



water
for life

AN INITIATIVE

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According to the UN:

- **Water-related diseases kill a child every 8 seconds, and are responsible for 80% of all illnesses and deaths in the developing world.**
- **10 to 25 per cent of children die before their fifth birthday and nearly half of those deaths are caused by water-related disease.**

Water...something you and I take for granted, is worth more than money or precious stones. **Clean Water is health. Water is life. And ironically, water can also be a source of death.** Diseases like cholera, dysentery, typhoid fever and guinea worm parasites plague people whose only source of water is contaminated. Too many men, women and children spend their days suffering through extreme abdominal cramping, diarrhea, vomiting, fever and headaches.

It doesn't have to be this way. The provision of clean, un-contaminated drinking water through the drilling of capped water wells can end this cycle of suffering and death.

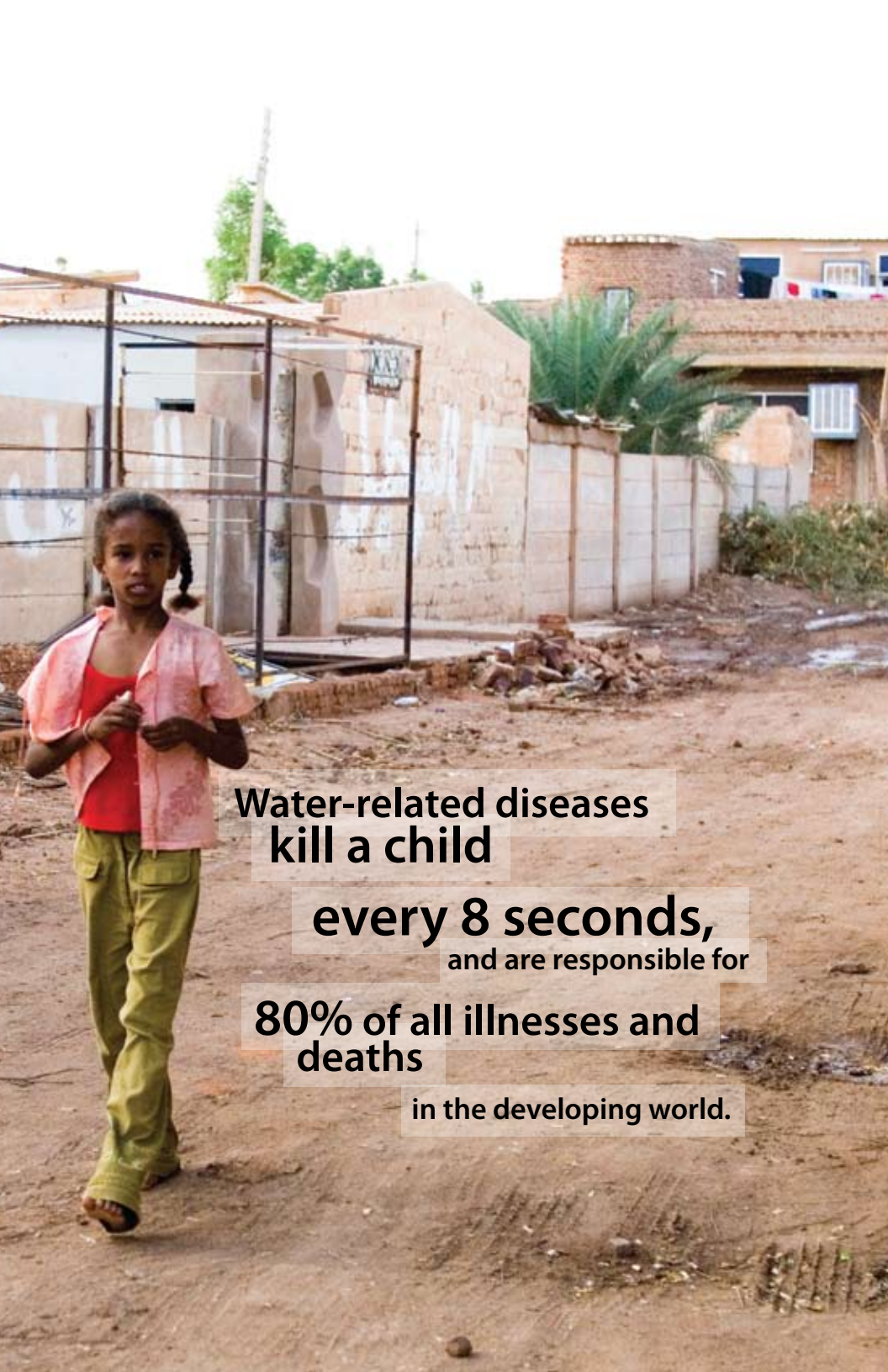
Drilling water wells is Global Aid Network (GAIN) Canada's gift to the poor and needy people who suffer because of water contamination or scarcity. The **Water for Life** strategy began as a small well-drilling project in the villages of southern China, and has since grown to include a variety of nations throughout the developing world where clean water sources are few, including, Benin, China, Haiti, India, Malawi, Sudan and Tanzania.

