



annual report

2018-19



Rotary Foundation Trustee Julia Phelps (centre) officially opening the toilets and wash stations at the Vidya Prashala School, Nasik, India. Pictured also are members of the Rotary Club of Nasik Road and Anita Sweeney and Annie Balla.

Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated

2018-19 Annual Report

Operation Toilets Australia (OTA) builds toilets and delivers hygiene education programs in schools in developing countries with the special aim of improving the educational opportunities for adolescent girls.

OTA partners with Rotary clubs and in-country not-for-profit organisations to build toilets of solid brick construction with sustainable sanitation connections.

A key element of any OTA project is a hygiene education program, WASH, developed by UNICEF. Students are taught to wash their hands after visiting the toilet or before eating. Local communities are also encouraged to become involved.

The final part of any OTA project is for a school to commit to an ongoing maintenance program to ensure that their toilets are kept in good working order.

In 2018-19 partnered with We Can't Wait Limited (WCW) an advocacy, expert knowledge and marketing group formed to raise awareness of water and sanitation needs in schools in developing countries.

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

Operation Toilets Australia projects completed or currently planned since inception

Project	AUDCost	Status	No. of sites	Beneficiaries
1. India Nasik Road - 1 (District Grant)	\$11,005	Completed	1	500
2. India Nasik Road – 2 GG1531512	\$141,440	Completed	6 schools, 1 village	4,600
3. Ethiopia Shurumo - 1	\$8,110	Completed	2	800
4. India Delhi – 1 GG1636390	\$146,880	Completed	11	10,000
5. India Nasik Road - 3	\$34,511	Completed	4	2,700
6. India Nasik Road – 4 (District Grant)	\$10,934	Completed	1	1,100
7. India Pune - 1	\$5,473	Completed	1	200
8. Ethiopia Shurumo - 2	\$10,080	Completed	Community Needs Analysis	
9. India Delhi - 2 GG1984136	\$379,566	Approved	19	30,000
10. India Delhi - 3 GG1985413	\$82,876	Approved	5	5,000
11. Ethiopia Shurumo – 3 (Global Grant)	\$130,740	In planning stage	20	30,000
12. India Nasik Road – 5 (Global Grant)	\$67,876	In planning stage	2	2,200
Total	AUD\$1,029,429			87,100

Projects completed in 2018-19

India Delhi – 1 Global Grant 1636390

Funding partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Ashoka & Rotary District 3012

International Partners: Rotary Club of Rosanna, Operation Toilets Australia, We Can't Wait Foundation and Rotary District 9810

Cost: AUD\$146,880

Pune - 1

Funding Partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Pune, Rotary Club of Daund

International Partners: Rotary Club of Malvern East, Operation Toilets Australia

Cost: AUD\$5,473

Ethiopia Shurumo – 2 Baseline Study (Community Needs Analysis)

Funding Partners:

International Needs Australia and Operation Toilets Australia

This baseline survey was carried out for the collection of data for a *Community Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene* (CLTSH) intervention in the Shurumo area of Ethiopia. CLTSH has become a useful instrument to ignite community-wide behavioural change and collective action to move the entire community towards improving sanitation.

This baseline survey of Shurumo CLTSH Program was initiated with the objective to provide an accurate profile of the status of the target population at the beginning of the programme; will inform strategy refinement and targeting criteria; and help to develop monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools, and provides evidences around the indicators of change. The survey was commissioned on behalf of International Needs Australia and Operation Toilets Australia with the aim to gather data for an application for a global grant from The Rotary Foundation.

Projects in progress or in planning in 2018-19

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, Operation Toilets Australia, 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\$379,566

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.

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\$82,876

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.

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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.

Ethiopia Shurumo 3 – Global Grant

Funding Partners:

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Operation Toilets Australia, We Can't Wait Foundation and other Rotary club partners.

AUD\$130,740

Project Aims:

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

- Build ventilated improved pit latrine (VIPL) toilets, hand wash facilities and implement school curriculum around good hygiene practices in seven primary schools and two secondary schools within the six kebeles.
- 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).

