



Annual Report

2015-2016



*Providing suitable, accessible & sustainable water to the people
In developing communities around the world*

Water to the People

Accessible Water to the People



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Director's Report

As a woman in the Western world, I can simply go to the tap in my kitchen or bathroom and have access to as much clean water as I need, sadly this is not the case for many women in the developing world.

In many developing countries, it is the job of women and children to collect the water for household use. Often having to collect unsafe water from open water sources such as ditches and unprotected ponds many kilometres away from their household and then face the long journey home burdened with heavy water containers greatly impacting the health of their families.

It is poignantly sad to imagine a pregnant woman having to walk many miles to a rural district Health Centre with only green stagnant water to use to deliver her baby. Many pregnant women in rural Uganda are told to carry their own water, while in labour because the Centre's only water source is an open green swamp as depicted in the image below.

(Health Centre in rural Uganda).



January 2016 year saw me travelling to Uganda and Tanzania to conduct Partner Evaluation and Monitoring (M&E) inspections of our 2015 Program.

I was also privileged to do a return visit to Ngorongoro National Park and Conservation area to inspect a very remote Maasai village with extreme water scarcity problems and view first-hand the difficulties faced.

There is however, always good things to report. Despite the 'gap' existing between the developed and developing world, it is very evident that the compassion and contribution of individuals worldwide is having a real and tangible impact toward the alleviation of extreme poverty.

Through our Partner and Donor sponsorships, 2015/16 financial year has been an eventful one for BridgIT Water seeing over 18 rural villages receive a Water Well closer to where they live, 6 rural Schools and 2 rural Health Centres have received solar pumping systems.

BridgIT Water has had some exciting organizational development. In April 2016, BridgIT Water became an 'approved organization' with Australia's Department of Foreign Aid (DFAT) and can now carry out our international aid work within their approved guidelines.

In this process BridgIT also gained DGR-1 status, which means any donations made over \$2 are tax deductible. This equates to broader fund development and ultimately more water wells to water scarcity villages in our program areas.

BridgIT has also implemented some strategic changes to program delivery, working with partners, monitoring and evaluation practices and internal control and procedures.



(Learning the Maasai jump (badly!!) with Ngorongoro Tanzanian Maasai water scarcity village)

In the year ahead BridgIT will continue to carry out our Programs with our partners, promote advocacy with the general public, but most of all to continue to combat poverty and to provide as many developing communities throughout the world as possible with a safe and sustainable water system.

Wendy Tisdell OAM, Founding Director

About BridgIT

Water is a basic need that too many go without

Always given top priority from a community level and at the very apex of the list of needs in rural villages is the need to have a clean, safe water supply. The provision of a safe water supply can break the poverty cycle, alleviate preventable diseases and promote socio-economic development.

BridgIT Water has been carrying out water projects and providing water to the people of developing rural communities since 2009. BridgIT has successfully completed providing water to communities in Jamaica, Bolivia, Tanzania, Nepal and Uganda.

Mission

The mission of BridgIT Water Foundation is to provide suitable, accessible and sustainable water solutions to rural, peri-urban and small, remote villages in developing countries.

Working with Partners



BridgIT works with international Partners to deliver our programs and our Partners work with approved technically qualified contractors alongside their own dedicated staff.

Our projects can be as simple as equipping wells with a hand pump to a more complex solar pumping system installation. Water sources can range from shallow water where they can be dug by hand, to drilling a borehole of 100mtrs+ with a drill rig.

A major focus of BridgIT is to ensure that our projects are community demand driven. Our Vision is that developing rural villages and their communities play an active role and are encouraged to take responsibility for the sustainability of their own water system.

Vision

Our vision is to engage the community completely to develop water sustainability strategies that frees them from the constant search for safe water.

BridgIT Water's Programs work on these three criteria to deliver our water projects:

Suitable

Providing appropriate technology is extremely important in the supply of a water system to developing rural villages. We need to ensure that the equipment is appropriate for the capacity of the water source as well as the skills of the community.

Accessible

People in rural communities, mainly women and children walk many kilometres to collect contaminated water from remote open water sources. The focus of BridgIT is to make the water more accessible and bring closer to the rural household to alleviate water collection burdens.

