



About Wells Bring Hope

The Los Angeles-based nonprofit, [Wells Bring Hope](http://wellsbringhope.org), drills wells to bring safe water and sanitation to rural villages in West Africa — **one of the poorest regions in the world** according to the UN Development Index.

Mission: Saving lives with safe water.

The Problem

- In West Africa, contaminated water is a leading cause of death due to the prevalence of waterborne diarrheal diseases.
- Women and girls are responsible for walking 4-6 miles a day to retrieve water that is often contaminated.
 - As a result, girls don't go to school, and women have no time for income generating work.
 - 70% of women in Niger and 78% of women in Mali are illiterate.
- Upwards of 80% of rural West Africans lack the adequate sanitation of even a simple latrine.

The Solution

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "No other humanitarian intervention produces a more dramatic effect on life than access to safe water and sanitation." When a well is drilled in a village, lives are transformed instantly and dramatically. Our wells tap into an endless supply of clean water from aquifers 250-300 feet underground. These mechanized wells use solar power to draw the water up, making it easy for people of all ages and abilities to access safe water from a tap.

When a well is drilled...

- Child mortality is reduced by 70+%.
- Girls go to school since they no longer have to walk 4-6 miles a day to get water.
- Girls who are educated, marry and bear children later, reducing the chances of death in childbirth
- Women receive training needed to start their own small businesses.
- Gardens flourish, preventing starvation in times of famine.

Why we're worthy of your support:

- 100% of every donation goes directly to funding wells.
- We're an all-volunteer nonprofit, with the exception of the Director of Operations.
- We are partnered with World Vision, one of the world's largest and most respected humanitarian organizations.
- We continue working with a village for years after the well is drilled to ensure sustainability.
 - We educate villagers on good sanitation and hygiene
 - We teach drip farming and the use of the grey water.
 - We help the villagers build latrines, and educate them on the importance of usage.
- The act of drilling a well stops the downward spiral of poverty.

Our Results

- For the most current number of wells drilled and lives transformed, [visit our website](http://wellsbringhope.org).

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