Project Outcomes and Strategies:

- Phase 1 involves community consensus building and engagement. Training at every village and school level to achieve buy-in by all 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. Schools leadership heads, staff, students, PTA's and student leaders will lead and implement the Schools Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene program (SLTSH).

Ethiopia Shurumo 3 – Global Grant (continued)

- Phase 3. Set up and train two artisan groups to advise, build and assist 1,350 households in the construction of household toilets. Select sixty very poor families where model home latrines will be installed as examples for other families to follow. All households across the six kebeles will be encouraged to build (with support) their own toilet and hand washing facilities.
- Phase 4. Verification, Recognition and Scale up: Results will be compared with the baseline survey to determine improvements as a result of the project.
- Introduce across the nine schools, using SLTSH program reduce the present one toilet seat for approximately 200 children to one toilet seat to less than 100 children, separate and appropriate male and female toilets constructed.
- Where possible install safe drinking water to each of the nine schools (presently five schools have no access to clean drinking water).
- To declare the six kebeles and nine schools ODF (open defecation free) status, significantly benefitting the approximately 30,000 residents of which >6,000 are school students. Nearly 50% of the students are girls. It is expected that a high percentage of these girls will be able to continue in study due to the availability of sanitation and hygiene facilities and training that will be available as an outcome of the project.
- The maternal child and health care awareness will be improved; water born and poor hygiene related diseases will be significantly reduced. Mortality of children under five will be substantially reduced. This will be verifiable because of the detailed baseline study that has been undertaken.

Project Beneficiaries

30,000 people residing in the Shurumo community across six kebeles in Ethiopia (local areas).



Vidya Prashala School Toilet Block, Nasik, India.



OTA committee members, Brian Martin, Don Sweeney, Jenny Coburn and Mark Balla pictured at the Vidya Prashala School toilets opening while on a self-funded tour of OTA India projects in January 2019.



Education posters outside the girl's toilet block at NDMC Primary Co-Ed School Ashok Vihar, New Delhi, India.

Thanks

Thanks to all the members of the Operation Toilets Australia committee who have contributed to the ongoing success of OTA projects in 2018-19 and special thanks to Mark Balla whose leadership and promotional and networking skills have projected Operation Toilets into a truly international Rotary project of significance.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and technical input into the Ethiopia 1, 2 and 3 projects by International Needs Australia especially Krystal Navez-John, International Programs Manager who developed the project plans and budgets on behalf of Operation Toilets Australia and Pri Fernando, Chief Executive Officer for her leadership and encouragement. The international development project experience of International Needs Australia has contributed greatly to our desire to develop and manage best practice, sustainable international water and sanitation projects.

I would like to thank the board members of We Can't Wait, (WCW) for their extensive financial support of OTA projects during 2015-19. This support provided an important foundation for OTA and as a result of this success the board of WCW decided to wind up their foundation during 2019.

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 Rotary Club of Nasik Road and PDG Ramesh Aggarwal and the Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka whose leadership and project management skills have been the major factor in the success of our joint water and sanitation projects in India.

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.

Brian Martin OAM

Chair - Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated



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PP Firdaus Kapadia



PDG Ramesh Aggarwal

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Financial Summary for the 12 Months ended 30 June 2019 (AUD)

	2019	2018
Income from donors		
Rotary Clubs	35,645	37,229
Individuals	3,530	2,678
We Can't Wait	53,253	-
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	92,428	39,907
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Expenditure		
International project expenses	53,839	45,574
Local expenses	3,321	774
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	57,160	46,348
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Surplus for the period	<hr/> 35,268	<hr/> (6,441)

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	67,516	32,248
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Net assets	<hr/> 67,516	<hr/> 32,248
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Equity		
Accumulated earnings	32,248	38,689
Surplus for current year	35,268	(6,441)
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Total equity	<hr/> 67,516	<hr/> 32,248