Sustainable

Our goal is to engage the community completely so that our projects and initiatives have complete buy in and support. We work with the community to ensure that future monitoring and maintenance of their water system becomes an integral part of community life.

Our Global Community

BridgIT Water firmly believes that it is not only possible but essential for individuals and corporates to play a role in tackling some of the tougher challenges facing our global community. We are all part of the same global community and in this together and if one person is suffering, then we all suffer.

By **investing in rural village water supplies** you are assured that your aid money is making a tangible difference and having an enormous impact to the development of rural communities.

The BridgIT Team

BridgIT Water Foundation is a non-denominational, non-government, non-profit, fully tax deductible Australian incorporated humanitarian organization.

Meet our Board



Meet Mark our Technical Director



Meet Jo our Financial Manager



Meet Graham our Marketing Manager



Meet Emilio our Engineering Advisor



Meet Willow our Strategic Futures Advisor



Meet Haarlén our Electrical Advisor

Each board member contributes their own special skill set to the smooth functioning of BridgIT.



Meet Mel our Administration Assistant

Meet our International Partners



Meet our Ugandan Partners



Meet our Indian Partners



Meet our Tanzanian Partners



Meet our Nepalese Partners

Our Priorities

- **200 Communities by 2020**
- *impacting 400,000 People with a safe water supply*

- **Accessible Safe Water to the People**
- *Provide Wells within 30mtrs of the each village household*

Water to the People is our no. 1 priority.

There are countless rural villages throughout the developing world requesting help because they have no or limited access to a clean safe water supply.

BridgIT aims to provide as many rural villages with a safe water supply as we possibly can.

BridgIT's target in the year ahead is to provide **200 Communities by 2020** with a source of clean, safe water. We will continue to engage individuals and corporates worldwide to sponsor a rural village in helping us reach this target.

To alleviate the individual enduring many hours of walking very long distances to the water, BridgIT has made it a goal to bring **safe water closer to the individual household.**



Death by drowning is not uncommon by these Ugandan children who fall in this water source and can't swim.

- **To have a positive impact on health status of rural villages**
- *Improved drinking water will significant improve preventable deaths due to water-borne diseases*



The well-being and health of children and women is the central theme of all our programs. Access to a clean, safe water supply will significantly improve the health status of an entire community.

We aim to positively impact the prevention of contracting water-borne diseases such as typhoid and cholera due to drinking contaminated water.

Tanzanian Maasai women use donkeys for water collection to cover distances of 15km or more

Program & Development

BridgIT Water Foundation is proud of our 2015/16 Program achievements:-

- **18 rural villages**
Receive a Water Well within 30mtrs of each household
- **6 rural Schools**
Receive a safe water Well
- **2 rural Health Centres**
Receive solar pumping systems

The year's Program and water facilities have been sponsored and completed in **Uganda, India and Nepal.**

Uganda



The Water Crisis in Uganda

According to research by Water Aid Uganda, close to half of Uganda's population lack access to safe water. According to these statistics, distance was regarded as a constraint to access a safe water supply in which over 60% of the rural households reported that they travel about 1.5km or more to access safe water.

Our Ugandan partners are very aware that the link between access to safe water and the overall health of the people in rural areas is a pressing issue. Access to water, let alone safe water, is greatly lacking in many villages with the water sources that exist often severely

contaminated, making cyclical bouts of severe illness and premature death a part of everyday life.

In Uganda, 30% of deaths in children under the age of five are simply due to diarrhoea.

Our Ugandan Partners work in the Mukono District. This year's Ugandan Program saw a cluster of 15 rural villages in this region receive a water well centrally located in each village closer to where they live.



Ugandan Well Construction Methods

Water wells in this Ugandan region typically involves a team of skilled men digging shallow or deep wells by hand of depths anywhere up to 125ft.



So many thanks to our Ugandan Partners for their outstanding service delivery and achievements in the 2015/16 Program. 2016/17 will see more rural villages in rural Uganda receiving a safe water supply.

