



Annual Report 2023-2024



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School toilets in Nasik, India



Household toilet in Shurmo, Ethiopia



Hygiene education class



Host partner club, Rotary Club of Nasik Road, India

OPERATION TOILETS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Chair's Report

Operation Toilets Australia Inc. (OTA) is an advocacy and changemaker entity with a focus on behavioural change as part of water, sanitation, and health projects in the developing world. Our core purpose continues to be to encourage behavioural change in schools with the Wash in Schools (WinS) program in India and in the community in Ethiopia with the Community Led Total Sanitation and Health (CLTSH) program. Our focus in schools has the special aim to improve the educational opportunities of adolescent girls and in the community to improve the overall health of all family members. OTA is a project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central.

2023-2024 saw the successful completion of the CLTSH Global Grant project in the Shurmo Region of Central Ethiopia, OTA's first major project in collaboration with International Needs Australia following the small Direct Grant in West Rukum, Nepal in 2023. Based on the success of the Shurmo project, OTA, in collaboration with INA commenced development, of a similar project in Ethiopia's Ehza District with a new funding model utilizing INA's access to DFAT matching.

The Delhi 1 Global Grant was also closed off after delays due to COVID while the other Delhi Projects are still to be closed off.

Thanks to all the members of the Operation Toilets Australia committee who have contributed to the ongoing success of OTA projects in 2023-24. A special thanks to past Chair Amanda Southwell for her leadership and encouragement as well as other retiring members Don Sweeney and Angela Magut. We were pleased to welcome Bianca Lobo and Thilan Koththigoda to the Committee.

We would like to acknowledge the continued financial support and goodwill conveyed by Rotarians, Rotary clubs, Rotary districts, individuals and organisations in Australia, India, USA, Canada and the UK who have donated substantial funds to our projects since inception.

Thanks also to our project partners in India especially PP Firdaus Kapadia and the members of the Rotary Club of Nasik Road, PDG Ramesh Aggarwal and the members of the Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka, the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa and International Needs Australia, our Cooperating Organisation partner in Ethiopia and Nepal.

Finally, thank you to all the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central members who continue to offer encouragement and support, for which we are very grateful.

OPERATION TOILETS COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Amanda Southwell	Chair (July 2023 – February 2024); Committee (February – June 2024)
Tony Stokes	Committee (July 2023 – February 2024); Chair (February – June 2024)
Malcolm Chiverton	Secretary
David Routledge	Treasurer
Andy Shaw	Project Coordinator
Mark Balla	Committee Member
Brian Martin	Committee Member
Bianca Lobo	Committee Member
Thilan Koththigoda	Committee Member (February - June 2024)

Tony Stokes

Chair - Operation Toilets Australia Incorporated



Operation Toilets Australia projects completed or currently planned since inception

Totals based on The Rotary Foundation USD>AUD exchange rate as of 30 June 2024 (1.48)

Project	AUD Cost	Status	No. of sites	Annual Beneficiaries
1. India Nasik Road - 1 (District Grant)	\$10,842.96	Completed	1	500
2. India Nasik Road – 2 GG1531512	\$142,459.60	Completed	6 schools, 1 village	4,600
3. India Delhi – 1 GG1636390	\$161,966.34	Completed	11	10,000
4. Ethiopia Shurmo – 1 (District Grant)	\$7,990.58	Completed	2	800
5. India Nasik Road – 3 (Direct Grant)	\$52,801.83	Completed	4	1,000
6. India Nasik Road – 4 (Direct Grant)	\$11,710.39	Completed	1	300
7. India Pune – 1 (Direct Grant)	\$8,373.69	Completed	1	300
8. India Nasik Road – 5 (Direct Grant)	\$48,960.00	Completed	1	900
9. India Delhi - 2 GG1984136	\$385,347.97	In progress	19	30,000
10. India Delhi - 3 GG1985413	\$98,352.31	In progress	5	10,000
11. Ethiopia Shurmo – 2 (Direct Grant)	\$9,852.76	Completed	Community Needs Analysis	
12. Ethiopia Shurmo – 3 GG2091874	\$136,076.67	Completed	4 schools, 60 homes, 12 villages	12,500
13. India Nasik Road – 6 GG2099502	\$77,731.48	Completed	5	2,000
14. India Nasik Road – 7 GG2126940	\$139,962.81	Completed	6	20,000
15. Nepal 1 - (Direct Grant)	\$11,889.20	Completed	1	1,040
16. India Piplantri	\$100,000.00(E)	In Planning	7 schools, 9 villages	To be confirmed
17. Ethiopia EWASH 1	\$80,000.00	In Planning	16 Kebeles (villages)	7,000
Total	\$1,484,308.50			100,940

OTA PROJECTS IN PROGRESS, OR IN PLANNING IN 2023-24

INDIA DELHI 1 GLOBAL GRANT - GG1636390

Funding partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Ashoka & Rotary District 3012

International Partners: Rotary Club of Rosanna, Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and District 9810.

