



# The One Foundation

Annual Report 2022/2023

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# Water is essential to a secure future

Water is at the centre of economic and social development. It's availability and management is vital to maintain health, grow food, generate energy and manage the environment.

Today however, most countries are placing unprecedented pressure on water resources. The global population is growing fast, and estimates show that with current practices, the world will face a 40% shortfall between forecast demand and available supply of water by 2030<sup>†</sup>.

Furthermore, chronic water scarcity and extreme weather events, such as floods and droughts, are perceived as some of the biggest threats to global stability. The limited supply of water on our planet is being dramatically transformed by climate change. A staggering 90%\* of all natural disasters are water-related.

The climate crisis is a water crisis, making things even worse for hundreds of millions of people across the world who are already struggling to access clean water, and pushing them further into disease and poverty.

Ensuring water security, and providing sustainable, climate-resilient water resources and services, is the best way to address climate vulnerability and inequalities, and will help to reduce the effects of climate change to allow communities, nature and economies to thrive.

Source: <sup>†</sup>The World Bank, \* Wateraid

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# About The One Foundation

The One Foundation is a UK registered charity (1118810) that exists to positively change lives in developing countries through the delivery of sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services.

Working with in-country partners in four priority countries, Rwanda, Kenya, Ghana and Malawi, we deliver lasting change at scale in both rural and urban environments, varying our approach to meet local needs and focusing on the provision of clean water and sanitation as a sustainable service for all.

With our annual funds, we aim to support a balance in our work of:

- 70% to large scale water systems
- 20% to immediate interventions in rural communities
- 10% to humanitarian emergencies

Areas of priority and focus for The One Foundation are to tackle important issues within water poverty, water security, water pollution and climate impact.



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# Our 2022 Achievements

With the support of our amazing partners,  
The One Foundation was able to make great  
things happen in 2022

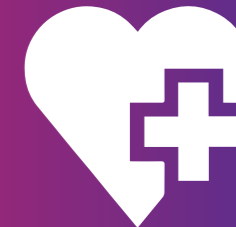


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**£2.1 million**  
to water,  
sanitation and  
hygiene  
programmes



**£220,000**  
to emergency  
response programmes



Over **435,000\***  
people reached  
with safe,  
clean water  
& improved  
sanitation



Building  
sustainable  
water  
systems in  
**4 countries**



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# Kenya






People Reached: 19,500\*

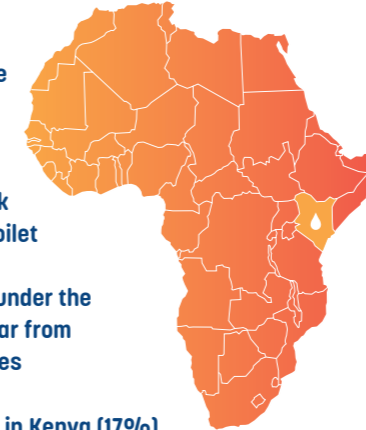
Kenya's unprecedented urban growth is attributable to two main factors: natural population growth and rural-urban migration due to factors like drought, conflict and rural poverty. This rapid urbanisation has left Kenyan cities with huge unmet demand for critical infrastructure and basic services, affecting the quality of life for urban residents.

Over the last six years, The One Foundation has been funding projects in Naivasha and in low-income areas of Nairobi. These programmes are delivering improved services to communities through the extension of water and sewer networks, the installation of household connections and the strengthening of social connection policies.

Our support has also facilitated the restructuring and development of staff at the local utility in Naivasha (NAIVAWASCO), helping to build and strengthen sustainable and inclusive service provision and to grow the utility from a small to large water service provider, with now over 10,000 customers.

In 2022, our work continues in these regions through the installation of 600 new water and sewer connections, the construction of 20 pre-paid water dispensers, the strengthening of the utility's capacity to deliver services to low-income areas (LIAs) and through the enhancement of legal and policy frameworks.