India

The Water Crisis in India

Our Partner target area of Andhra Pradesh is the fifth most populated state in India with 17 million people (over 22%) routinely experiencing bacteriological contamination of water. Households in the rural districts suffer frequent outbreaks of jaundice, diarrhoea and gastroenteritis.

Rural households in this region have no access to piped water schemes to meet drinking and domestic water needs. Most use water from tube wells or open wells, while a small minority use tanks and springs. Poor rural households collect water from community sources, which are often remote and spend much time in collecting water.



Providing safe drinking water to poor families in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh is critical for the economic development of the region as well as for improving health and living conditions.

In this year's Indian Program 4 rural villages in the Kadapa District of Andhra Pradesh received a new water well.



Indian Well Construction Methods

Water wells in this Indian region involve drilling a deep bore hole to depths of anywhere up to 375ft.



Thanks to our Indian Partners for their exceptional project delivery in the 2015/16 Program.

Nepal

The Water Crisis in Nepal

Nepal is a landlocked country with an extremely challenging landscape. Many people must make long, dangerous journeys to reach water sources. In the rural lowlands and the mountains, the distance to water sources is great and water supplies are often polluted with naturally occurring arsenic. Open defecation also spreads diseases across living environments.

In Nepal, every year 600 children under five die from diarrhoeal diseases caused by dirty water and poor sanitation. This accounts for a third of all child deaths overall.

Especially after the two major earthquakes in 2015, local communities have been experiencing water shortages due to loss of their regular reliable spring water sources by internal geological earth movements. However, statistical data is yet to be determined.

The 2015/16 Nepal Program saw the Sindupalchowk District with 120 households and a rural School receive a safe water supply.

After The Earthquake

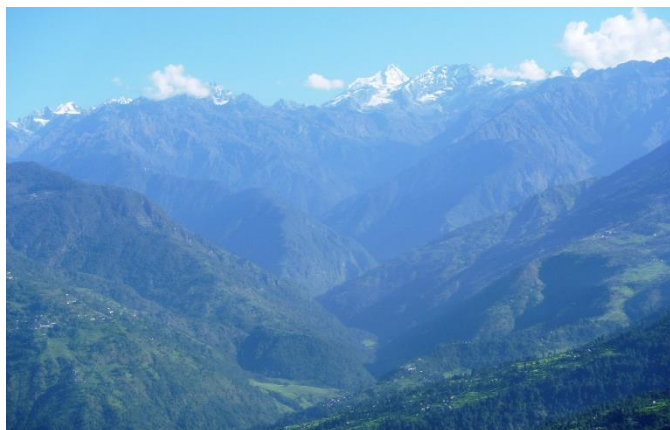
The community was left with absolutely nothing but devastation and a critical situation. Everywhere in Nepal was in need of global support.

Partner Report after the earthquake

After the Earthquake nobody has been able to reach the area due to regular aftershocks that have been causing more rocks to slide.

Due to the earthquake and simultaneously pouring rain, the stored items like a few remaining water pipes were all buried along with the sand, cement bags and water outlet equipment.

“The water project was damaged badly by the earthquake, especially at the water source with a huge Land slide that covered and destroyed all the laid water pipes.”



BridgIT Water provided further funding and the work has now been able to resume after more than 12 months of the poor villages rebuilding their lives again.

Nepali Water Supply Construction Methods

In Nepal a gravity fed piped water system is the usual construction method used for the water supply.



The clean water source is typically a long distance and higher elevation in the mountain villages. The water is collected in a chamber then fed by gravity through a pipeline to the village. A village water supply such as Nepal involves the construction of water storage, water outlets or tap off-takes from the pipeline through various points in the village.



Program Performance

Supplying a safe water supply to a developing rural village has immense immediate and long term positive impacts on the community people including villages, schools and health centres.

BridgIT Water is very proud of its achievements in 2015/16 and has impacted the lives of 25,500 people.

