2 GG1531512	\$134,068.28	Completed	6 schools, 1 village	4,600
3. India Delhi – 1 GG1636390	\$152,426.01	Nearing completion	11	10,000
4. Ethiopia Shurmo - 1	\$7,259.41	Completed	2	800
5. India Nasik Road - 3	\$47,970.29	Completed	4	1,000
6. India Nasik Road – 4	\$10,638.85	Completed	1	300
7. India Pune - 1	\$7,607.47	Completed	1	300
8. India Nasik Road - 5	\$44,480.00	Completed	1	900
9. India Delhi - 2 GG1984136	\$362,649.75	In progress	19	30,000
10. India Delhi - 3 GG1985413	\$92,559.04	In progress	5	10,000
11. Ethiopia Shurmo - 2	\$8,951.20	Completed	Community Needs Analysis	
12. Ethiopia Shurmo – 3 GG2091874	\$128,061.33	In progress	4 schools, 60 homes, 12 villages	30,000
13. India Nasik Road – 6 GG2099502	\$73,152.85	Completed	5	2,000
14. India Nasik Road – 7 GG2126940	\$131,718.55	Submitted	6	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,211,393.83</b>			<b>106,500</b>

### PROJECTS IN PROGRESS, OR IN PLANNING, OR COMPLETED IN 2021-22

#### INDIA DELHI 1 GLOBAL GRANT - 1636390

##### Funding partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Ashoka & Rotary District 3012

International Partners: Rotary Club of Rosanna, Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and District 9810.

##### Cost: AUD\$152,426.01

- This WASH in Schools project provides the schools under consideration with sustainable WASH facilities comprising of both hardware and software components that encourage the development of healthy behaviours for life. The facilities include water and sanitation facility upgrades, hygiene education, and teacher training along with key behaviour change components. The project will bring the following positive outcomes in the community:
- A healthy and protective school environment minimizing the risk of disease, abuse and exclusion to ensure that every child's basic needs are met, thereby contributing to the right of every child to receive quality education, with better health and equity outcomes.

- Pride and commitment to school, by the children and their communities thereby enabling children to serve as agents of change leading to the reduction in open defecation.
- Gender equity through the provision of separate toilets for boys and girls with MHM facilities for girls who have reached puberty to ensure privacy and dignity and contributing to girls' school attendance and retention.
- Reduction in the incidences of water & sanitation related diseases by institutionalizing handwashing sessions with soap by children at two critical times.
- Outreach to families and the wider community.
- The students attending the schools selected for the project will be the direct beneficiaries. At present there are approximately 2700 students studying in 11 government schools out of which 1,302 are girl students. The successful implementation of this program shall also bring far reaching benefits to over 2,700 families (around 10,000 people) living in different communities around the targeted schools leading to the elimination of practice of open defecation thereby reducing the incidence of water and sanitation-related diseases as the children sensitized at the schools will take good hygiene habits and practices to their homes.

**Project Status:** This project is almost complete but there are some works pending in some schools in the Sonepat district which are intended to be completed very soon, Due to COVID these schools were closed for over 18 months.

## **INDIA DELHI 2 GLOBAL GRANT 1984136**

### **Funding Partners:**

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Ashoka & Rotary District 3012

International Partners: Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, We Can't Wait Foundation and Rotary District 9810. Rotary clubs of Canterbury and Bendigo and Rotary District 9800.

Other donors include Rotary clubs, Rotary districts, organisations and individuals in the USA, Canada and UK including the Rotary clubs of Cary-Kildaire, Woodridge, Darien, Orland Park, Oak Park-River Forest, Chicago, Naperville, (USA) Chatham, Dresden, Wallaceburg, Blenheim, Tilbury, Chatham Sunrise, Ridgetown (Canada) and Rotary districts 6450 and 6380 and RID 7710 Global Run 4 Water and the Girl's Boarding House, Riding House, Aldenham School (UK).

**Cost: AUD\$362,649.75**

### **Project Aims:**

To improve the quality of education and access in Government schools under the Rotary's WASH in Schools Target Challenge pilot in five countries including India by working with communities to provide improved WASH facilities and services, teacher training, and curriculum enhancement and ensure that all the schools under the project qualify for at least star one recognition. The project aims to:

- Increase in attendance and enrolment and reduction in school dropout rates — particularly for girls by providing protective and conducive environment.
- Increased community adoption of good WASH behaviours by developing children as change agents for their families and communities
- Prevent the spread of disease and reduce nutrition deficiencies, diarrhea, and other illnesses related to inadequate access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Improve the academic performance of children by creating a healthy and protective environment in schools
- Teach equitable ways that girls and boys can support the health of their school, including cleaning toilets and keep water and sanitation facilities functional.