-  Kenya has an estimated population of 52 million people
-  Over 19 million people lack access to clean water
-  32 million people lack access to a decent toilet
-  Over 5,000 children under the age of 5 die every year from water related diseases
-  Over 9 million people in Kenya (17%) live in extreme poverty (below the poverty threshold of \$1.90 U.S dollars per day)



Source: WaterAid, World Data Lab

## Transforming lives

### Nancy's Story

Nancy is 62 and a former flower farm worker in Naivasha. She is currently retired and a resident of Mirera LIA.

*"In the past, I experienced a lot of time wastage in searching and queuing for water. At times, I would have to purchase water from private suppliers. A weekly average cost for my family of six during the rainy season would come to KES.210 (US \$1.69), resulting in KES.840 (US \$6.79) per month."*

*"New water connection costs for existing private suppliers are very high, discouraging low-income earners like myself from taking up connections so we were ever reliant on private suppliers or donkey cart vendors."*

Nancy's living plot, which houses eight households, recently benefited from a project funded by The One Foundation. The project supported the extension of 7kms of water network in Mirera LIA and also facilitated last mile connectivity for residents like Nancy.

*"The extension of the water network and provision of the Social Connection Policy has really helped me. I only incurred KES.5,100 (US \$40) as a one-time cost that encompassed the connection fee, meter rent, materials and fittings. My tenants are very happy with the quality and quantity of water from the utility. My monthly bill ranges between KES.1200 and KES.1500 (US \$9-12) and is split equally amongst eight households. That is very affordable. All payment processes are done at the comfort of my house via mobile money."*

### Nancy

Naivasha, Kenya



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# Ghana

People Reached: 25,027\*

Ghana is one of the most urbanised countries in Africa. Almost half the population now live in towns and cities, and of these less than one fifth has access to basic sanitation services.

Water services in low-income urban areas are often non-existent, which is having a massive impact on the population's health, dignity and economic growth.

Over the last five years, The One Foundation has funded the construction of new water systems and public toilets in communities in the Ashanti region of Ghana. Building on this work in 2022, we are helping to bring clean water to two additional communities (Onwe and Juaso) through the development of new water infrastructure and the extension of pipelines to unserved areas. 50 households will also benefit from new household water connections.

This year, we are also improving WASH in schools through the construction of new toilet facilities and we are working together with the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), the mandated government entity responsible for small-town water supply, to create a model water system for operational efficiency which can be replicated across other CWSA managed water systems in the country.

In Volta, construction has begun on a fifth fully optimised water station which upon completion will be equipped with solar power, four standpipes, prepaid meters and a water source capacity for 500 household connections. Three older water stations are also being retrofitted with new station technology and new infrastructure that will enable them to provide household water connections in the future.

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- Ghana has an estimated population of 32 million people
- More than 4.4 million people lack access to clean water
- Almost 24 million people lack access to a decent toilet
- Over 1,600 children under the age of 5 die every year from water related diseases
- Over 2.9 million people in Ghana (9%) live in extreme poverty (below the poverty threshold of \$1.90 U.S dollars per day)



Source: WaterAid, World Data Lab



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## Transforming lives

### Faith's Story

The sanitation facilities at Faith's school were previously very limited, with only three pit latrines and a urinal serving over 820 pupils and teachers. These facilities were unhygienic and in a very poor condition. The lack of hand washing facilities and changing area for the girls to use during menstruation not only impacted the pupil's health, but also caused high absenteeism rates in female students.

Thanks to The One Foundation, new sanitation facilities have now been built at Faith's school, including a 12-seater toilet block with a dedicated mechanized borehole that supplies water, as well as separate hand washing basins for the boys, girls and teachers and a menstrual changing room and shower.

Faith was selected to be part of a new School Health Committee and Hygiene Club that was formed through the project. Members went through a comprehensive training, and as a result Faith has acquired skills in the operation and maintenance of the facility and is now in the position to facilitate user education and hygiene promotion in her school and community.