Impacts

Uganda

Village / School Name	People Impacted
Kizima School	716
Makukuba Village	988
Kawoomya Primary School	718
Kabulo II Village	2660
Nabaale I Village	988
Namasengere Village	1224
Kakinzi Primary School	719
Wabiduku Village	1200
Kabawaala Village & School	2500
Nakiwate Village & School	3000
Kakinzi Village Extension	2600
Kiyaji Village	1200
Kyankima Village	2000
Total People Impacted with a clean safe water supply	20,513

India

Village / School Name	People Impacted
Panakumadugu Tribal Village	500
Gurrappagaripalli Dalit Colony	1750
Nagisenpalli B.C Colony	1015
Anjaneyapuram Village	1170
Total People Impacted with a clean safe water supply	4435

Nepal

Village / School Name	People Impacted
Lagarche-2 Community	500
Total People Impacted with a clean safe water supply	500



Total people impacted – 25,500



The Nabaale Subcounty region of Uganda has increased access to safe water from 35% to 95% which is an outstanding achievement.

As water fills such a basic need, all the challenges will see improved outcomes by supplying a village with safe drinking water.

Community & Sustainability of the Water Well

Prior to the commencement of supplying a village water well, each community is empowered by our Partners to take full ownership of their Water Well asset. They are encouraged to participate in pre-construction meetings to sensitize them about the work and their contribution. This encourages ownership of the asset.

Water User Committees (WUC's) are put in place to manage the water facility. The committee is nominated by village members and its role is to collect fees from each water user. Funds are to be used for maintenance and repairs of their Well.

Our Partners provide training to a team of technicians selected by community members who provide the maintenance and repairs on the Wells.



Monitoring & Evaluation

Evaluation is typically conducted at the end of a project cycle to determine if the project was worthwhile, achieved its goals and was implemented efficiently. It will also determine if there has been any unintended outcomes and if they were negative or positive.

Ensuring the donor dollar is used efficiently

BridGIT personnel conduct evaluation field work which determines what can be learned by the implementation and what could be lessons learned for future Programs, particularly any unintended outcomes.

The provision of safe drinking water is a key development issue in rural communities worldwide helping alleviate the cycle of extreme poverty having the most impact on the following areas:

- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Socio-Economic Development
- Improved Education

The following testimonials say it all.

Accessible Safe Water Closer to the People stories



“3 years ago I had my first child here at Nabalanga Health Centre. Before I was admitted for delivery, I was advised by the nurses that I should come with at least 20 litres of water for my personal use while at the hospital. I am glad that this year I have been admitted to give birth to my second child, and I don’t need to carry water since I can easily access it at the Health Centre. Thanks to our friends who gave us the water”.

~ Perspective from a patient at Nabalanga Health Centre Uganda ~



“We used to register about 100 cases of diarrhoea typhoid every week, especially children. With increased access to safe water out in the community, these cases have reduced drastically. We now register very few cases. We are working with the community health volunteers to maintain this improvement.”

~ Perspective In-Charge Nurse at Nabalanga Health Centre Uganda ~



“Many thanks for the hand pump bore-well established by BridGIT Water Foundation. It was horrible for us to go outskirts of the village to get water before this hand pump was established. We had to walk for 1 ½ km to and 1 ½ km fro. Now, there is no need to walk such longer distances bearing the burdens of water cans. We the women have to bear most of the burdens of fetching water. The children were also following us. Their studies were disturbed. Now the problem is solved. I was having health complaints then when I was walking long for water before this hand pump was installed. Now my health seems to be settled. The children’s studies are likely to be developed as they can concentrate on their studies. Thanks again to BridGIT Water, its sponsors and supporters”.

~ Perspective from a rural Indian woman ~

How You Can Help

BridgIT wants to fund as many rural villages with a water supply as we possibly can.

Your sponsorship can impact literally hundreds and thousands of lives.

The way we hope to achieve this is through Philanthropic avenues, corporate sponsorship, international aid granting sources and generous supporters who want to make a difference.

Get Involved



• Sponsor a Village

Each village typically consists of 500 – 2000 people (50-250 households).

Your sponsorship has an immediate impact on many lives. Every dollar spent will impact a large number of people.



• Sponsor a Rural School

Often rural Primary and Secondary Schools do not have access to a safe water supply and children have to trek many kilometres interrupting their learning to collect contaminated water.

Drinking contaminated water creates many water-borne diseases in children.



• Sponsor a Rural Health Centre

Often rural Health Centres do not have access to a safe water supply.

