



Environment

Half the world will soon live in water-stressed areas¹

RELIEF FLOWS IN FROM AFAR



Valentina Matiku spent the majority of her younger years trekking across the blistering hot savannah for water – albeit dirty – so her family could drink, farm, bathe. Time spent on the life-sustaining task

meant time not spent gaining education to forge a more promising future.

Sadly, Matiku's story is not unique. However, today Matiku is in school, no longer burdened by daily water retrieval.

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This life-changing turn of events is thanks to Lions in Austria, who used a US\$77,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to help Lions in Tanzania expand water access to several rural Tanzanian communities, including Matiku's.

The Land for Life project brought three new wells and six new water tanks to the Mara Region, construction crews focusing on infrastructure and other project volunteers on training residents to use new agriculture and fish farming equipment. The project has eased water scarcity and increased farming output for nearly 5,000 people.

"I used to go far to fetch water from a dam where animals drink," said Matiku. "Having water access in my village is a savior."



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A Precondition for Existence

1 in 3.

That's the number of people in the African Region impacted by water scarcity². Vital to improving health and community welfare, water – the lifeline many worldwide take for granted – poses challenges for many in this part of the world. The toll is palpable.

Only **24%**

of sub-Saharan Africa's population has safe drinking water³

12% rise

in girls' school attendance as time fetching water dropped from 30 to 15 minutes⁵

Access in Schools

- <50% water
 - <40% adequate sanitation
- in West and Central Africa⁴

THAT'S AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN REGION. GLOBALLY, IMPACTS LOOK LIKE THIS:

10% lower disease burden

with global access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation⁶

6,000 children die

of water-related diseases every day⁷

Return on US\$1 Investment

| | Urban | Rural |
|------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Drinking water | >\$3 | ~\$7 |
| Basic sanitation | \$2.5 | >\$5 ⁸ |

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Protecting our environment protects our children, families, and communities. LCIF, funding Lions' global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

MATCHING GRANTS
fund construction and equipment costs

US\$10,000 -
US\$100,000

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS
apply to district and club projects

GRANT
AMOUNT VARIES

LEO SERVICE GRANTS
fund Leo projects

US\$1,500 -
US\$5,000

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SOURCES/NOTE: ^{1,2}World Health Organization; ^{3,5,6,8}United Nations; ^{4,7}UNICEF; grant limits subject to change



LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

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