*"I believe proper hand washing with soap under running water is my protection against infection. The provision of this new toilet facility in my school has seen more of my female colleagues now coming to school regularly during menstruation. They are practicing proper menstrual hygiene management and washing their hands with soap under running water after visiting the new toilet facility."*

Faith and her friends now feel safe, confident, and comfortable to regularly attend school during menstruation. Better attendance and punctuality from female students has also been reported by the school since the implementation of this programme.

### Faith

Ashanti, Ghana



Photography: Alexander James-Aylin

# Malawi

People Reached: 306,430\*






Malawi is one of the smallest and least developed countries in Africa. It is currently experiencing drastic water shortages and is extremely vulnerable to weather-related disasters, including droughts, floods and cyclones.

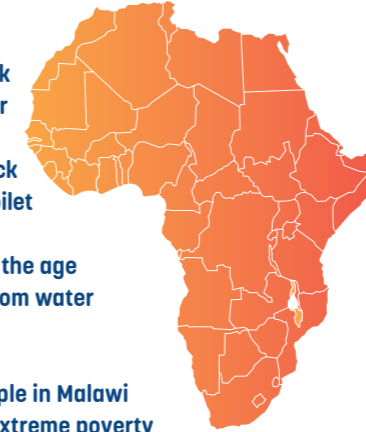
In late January 2022, Malawi was struck by Tropical Storm Ana, a second deadly cyclone to have impacted the country in four years. It passed through 16 districts and two cities in Southern Malawi, leaving devastation in its wake. Over 990,000 people urgently required life-saving and life-sustaining humanitarian assistance to help recover from their losses, to rebuild their resilience and to access basic services again.

In the aftermath of the disaster, The One Foundation was able to deploy urgent funding to support the repair of non-functional water points and the promotion of community hygiene campaigns. The response also facilitated a number of learning sessions to help develop recommendations to improve collaboration between humanitarian responses and development work for wider dissemination.

Through our partners this year, we are also bringing safe, clean water to communities in the districts of Thyolo and Chikwawa through the construction of new solar powered piped water-supply systems and the restoration of damaged water points. Funding is also supporting the launch and operation of a new Thyolo District Strategic Investment Plan (DSIP), which aims to achieve universal access to WASH in Thyolo using a District Wide Approach.

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**Malawi has an estimated population of 22 million people**
- 
**5.8 million people lack access to clean water**
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**13.8 million people lack access to a decent toilet**
- 
**3,100 children under the age of 5 die every year from water related diseases**
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**Over 10.9 million people in Malawi (49%) are living in extreme poverty**  
(below the poverty threshold of \$1.90 U.S dollars per day)



Source: WaterAid, World Data Lab



Photography: United Purpose

## Transforming lives

### Alinafe's Story

Gubudu village is located in the Traditional Authority of Changata. 102 households in the village (604 people) rely on one borehole for all their water needs.

When Tropical Storm Ana struck, the village borehole was washed away and the water supply was contaminated with flood water.

Struggling to recover from the aftermath of the storm, the community had limited resources and capacity to repair the borehole. Villagers had no choice but to drink water from open wells exposing themselves to cholera, diarrhoea and typhoid.

In April 2022, with funding from The One Foundation, the damaged borehole in Alinafe's village was rehabilitated.

*“Before this borehole was fixed, the only source of water we had was an open well which was situated about 50 minutes away from our house. The water was dirty and contaminated, but we had no other option. We used this water for all domestic purposes, including drinking. As a result, my family suffered from persistent diarrhoeal diseases which affected our ability to work and earn money as a family. Now that we have access to safe water, we do not get sick often and the money we used to spend on medication is now used for other purposes.”*

### Alinafe

Thyolo , Malawi



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# Rwanda

People Reached: 2,902\*






Rwanda is a small, landlocked country in east-central Africa and has one of the densest populations on the continent.

