



# annual report

2019-20



Stills taken from the video produced by the Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka about the joint global grants with Operation Toilets Australia (Rotary Club of Box Hill Central) The video was awarded the first prize at the WASRAG AGM in 2019. WASRAG is the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group.

## Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated

### Annual Report

Operation Toilets Australia (OTA) is an advocacy and changemaker entity with a focus on behavioural change through the participation in 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 Hygiene (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

Project	AUDCost	Status	No. of sites	Beneficiaries
1. India Nasik Road - 1 (District Grant)	\$10,312	Completed	1 school	500
2. India Nasik Road – 2 GG1531512	\$140,347	Completed	6 schools, 1 village	4,600
3. India Delhi – 1 GG1636390	\$159,564	Completed	11 schools	10,000
4. Ethiopia Shurumo – 1 (District Grant)	\$7,599	Completed	2	800
5. India Nasik Road – 3 (Direct Grant)	\$50,216	Completed	4 schools	1,000
6. India Pune – 1 (Direct Grant)	\$7,963	Completed	1 school	300
7. India Nasik Road – 4 (District Grant)	\$10,245	Completed	1 school	300
8. India Delhi - 2 GG1984136	\$379,634	In Progress	19 schools	30,000
9. India Delhi - 3 GG1985413	\$96,894	In Progress	5 schools	10,000
10. Ethiopia Shurumo – 2 (Direct Grant)	\$10,000	Completed	Community Needs Analysis	
11. Ethiopia Shurumo – 3 GG2091874	\$134,059	Approved	4 schools, 4 kebeles	30,000
12. India Nasik Road – 5 GG 2099502	\$76,578	Application submitted	2 schools	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>AUD1,083,416</b>			<b>89,500</b>

### Projects completed in 2019-20

#### 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 program; will inform strategy refinement and targeting criteria; and help to develop monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools and provides evidence 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.

Cost: AUD\$10,000.

## Projects in progress or in planning in 2019-20

### 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, and The Rotary Foundation,

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\$379,634

#### 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, We Can't Wait Foundation, and The Rotary Foundation.

Cost: AUD\$96,894

### 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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- 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.



Mavish – a member of the Child Cabinet, part of the WinS health education program.

## **Child Cabinets**

Child Cabinets play a pivotal role in sustaining (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools) WinS by contributing towards promotion of hygiene and the monitoring of operation and maintenance of school toilet facilities.

Typically, at the beginning of each academic year, a Child Cabinet comprising of 6-8 “Student Ministers” is elected by the students. This council is supported by student “volunteer leaders” who identify and form student committees which are allocated different portfolios relating to water, sanitation, hygiene, education, and sports. Membership to these committees can be kept on a rotational basis (quarterly/half yearly/annually), so that all students get an opportunity to be part of this effort.

## **Ethiopia Shurumo 3 – Global Grant GG2091874**

### **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), District 9800, Rotary Club of Janesville (USA), District 5960 (USA), Rotary Club of Guindy (India), and The Rotary Foundation. Cost: AUD\$134,059.

### **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 three primary schools and one secondary school within the four 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).
- 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 poor families where model home latrines will be installed as examples for other families to follow. All households across the four 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 four 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.
- To declare the four kebeles and four schools ODF (open defecation free) status, significantly benefiting 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.

### **Project Outcomes and Strategies - Ethiopia Shurumo 3 – Global Grant (continued)**

- The maternal child and health care awareness will be improved; water borne, 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 four kebeles in Ethiopia (local areas).

### **India - Nasik 5 – Global Grant GG2099502**

**Funding Partners:** Rotary Club of Concord, Rotary Club of Nasik Road, Operation Toilets Australia, District 9810, District 3030, and The Rotary Foundation. Cost: AUD\$76,578

This project involves construction of toilets and hand wash stations in two rural schools near Nasik to inculcate the habit of using toilets and washing hands regularly among the school children to improve their sanitation and hygiene. This project will also benefit the adolescent girls in the schools enabling them to continue their studies instead of dropping out of school once they start menstruating. This will directly benefit over 2000 students in these schools and indirectly induce their families to have toilets at home and use them shunning open defecation which is currently practiced widely.

The project also includes provision of water and clean drinking water to one rural school to improve the student's health and reduce the occurrence of jaundice which is quite common currently and caused mainly due to lack of clean drinking water since the school sources their water from the village well which is quite a distance away. This will benefit over 1200 students from 11 villages who study in this school. We have provided toilets and hand wash stations in this school earlier and we wish to go for One Star certification for this school under the WinS program after the provision of clean drinking water and then the education on hygiene and sanitation to the teachers and students of this school. Sanitation and hygiene education will be provided in both schools consistently.

#### **Project Beneficiaries**

8,000 persons from the student's families

## Thanks

Thanks to all the members of the Operation Toilets Australia committee who have contributed to the ongoing success of OTA projects in 2019-20.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and technical input into the Ethiopia 3 project by International Needs Australia International Programs Manager, Phearak Svay.

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 grateful.

Brian Martin OAM

Chair - Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated



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**Financial Summary for the 12 months ended 30 June 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Income from donors</b>		
Businesses/Corporations	5,000	-
Individual giving	9,310	3,025
*Rotary Clubs Australia	24,500	31,547
Rotary Clubs Overseas	-	4,098
Schools	7,175	505
We Can't Wait	-	53,253
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,985</b>	<b>92,428</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
International project expenses	66,208	53,839
Local expenses	395	3,320
Total	66,603	57,159
<b>Surplus for the period</b>	<b>(20,618)</b>	<b>35,268</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as of 30 June 2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents	46,898	67,516
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>67,516</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated earnings	67,516	32,248
Surplus for current year	(20,617)	35,268
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>67,516</b>

\* When we seek Australian Rotary club partners for global grants we explain that they can deposit their donation directly into the global grant account or they can forward their donation on to us for payment into the global grant account once the grant has been approved. International Rotary club partners always deposit their donation directly into the global grant account in their own country once the global grant has been approved.