On a recent trip, the CEO of GAIN asked a village elder what difference the well had made to his African village. His response was this:

"My people are no longer weakened by sickness and weary from their daily water excursions. Instead of spending 5 hours a day packing water, the women and children are able to spend more time tending their crops and performing other income-producing activities which in turn helps us escape from the weight of poverty."

This impact is multiplied time and time again.

Our most recent and exciting work is currently taking place in Africa, where we have already witnessed dozens of villages literally transformed by the power of fresh, disease-free, water.



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who we are

The Global Aid Network is a worldwide humanitarian relief and development organization dedicated to bringing hope and tangible help to the poor and the suffering.

Our mission is:

To demonstrate the love of God – in word *and deed* – to hurting and needy people around the world through relief and development projects.

GAiN, Canada is a registered non-profit organization. From our humble beginnings we have grown to become part of a diverse, global network with offices in Canada, United States, Germany, Australia, Latvia, South Korea and Holland. With distribution networks established throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas, GAiN's compassionate reach is truly global in scale.

Since beginning in 1998, GAiN Canada has mobilized resources to help people in over 35 countries around the world:

- Crisis response in times of disaster
- Trauma counselling from war-torn regions
- Shelter and clothing to the homeless
- Water to the thirsty
- Agricultural projects
- Providing food to the hungry
- 'Medical relief' in the face of trauma via our A.L.E.R.T. (Acts of Love Emergency Response Team) team of staff & volunteers

“I have founded a number of energy related companies over the years and have found that the prerequisite for success is having key personnel in place to move the company ahead. GAiN Canada excels in this regard in all areas.”

BRUCE CHANDLER, PRINCIPAL, COLLINGWOOD ETHANOL LP





making a difference

When GAIN first arrived in the village of Guede Codji in Benin, Africa, clean water was a scarce resource. Villagers had been drinking the dirty and contaminated water from the local hand-dug well for many years and they had given up hope that they would ever have fresh water.

One man writes, "Political leaders used to come to us promising that they would give us access to clean water. They promised but it was just for political purposes. They never came back after the elections. Why should we believe that GAIN will be any different?"

But GAIN did return, not only with promises, but ready to take action.

GAIN drilled a deep water well in the village of Guede Codji and clean, healthy, pure water is now abundant to all who need it. However, those villagers are not the only ones benefiting from the fresh water. Just one water well also impacts villages in the surrounding area, typically giving pure water to over 1,000 individuals.



summary

GAIN's *Water for Life* initiative not only brings clean water, but also lifts the dignity and self-respect of the local people. The uniqueness of this program is through our partnerships. By training and employing national people to drill wells throughout the country, it is our desire to foster a sense of ownership that transforms their way of life. GAIN also works in close partnership with local villages, training locals for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the pumps.

Unlike some aid agencies who drill shallow wells at lower costs, tapping into sub-surface water, GAIN drills wells to an average depth of 60 – 80 metres (190-220 feet). This ensures that we always tap into pure, un-contaminated aquifers.

Neither the partnerships nor the success of the water well initiative could be achieved without the participation of compassionate and generous financial partners. Investing in water wells is a life-saving, as well as lifelong gift to thousands of people in need.

Clean, disease-free water sources are needed desperately in many countries throughout the world, and we are escalating our response dramatically. Please contact us to find out more details on how GAIN is expanding efforts to bring pure, life-giving water to those in need throughout the world.



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One Water Drilling Rig

One drilling rig can drill 35 wells annually providing life saving water for 35,000 people.

Total Cost = \$115,000 - \$200,000*

A one-time investment provides a rig that could keep drilling wells for up to 10-15 years.

One Water Well

One water well can provide life-giving water for a community and surrounding villages of up to 1,000 men, women and children.

Total Cost = \$5,700 - \$9,500**

A one time investment provides a life time supply of clean drinking water.

* Cost per Rig is dependent on the kind of equipment required for drilling depth and geological subsurface penetration, as well as transportation and shipping costs.

** Cost per Well is dependent on drilling depth, geological subsurface and frequency of dry wells.



**By the time it takes you to read
this piece, 45 more children
will have died.**



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