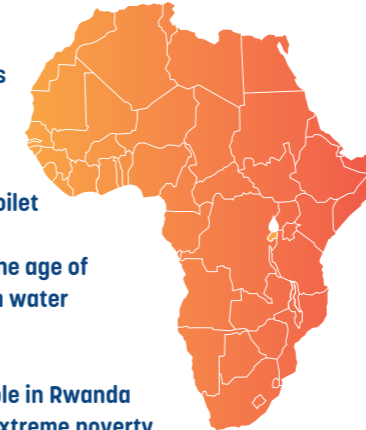
Rwanda has achieved impressive development gains since the 1994 genocide and civil war and has made significant strides to improve WASH access across the country. However, it is the people with the lowest incomes, often in remote and hard-to-reach areas, who still lack basic services.

Over the last seven years in Rwanda, The One Foundation has been funding a successful district wide impact model called Everyone Forever. This sustainable approach ensures that reliable and lasting water and sanitation services are brought to every family, every school, and every health clinic in targeted districts. This is achieved through collaboration with local governments, businesses and individuals to provide the infrastructure, training, tools and support needed to build and maintain sustainable systems for generations to come.

Through our support to this wider programme this year, 201\* communities, 46\* schools and 15\* health clinics will benefit from improved water and sanitation services through the construction of piped and gravity-fed water systems, the construction and upgrade of latrines and the strengthening of faecal sludge management.

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-  Rwanda has an estimated population of 14 million people
-  5.1 million lack access to clean water
-  4 million people lack access to a decent toilet
-  865 children under the age of 5 die every year from water related diseases
-  Over 5.4 million people in Rwanda (39%) are living in extreme poverty (below the poverty threshold of \$1.90 U.S dollars per day)



Source: WaterAid, World Data Lab



Photography: Water For People

## Transforming lives

### Theodore's Story

Having lived in Gicumbi his entire life, and having to collect water daily, Theodore knows the hilly landscape like the back of his hand. He would start early in the morning to fetch water. Everyone in the community went to the same spring, which was located two kilometers away. The journey took around two hours to get there and involved walking up and down many hillsides.

After getting back home, Theodore would then need to get to school – he was often late due to the long queues at the spring.

Theodore is now married with five children. They too have had to trace their father's footsteps to collect water and have often been late for school.

When the district began working on a new water system, Theodore knew what a difference it would make to his community. It now takes minutes instead of hours each day to fetch water, health has improved and educational opportunities are opening.

*"We are happy. Water used to be 200 francs for 20 litres and now we pay 20 francs. Children can easily go to school at any time, they can even get there early and their cleanliness and hygiene has improved."*

### Theodore

Gicumbi, Rwanda



Photography: Loliwe Phiri/Oxfam (Kenya 2022)

# Humanitarian Emergencies

People Reached: 81,150\*

As the world warms, no continent is left untouched, with heatwaves, droughts, typhoons, and hurricanes becoming more and more frequent and causing mass destruction around the world.

Climate change is a top driver of humanitarian need and human suffering, particularly for the poorest countries. The impacts threaten to deepen already wide inequalities, resulting in consequences felt by the world at large, including instability, violence and displacement.

Every year, The One Foundation allocate a proportion of funding to support WASH activities in countries all across the world that are facing humanitarian emergencies. Over the last ten years, we have deployed funds to countries that have been impacted by natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, cyclones and flooding, as well as pandemics and conflict and war.

This year, £220,000 was deployed by The One Foundation to support three disaster emergencies – the devastating floods in Pakistan, the drought and famine in East Africa and the conflict crisis in Ukraine. These funds are providing emergency water provision, safe sanitation and hygiene kits for displaced families impacted by these events.

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Safia uses water containers provided by Oxfam to ensure she can safely store water during the drought in Badana, Kenya.

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# Kenya Malawi Insight Trip

At the end of 2022, The One Foundation and Co-op travelled out to Kenya and Malawi to see the impact of our partnership on the ground. Across the course of the week we met with a number of communities that have benefited from water and sanitation provision through our support.

