



AN APPEAL

Providing Drinking Water and Sanitation at remote rural schools

Following a workshop hosted by HRH The Prince of Wales and organised by the International Business Leaders Forum, on 8th December, at Clarence House in London, the Global Rainwater Harvesting Collective (GRHC – an Indian based international charity), with the support of The Prince of Wales and the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF) is pleased to announce an innovative new partnership to provide new projects for water for drinking and sanitation through roof top rainwater harvesting using the structures of remote rural schools all over India.

Over thirty senior international business leaders and community practitioners from India attended a full days' workshop while a further 270 business leaders and guests, attended a separate dinner given that evening at Windsor Castle by The Prince of Wales. At both events His Royal Highness made a personal appeal to participants to support rainwater harvesting projects in India to whatever extent that they can. In parallel to this, the IBLF is seeking to develop a network which will enable business to understand and contribute to the wider development of schools and community-based water harvesting initiatives in partnership with the GRHC.

Around the world, nearly two billion people lack access to safe water, including one in five children, many in rural areas. The solutions are simple - it is possible to collect 100,000 litres of rainwater at a cost of only \$10,000 in India for drinking water and low cost toilets for girls [or in Africa a cost of \$ 15,000]. For a school of 500 children the water will last six months. The discussion showed that simple solutions are critical in making a massive difference to literally thousands of lives. For example, it has been demonstrated that if water for drinking and toilets is provided girls school attendance has increased significantly.

This follow-up letter is to ask you to consider supporting this project and to help meet a vital need in an innovative way. You can, if you wish, indicate your preference for the country, state, and even the village that you would like to support. We would be in a position to respond to this request and complete the project in six months. A narrative report and financial statement would be sent to each donor on completion of each project. Donations can be made through the IBLF on behalf of the GRHC – the bank account details for donations is attached separately.

We thank you in anticipation and look forward to your support

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