WASH
37,245 PEOPLE
PROVIDED WITH WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE TRAINING
Through various technologies, the three areas of WASH – water, sanitation, and hygiene – work together to strengthen one another and maximize health impact at the community level. All three are necessary for one to be a success. And when local leaders rise up to form water committees to lead WASH solutions and promote health from within their own communities, there is no end to the change that can take place.

HIV/AIDS
27,591 PEOPLE
EMPOWERED THROUGH HIV TESTING & COUNSELING
These individuals represent children and adults (including 1,604 pregnant women) who have taken part in counseling to understand HIV, identify personal risk, and determine readiness to be tested for HIV. Those who received a positive result were armed with knowledge and planning to improve their health and the potential to improve their family’s health, as well.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING
83 PEOPLE
WHO HAVE ENHANCED THEIR LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE, & COMMUNITY IMPACT
The strengthening of our partners is achieved through Blood Water-supported, partner-driven organizational assessment; an internally developed improvement plan with measurable outcomes; and a meaningful feedback process that allows a continual growth of our partners in areas most relevant to their needs.
We are thrilled to share with you exciting news regarding the maturation of Blood:Water over the last year. One of the most essential elements of our maturation has been clearly defining why our organization exists.

Blood:Water exists to invest in and strengthen scalable African-led organizations to address the water crisis and support those impacted by HIV/AIDS.

In 2017, we began partnering with four new African partners that are inspiring examples of TRUE grassroots organizations and are composed of heroic leaders who bring hope to their communities. We are seeing communities in Ethiopia, Uganda, and Malawi changed in intelligent and appropriate ways under the direction of these new local partners, and it is an honor to be a part of growing this work.

The Blood:Water model of engaging with African-led organizations and taking careful responsibility in the work of building the capacity of our partners is an example of how best to create a sustainable African base for community development. This allows us to have a greater impact with lower cost since we do not need to establish implementing offices in each country; our partners already reside there.

Our 2017 audit and 990 reflect our intentional prioritization of the work in Africa with over 83 percent of expenditures going toward programs. GuideStar has bestowed Blood:Water with its highest rating of Platinum, and our Charity Navigator profile will reflect this stewardship when their system updates this fall.

Although our income was down from 2016, Blood:Water was still able to meet all of our obligations to our partners and programs. We have amazing financial partners who make it possible for Blood:Water to see transformational change take place in Africa, and we continue to strive to give more and more individuals the opportunity to be a part of this life-changing story.

Thank you for investing in the impactful work of Blood:Water and our dedicated and competent partners in Africa.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Stan Doerr

6,363 SCHOOL CHILDREN REACHED WITH HYGIENE PROMOTION TRAININGS

18,201 INDIVIDUALS REACHED WITH INTERVENTIONS ADDRESSING HIV STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION

1,971 FEMALES REACHED WITH SANITARY MENSTRUATION SUPPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: $2,166,712
For more information on our finances visit bloodwater.org

Abba Ashebir has lived in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia for his 82 years of life and has known the pain that comes with a lack of clean water, but has never lost faith. For years, he has watched his fellow community members make daily 7-hour round-trip journeys to collect water from sources that are unclean.

Every Sunday, our local partner, Drop of Water (DoW), meets with Abba’s community, mobilizing them to be proactive agents of change through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) training. Last year during one of those visits, a DoW project officer was speaking of plans for a project to provide Abba’s community with clean water for the first time with funding they had received from Blood:Water. Abba could not believe what he was hearing; he was finally going to see his community have access to clean water.

In awe, Abba turned to the project manager and asked, “My son, what is he saying? Is he saying that you are going to build a water well? Are we going to drink clean water in our village?” The member of DoW’s team gladly assured Abba, “Yes, Father!” Abba became emotional and interrupted the ongoing meeting. Lifting his eyes to the clear blue sky, he proclaimed, “God must have listened to our prayers. He must have noticed all the suffering that our mothers, women, and daughters have been through just to fetch water from rivers and all the pains and losses we have had because of waterborne diseases… Oh! You guys must have come down from the heavens!”

We visited Abba’s village again in February, where we were greeted with an extravagant celebration. After 82 years of faith, God chose to use Blood:Water’s partnership with DoW to answer Abba’s prayers, and he participated in the celebration of not one, but THREE new sources of clean water in his village.

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