Sponsoring a safe water supply to a Health Centre will have an impact on many thousands of lives.



• Visit your Sponsored Well

Visit amazing off the beaten track rural villages while also having an authentic cultural experience.

Have a voluntourist adventure while inspecting your Well. Participate in the Well construction, or take the opportunity to view the breathtaking scenery these places have to offer.



• In-Kind Services

Provide professional services to the work of BridgIT.

Donate specialised WASH equipment or goods.

Become a corporate sponsor and/or advocate for BridgIT's work.



• Donate

Give funds via our online portal on www.bridgitwater.org.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Sponsor any of these rural villages

You can sponsor any of these rural villages in these countries with a safe water supply.

Sponsor a village and see the immediate change your funds can have.

India

30 x Remote water scarcity villages 70 to 120km from Kadapa District Andhra Pradesh State.

People Impacted: 24,400

Cost per Village Well: US\$2,000

Tanzania

11 x Rural Maasai villages in the Tanzanite mining district base of Mt. Kilimanjaro district.

People Impacted: 50,600

Cost per Village Well: US\$3,000

Nepal

Clean water supply to remote rural village in earthquake effected Sindupalchowk District.

People Impacted: 600 people

Cost Per Village: US\$11,000

Malawi

11 x Rural villages in Phalombe region of Malawi. People & children dying from cholera.

People Impacted: 12,300

Cost per Village Well: US\$6,700

Ethiopia

4 x Hand dug well rehabilitation in the Berano District of Somali region.

Vulnerable population to water-borne diseases.

People Impacted: 16,000

Cost Per Well: US\$6,445

Uganda

Hundreds of rural villages including Schools and Health Centres in rural Uganda.

People Impacted: 90,000

Cost per Village Well: US\$3,500



Donors & Supporters

As the world is becoming a smaller place and technology is making information sharing easier, there are a lot of individuals now who can and are contributing so much towards the alleviation of poverty and reaching the Global Goals.

Our work and projects could not be carried out without our special donors and supporters to whom we are eternally grateful.



There are simply not enough words for 'THANK YOU' in English that adequately express the gratitude toward the special, compassionate philanthropic donors without whose passion and loving care, change would not happen in the world.

Special thanks to all these amazing businesses -
Prime Pump Co. Pty Ltd – WASH & Technical
Grundfos Pumps – The best pumps in the world
DB Schenker – the best freighters in the world
Grant Thornton Accountants – Financial Auditing
Projects Abroad International – Volunteers
ProTech – Electrical & Technical
Architects Without Frontiers – Architectural design
Philanthropists – Special heartfelt thanks
Pro-bono Volunteers - who give their time and in-kind services free and continue to support the work that BridgIT Water Foundation carries out.



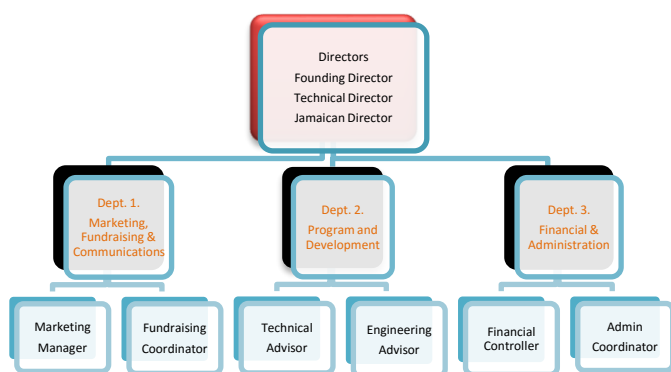
architects without frontiers
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Governance

BridgIT Water absolutely understands that good governance is key to the success of achieving its mission, its programs and maintaining its financial situation.

BridgIT has implemented efficient strategies to program delivery, working with partners, monitoring and evaluation practices and internal control and procedures.

The Organizational Chart has three (3) departments and the Governing Body roles and functions within the structure are:



Organizational Structure

1. Marketing, Fundraising & Communications

Current roles filled are Marketing Manager, Fundraising Coordinator and Creative IT Officer.

2. Program & Development

International WASH programs can be of a technical nature and require feasibility assessment of the funding requests and water project proposals.