Cost: AUD\$161,966.34

Project Status: Completed

INDIA DELHI 2 GLOBAL GRANT GG1984136

Funding Partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Ashoka & Rotary District 3012

International Partners: Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, We Can't Wait Foundation and Rotary District 9810. Rotary clubs of Canterbury and Bendigo and Rotary District 9800.

Other donors include Rotary clubs, Rotary districts, organisations and individuals in the USA, Canada and UK including the Rotary clubs of Cary-Kildaire, Woodridge, Darien, Orland Park, Oak Park-River Forest, Chicago, Naperville, (USA) Chatham, Dresden, Wallaceburg, Blenheim, Tilbury, Chatham Sunrise, Ridgetown (Canada) and Rotary districts 6450 and 6380 and RID 7710 Global Run 4 Water and the Girl's Boarding House, Riding House, Aldenham School (UK).

Cost: AUD\$385,347.97

Project Status: In progress after a delay because of COVID.

INDIA DELHI 3 - GLOBAL GRANT GG1985413

Funding Partners:

Host Partners: Rotary Club of Delhi Achievers, Personal Gift of PDG Ramesh Aggarwal
International Partners: Operation Toilets Australia and We Can't Wait Foundation.

Cost: AUD\$98,352.31

Project Status: In progress after a delay because of COVID.

ETHIOPIA SHURMO 3 – GLOBAL GRANT 2091874

Funding Partners:

Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully, Rotary Club of Maroondah, District 9810, Operation Toilets Australia, Rotary Club of Balwyn (D9800), Rotary Club of Brighton North (D9800) Rotary Northside (D9800), Rotary District 9800, Rotary Club of Janesville (USA), Rotary Club of Mankato (USA), District 5960 (USA), Rotary Club of Guindy (India)

Cost: AUD\$136,076.67

Project Status: Completed. Summary report at Attachment 1.

Full report at [CLTSH Project Completion Update Report 121223.pdf](#)

INDIA NASIK 7 – GLOBAL GRANT 2126940

Funding Partners:

Rotary Club of Nasik Road, Operation Toilets Australia, Interact Club of Camberwell Grammar (D9800), Rotary Club of Ararat (D9780), Rotary of Beaufort (D9780), Rotary E-Club of Brindabella (D9780), Rotary Club of Emerald (D9560), Rotary Club of Kidman Park (D9510), Rotary Club of Maroondah (9810), Rotary Club of Sandringham (D9810), Rotary Club of Niles (Fremont) (D5170), Rotary Club of Prospect (D9510), Rotary Club of Sale (9820), Rotary Club of Waikerie (D9510), Teacher Presence (Australian Charity).

Cost: AUD\$139,962.81

Project Status: Completed

NEPAL 1 – GLOBAL GRANT 2126940

Funding Partners:

Operation Toilets Australia, Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise (NSW)

Cost: AUD\$11,889.20

Project Status: Completed

INDIA Piplantri 1

Funding Partners as at 30th June 2024:

Operation Toilets Australia, District 9815, Rotary Club of Lindisfarne (D9830), Rotary Club of Udaipur Meera (D3065), Various non-Rotary donors as a result of the ABC Conversations radio interview. Potential Rotary donors in discussion at June 30.
(Others expected in 2024-25)

Project Description:

WASH in Schools (WinS) project focusing on school toilets, hand washing facilities and WASH education in 7 schools distributed around 9 villages of the Piplantri region of Rajasthan, India, plus other associated community development aspects.

Cost: Approx AUD100,000.00

Project Status: Under development, targeted for submission early 2024-2025 RY. Loaded to RI Service Project Centre.

ETHIOPIA EWASH 1

Funding Partners as at 30th June 2024:

Rotary Club of Mitcham (SA); Operation Toilets Australia, International Needs Australia. (Others expected in 2024-25)

Project Description:

First year of a 3-year CTLSH program in the Ezha District within the Gurage Zone of Central Ethiopia in collaboration with International Needs Australia (INA) with Rotary funds matched through INA/DFAT.

Cost: AUD\$80,000.00 (\$40,000 Rotary; \$40,000 INA/DFAT)

Project Status:

Discussions and project development commenced with INA. Project is scheduled to commence in early 2024-2025 RY. Loaded to RI Service Project Centre.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

There has been an increased focus on a proactive marketing and communications approach for OTA in the last 6 months of FY24. One outcome of this was a range of visual improvements to the OTA website, with the aid of an independent marketing contractor, Jahangir Kapadia from Light Shadow Studio. The website updates included changes to colour schemes, fonts, background images and menu functionality. The updates ensured greater consistency across the website ahead of the Rotary International Convention in Singapore, as potential donors would be directed to the website for more information.