**Project Beneficiaries:**

The project involves the implementation of WASH in Schools in 19 schools located in north and north central Delhi. The project will bring benefit to over 7,200 families (30,000 people) with 7,289 children (3,912 boys and 3,377 girls) studying in these schools.

**Project Status:** This project was on hold with all schools closed due to the COVID pandemic. It will recommence later in 2022

**INDIA DELHI 3 - GLOBAL GRANT 1985413****Funding Partners:**

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Delhi Achievers, Personal Gift of PDG Ramesh Aggarwal  
International Partners: Operation Toilets Australia and We Can't Wait Foundation.

**Cost: AUD\$92,559.04**

**Project Aims:**

The main objective of this Global Grant is to improve the quality of education and access in Government schools under the Rotary's WASH in Schools Target Challenge pilot in five countries including India by working with communities to provide improved WASH facilities and services, teacher training, and curriculum enhancement and ensure that all the schools under the project qualify for at least star one recognition.

- Increase in attendance & enrolment and reduction in school dropout rates — particularly for girls by providing protective and conducive environment.
- Increased community adoption of good WASH behaviours by developing children as change agents for their families and communities.
- Prevent the spread of disease and reduce nutrition deficiencies, diarrhea, and other illnesses related to inadequate access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- Improve the academic performance of children by creating a healthy and protective environment in schools.
- Teach equitable ways that girls and boys can support the health of their school, including cleaning toilets and keep water and sanitation facilities functional.

**Project Beneficiaries:**

The project involves the implementation of WASH in Schools in five schools located in South Delhi. The project will bring benefit to over 1,300 families (5,000 people) with 1,321 children (691 boys and 630 girls) studying in these schools.

**Project Status:** Under progress and the toilet construction is almost complete in all the five schools. We are in the process of giving final touches to the hardware work and will be planning for the inauguration of these schools during the next few months. World Vision India has also resumed its training work last month after the reopening of the schools.

**ETHIOPIA SHURMO 3 – GLOBAL GRANT 2091874****Funding Partners:**

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully, Rotary Club of Maroondah, District 9810, Operation Toilets Australia, Rotary Club of Balwyn (D9800), Rotary Club of Brighton North (D9800) Rotary Northside (D9800), Rotary District 9800, Rotary Club of Janesville (USA), Rotary Club of Mankato (USA), District 5960 (USA), Rotary Club of Guindy (India)

**Cost: AUD\$128,061.33**

**Project Aims:**

Using the CLTSH (Community Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene) approach to:

- Inspire, engage and empower the community at every level, using CLTSH participatory methodologies to build their own home VIPL toilets, use safe in-home hygiene practices and stop the use of open defecation (OD).





Testing the concrete block making machine



A "Community Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene" training session in progress

**Project Outcomes and Strategies:**

- Phase 1 involves community consensus building and engagement. Training at every village and school level to achieve buy-in by 30,000 residents and 6,000 students 50% are girls.
- Phase 2. A total of 1,350 people will be involved, trained to lead this ignition stage. School leadership heads, staff, students, and student leaders will lead and implement the Schools Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene program (SLTSH).
- Phase 3. Set up and train two artisan groups to advise, build and assist 1,350 households in the construction of 60 ventilated improved pit latrines for poor household as examples for other families to follow.
- The project also includes the construction of 24 ventilated improved pit latrines to be shared in 12 villages across the four kebeles will be encouraged to build (with support) their own toilet and hand washing facilities.

- Build ventilated improved pit latrine 4 seat toilet blocks, hand wash facilities and implement school curriculum around good hygiene practices in three primary schools and one secondary school in the four kebeles.
- Phase 4. Verification, Recognition and Scale up: Results will be compared with the baseline survey to determine improvements as a result of the project.

### Ventilated improved pit latrine toilets constructed so far for Ethiopia Shurmo 3

No	Description	Unit	Quantity	Type of Payment	Remarks
1	Toilets constructed for Widows	VIPL	57	50% support	Households (HH) paid 50%
2	Toilets constructed for able HHs	VIPL	21	100% out of pocket	HHs paid 100%
3	Toilets constructed for people with disabilities	VIPL	3	90% support	HHs paid 10%
4	Existing toilets rehabilitated	VIPL	83	100% out of pocket	HHs paid 100%
<b>Total</b>			<b>164</b>		

Note: All households whose toilets are constructed and rehabilitated have taken awareness building training together with other community members. The training has pushed them to demand for toilet construction.