This requires the advice and services of professional trade or engineering qualified personnel.

The current roles are Engineering Advisor and Technical Electrical Advisor.

3. Finance & Administration

The current roles filled are Financial Controller and Administration coordinator.

Registration Type: Company Limited by Guarantee

Charity Registration #: CH1853

ACN No: 139 883 775

ABN No: 34 139 883 775

ACNC Approved: Yes

DGR1 Status: Yes

DFAT Approved Organization

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible

Roles & Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Founding Director	Responsible for planning, community advocacy, field inspections & diplomatic liaison.
Technical Director	Responsible for design and engineering support of water projects.
Jamaican Director	Responsible for coordination of volunteer activity.
Marketing, Fundraising & Communications	Responsible for fundraising activities and identifying relevant approaches to promote, market and communicate the profile of BridgIT Water.
Program & Development	Responsible for managing project delivery, work policies, evaluation liaison and coordination of professional interfaces during all phases of the project. The advisors may inspect prospective projects or partners in developing countries and will carry out any project reporting required.
Finance & Administration	Responsible for Government compliance, finance, administration and IT of the organization.

The Finances

Financial transparency is a key component to good governance. We understand it is imperative to be transparent and accountable with our donor and sponsor funds collection and dispersal. Our financial accounts are audited each year by Grant Thornton Australia Ltd. Our full annual financial report is available on our website.

Profit & Loss Statement – by Project

Year ended 30 June 2016

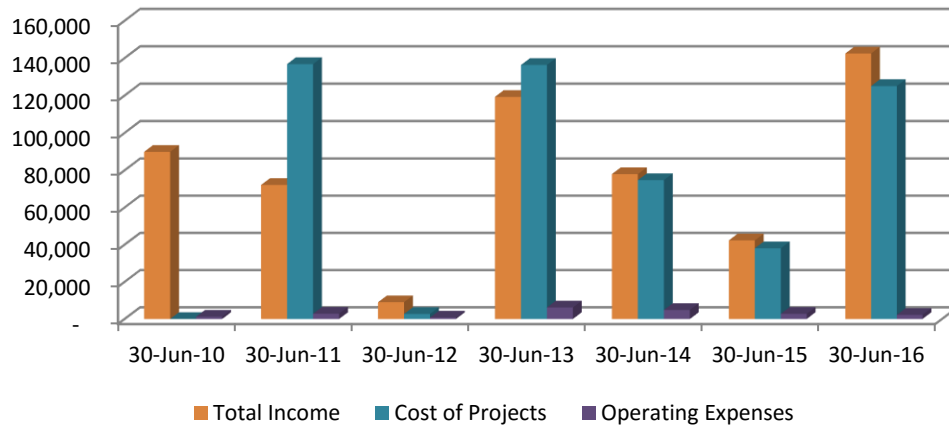
	Ugandan Villages	Indian Villages	Malawi Disaster Relief	Unassigned	Total
Income					
Donations - General	\$101,680	\$23,051	\$2,099	\$15,612	\$142,441
Interest Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$7
Total Income	\$101,680	\$23,051	\$2,099	\$15,618	\$142,448
Cost of Projects	\$103,309	\$19,625	\$2,100	\$0	\$125,034
Bank Fees	\$726	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$775
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	\$113	\$0	\$0	-\$39	\$74
Legal expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$330	\$330
Subscriptions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,035	\$1,035
Operating Expenses	\$839	\$50	\$0	\$1,326	\$2,214
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	-\$2,469	\$3,376	-\$1	\$14,293	\$15,199

Profit & Loss Statement

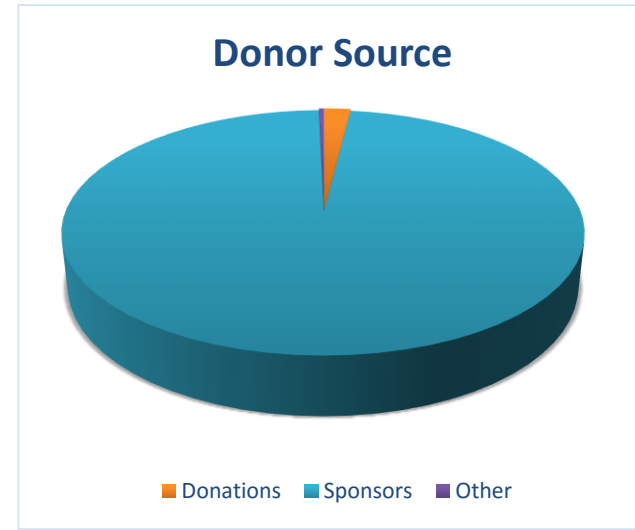
Years ended 30 June 2010 to 30 June 2016