Another significant outcome was that the OTA Committee resolved to form a Marketing and Communication Subcommittee to institute a more sustainable donor engagement model. Up till that point, a responsive approach was in place, highly dependent on committee member, Mark Balla. The Subcommittee was officially formed following the April Committee meeting, with Thilan Koththigoda and Bianca Lobo acting as members. An annual marketing and communications strategy was created over May and June, based on an analysis of current donor data. The strategy outlined tactics and calendar of activity from July 2024 to June 2025, aiming to utilise a broad range of skills and resources to engage current and potential donors. The OTA Committee is involved in approving all developing aspects of the strategy and remains as overseer of marketing activity and expenditure.

Project Funding

Even though the total turnover of OTA projects has reached AUD\$1,484,308 as of the 30 June 2024 the scale of this activity is not reflected in the financial statement as the majority of donated funds are paid directly to a particular Global Grant account by the donors rather than being channeled through the OTA bank account. These transfers are coordinated by OTA, acting as the International Host (via the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central), in its role as project "broker" to ensure that all agreed donations are transferred to the specific Global Grant account once the project has been approved. Refer Attachment 2

Ethiopia Shurmo GG2091874 Outcomes

Toilet Construction

- Artisan and vendors groups organized and supported by training and materials
- 157 households improved latrines constructed (partially subsidised by beneficiaries)
- 83 existing toilets rehabilitated
- Three improved latrines (for girls) constructed at three primary schools
- Six pit latrines constructed in six villages (roadside latrines)
- Five schools supported on how to make plans for building improved latrines

Education and Training

- Communication strategies between vendors and consumers developed (latrine products market linkage developed)
- Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behavioural Change Communication (BCC) materials and banners produced in the local language and promoting achievements to increase motivation
- Quarterly and annual review meetings organized
- Multi-stakeholder meetings conducted
- Train the Trainer training on CLTSH planning, monitoring and evaluation provided to 30 sector office personnel
- Training on CLTSH approaches provided to 140 volunteer health promoters
- Training on CLTSH approaches provided to 156 school club members
- Training on CLTSH approaches provided to 24 health extension workers
- Training on CLTSH approaches, Community Conversation and monitoring and evaluation provided to 60 Natural leaders, Religious Leaders and Kebele Administrators
- Training on WASH and CLTSH provided to 108 school teachers and PTA members
- Six CLTSH task forces trained on CLTSH approaches and facilitated the CLTSH implementation
- 90 students and teachers involved in ignition events to support household and community hygiene promotion; engage community and HHs in community conversations and family dialogues
- Ignition/walk of shame events at four villages and five primary schools
- Sector offices advocated to show commitments to WASH achievements and district sector offices (education, health and water offices) were able to develop strategic plan on WASH activities
- Community conference, sanitation and hygiene promotion campaigns organised at four kebeles and five primary schools and 70,000 people reached through mass awareness educations
- Project staff tracked and monitored post ignition Water, Hygiene and Sanitation practices at community, household and school levels
- Training on community and resource mobilization provided to seven CLTSH committees to enable them establish effective rewarding mechanisms to sustain changes
- Experience sharing events organised for government staff, natural leaders and CLTSH committee members
- Achievements dissemination, certification and rewarding events carried out for incentivising as well as scaling up interventions

Enhanced protection and management of water sources

- Organize mass public awareness creation events organized in cooperation with school clubs and other local actors on keeping Water sources tidy and avoid contamination, and safe water storage
- Training on management of water source provided to 13 rural water comm

The Global Grant funding process:

- OTA as the “International Sponsor” Rotary club, develops a project plan with an in-country “Host Sponsor” Rotary club.
- A Community Needs Assessment is undertaken by the Host Sponsor.
- A Global Grant application is then developed online, based on the Community Needs Assessment.
- Donation commitments are sort from Rotary clubs and Rotary districts worldwide by OTA (on behalf of the International Sponsor the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central) and the Host Sponsor.
- Once donation commitments are confirmed, the grant application is submitted for approval.
- On approval of the grant, OTA advises Rotary clubs to transfer their donation to the particular Global Grant account and Rotary districts are advised by the Rotary Foundation to transfer their Designated District Funds to the global grant account which is matched 80% by the Rotary Foundation.
- Once all donations are received, the Rotary Foundation transfers the project funds to the nominated Host Sponsor or International Sponsor clubs or both allowing the project to commence.

OPERATION TOILETS AUSTRALIA INC.
A PROJECT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL CENTRAL
ABN 22 650 438 602
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
INCOME		
DONATIONS		
Rotary Clubs Australia	26,550	23,825
Rotary Clubs Overseas	10,119	
Individual giving	53,615	2,739
Schools	8,940	10,000
Other Income	1,318	517
	<u>100,542</u>	<u>37,081</u>
LESS		
Project expenses	1,203	82,789
Local expenses	3,527	1,585
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD BALANCE	95,812	(47,293)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2023		
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	120,527	24,715
NET ASSETS	<u>120,527</u>	<u>24,715</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Accumulated earnings prev year Current	24,715	72,008
Year Surplus / (Deficit)	95,812	(47,293)
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>120,527</u>	<u>24,715</u>