**Project Beneficiaries:** 30,000 people residing in the Shurmo community across six kebeles in Ethiopia (local areas).

**Project Status:** In progress, commenced November 2020.

### INDIA NASIK 6 – GLOBAL GRANT 2099502

#### Funding Partners:

Rotary Club of Concord, Operation Toilets Australia, Rotary District 9810, Rotary Club of Nasik Road, District 3030

**Cost: AUD\$73,152.85**

#### Project Description

Under this project the following facilities have been provided in the following schools:

- 15 toilet cubicles for girls and 10 toilet cubicles for boys in Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Sayyed Pimpri.
- 2 handwash stations in Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Sayyed Pimpri.
- 3 toilet cubicles for girls and 3 toilet cubicles for boys in ZP Primary School, Kotamgaon.
- 1 handwash station in ZP Primary School, Kotamgaon.
- 2 toilet cubicles for girls and 2 toilet cubicles for boys in ZP Primary School, Gawalwadi.
- 1 handwash station in ZP Primary School, Gawalwadi.
- 10 toilet cubicles for girls and 10 toilet cubicles for boys in Sant Haribaba Vidyalaya, Pangri.
- 2 handwash stations in Sant Haribaba Vidyalaya, Pangri.

A Water Purifier (700 litres per hour) in Vidya Prashala, Talegaon, was installed along with associated plumbing and electrical work including pump in the open well dug by the school management to provide safe drinking water for the over 1250 students.

**Project Status:** Completed

## THANKS

Thanks to all the members of the Operation Toilets Australia committee who have contributed to the ongoing success of OTA projects in 2021-22, especially the project's founder, Mark Balla.

I would like to acknowledge the financial support and goodwill conveyed by Rotarians, Rotary clubs, Rotary districts, individuals and organisations in Australia, India, USA, Canada and the UK who have donated substantial funds to our projects since inception.

Thanks also to our project partners in India especially PP Firdaus Kapadia and the members of the Rotary Club of Nasik Road and PDG Ramesh Aggarwal and the members of the Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka and the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa and International Needs Australia, our Cooperating Organisation partner in Ethiopia.

Finally thank you to all the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central members who continue to offer encouragement and support for which we are very grateful.

I would like to wish incoming Chair Amanda Southwell, incoming Project Coordinator, Andy Shaw and all of the OTA committee best wishes for 2022-23.

**Brian Martin** OAM

Chair - Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated



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## OPERATION TOILETS COMMITTEE 2021-22

Brian Martin	Chair
Mark Balla	Alternative Chair/Project Manager
David Routledge	Treasurer
Malcolm Chiverton	Secretary
Jenny Coburn	Committee Member
Angela Magut	Committee Member
Don Sweeney	Committee Member
Andy Shaw	Committee Member
Amanda Southwell	Committee Member

<b>Operation Toilets Australia Inc.</b>					
<b>A Project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central</b>					
<b>ABN 22 650 438 602</b>					
<b>Financial Summary for the 12 months ended 30 June 2022</b>					
				<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Donations</b>					
Rotary clubs Australia				31,250	26,550
Rotary clubs overseas				1,935	-
Individual giving				3,281	4,024
Schools				620	6,175
Businesses\Corporations				1,661	250
Interest Received				23	20
Merchandise				723	-
				<u>39,493</u>	<u>37,019</u>
<b>Less</b>					
Project expenses				-	50,236
Local expenses				398	769
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>				<u>39,095</u>	<u>(13,985)</u>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022</b>					
				<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents				72,008	32,912
<b>Net Assets</b>				<u>72,008</u>	<u>32,912</u>
<b>Members Funds</b>					
Accumulated earnings prev year				32,912	46,898
Current Year Surplus / (Deficit)				39,095	(13,985)
<b>Total Members Funds</b>				<u>72,008</u>	<u>32,912</u>
<b>Commitments as at year end</b>					
Ethiopia 3 end of project analysis				7,000	
Nasik 7 Global Grant				56,985	
				<u>63,985</u>	
<b>Surplus after meeting commitments</b>				<u>8,022</u>	