We saw for ourselves the devastation that Tropical Storm Ana has left in Malawi and how funding from The One Foundation and Co-op is providing essential water and sanitation services to healthcare centres, schools and communities through new water points, solar water systems and toilet facilities.

*“The trip highlighted how water security is vital to life and how urgent action is required now for a water secure future for us all. How co-operation is essential in tackling the enormous challenges in the sector and how we need to invest in fair and climate resilient solutions. Our partnership with The One Foundation is having a huge impact, we are so proud.”*

Emily Pearce – Co-op, Senior Sustainable Sourcing & International Development Manager

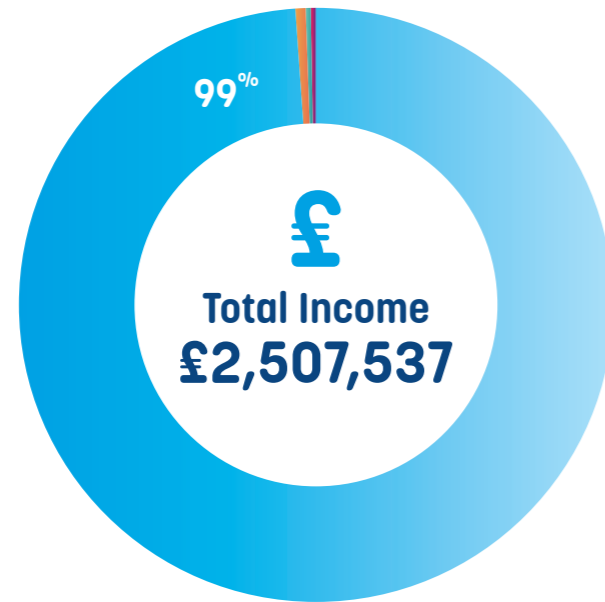


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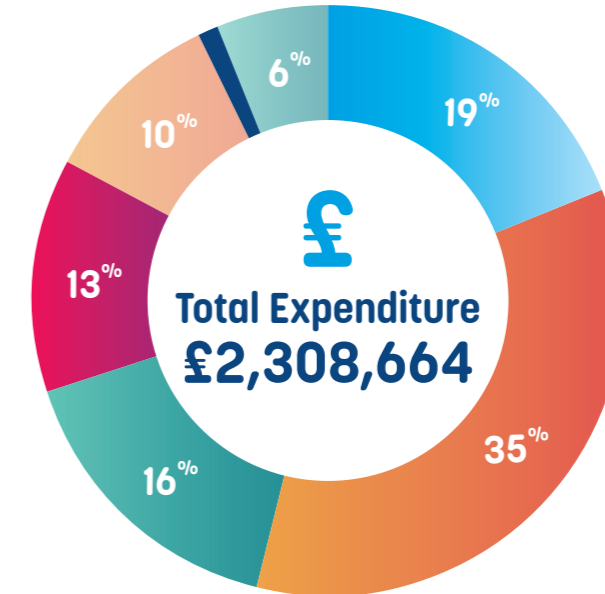
# The One Foundation 2022 Finances



## Total Income – £2,507,537

- £2,479,935 – Corporate Donations 99%
- £16,259 – Give Water Give Life 0.6%
- £6,925 – Individuals and Fundraising 0.2%
- £3,000 – Trusts and Foundations 0.1%
- £1,418 – Other Income 0.1%

# The One Foundation 2022 Finances



## Total Programme Expenditure – £2,308,664

- £450,015 – Ghana Programmes 19%
- £800,000 – Malawi Programmes 35%
- £368,887 – Kenya Programmes 16%
- £290,000 – Rwanda Programmes 13%
- £220,000 – Humanitarian Emergencies 10%
- £27,026 – Raising Funds 1%
- £152,736 – Other Charitable Expenditure 6%

# Thank You

to all of our partners for acting together to create change, for doing the right thing and for ensuring fairness and equality.

A huge thank you to our 2022 programming partners.