	30-Jun-10 Audited	30-Jun-11 Audited	30-Jun-12 Audited	30-Jun-13 Audited	30-Jun-14 Audited	30-Jun-15 Audited	30-Jun-16 Interim	TOTAL
Donations - Other	8,776	15,915	8,938	4,238	4,871	42,277	142,441	227,456
Corporate Sponsor - PPC	81,000	56,000	-	114,968	64,724	-	-	316,692
Grants received	-	-	-	-	8,338	-	-	8,338
Interest Income	49	199	72	26	10	6	7	369
Total Income	89,825	72,114	9,010	119,232	77,942	42,283	142,448	552,855
Cost of Projects	-	136,780	2,714	136,288	74,697	38,039	125,034	513,552
% of Income	0%	190%	30%	114%	96%	90%	88%	93%
Operating Expenses	1,216	2,821	760	6,187	4,852	2,786	2,214	15,836
% of Income	1%	4%	8%	5%	6%	7%	2%	3%
Income tax	286	-	-	-	-	-	-	286
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	88,324	- 67,487	5,537	- 23,243	- 1,606	1,458	15,199	23,181

Application of funds - 2010 to 2016 FY



Donor Source



Balance Sheet

Years ended 30 June 2010 to 30 June 2016

	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2015	30 Jun 2014	30 Jun 2013	30 Jun 2012	30 Jun 2011	30 Jun 2010
Current Assets							
Bank - Bridgit Water Foundation Fund	17,006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank - BridgIT Water Foundation Ltd	543	2,410	809	474	22,646	18,079	88,031
Cash - Tanzanian Shillings	-	-	-	-	-	555	-
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-	3,258	2,020	109
Total Current Assets	17,549	2,410	809	474	25,904	20,653	88,140
Non-current Assets							
Logo + Website Establishment Costs	-	-	-	469	469	469	469
Total Non-current Assets	-	-	-	469	469	469	469
Total Assets	17,549	2,410	809	943	26,373	21,122	88,609
Current Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	-	1,756	-	1,697	-	1,839	-
Income Tax Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	286
Total Current Liabilities	-	1,756	-	1,697	-	1,839	286
Total Liabilities	-	1,756	-	1,697	-	1,839	286
Net Assets	19,305	4,106	2,648	3,130	26,373	20,836	88,324
Equity							
Current Year Earnings	15,199	1,458	-	171	-	23,243	5,537
Retained Earnings	4,106	2,648	2,818	26,373	20,836	88,324	-
Total Equity	19,305	4,106	2,648	3,130	26,373	20,836	88,324

Contacts

Participating on a water project in a developing country can be one of the most rewarding and life changing experiences.

Please make contact if you would like to help or be involved with the work of BridgIT Water in any capacity, should you wish to be part of something grand and make a tangible difference.

Should you wish to make a donation any currency denomination is accepted using the secure engine of ourcommunity.com.au via our website www.bridgitwater.org.

This is a secure payment facility and the only costs related to donating via the website, is the banks credit card transaction fees (about 1 – 1.5%).



DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Sponsor a remote rural village and help deliver and monitor sustainable, accessible and life-saving water supplies.

Make a donation with a direct secure cash deposit on the

BridgIT Water website www.bridgitwater.org

via the 'Make a Donation' link



E-Mail: info@bridgitwater.org

Australian Charity Registration Number - CH1853

D.F.A.T Approved Organisation / Member of Global Water Partnership / Member of Order of Australia /
DGR-1 Status / ACNC Registered

ATO Approved Tax Deductible donations over \$2 that support our overseas aid activities