

# Half the world will soon live in waterstressed areas<sup>1</sup>

#### **CREATING A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT**



Each day, our environment
– our home – endures
pollution of precious
water, land, and air. We
see devastation wrought
by warming temperatures.
Rising sea levels and
deforestation threaten

entire ecosystems. Agricultural output, and those whose livelihoods depend on the health of our environment,

are deeply impacted. Human, animal, plant...no form of life is spared.

While the realities are daunting, Lions are often there and part of the solution. With grant funding from LCIF grants help protect children from disease wrought by unsafe water.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have established sanitation systems providing clean water where it was once absent; helped remove pollutants from local parks; provided education on the need for change; and planted community vegetable gardens that feed neighbours and teach children about healthy eating and responsibility for cultivating life.

LCIF grant funds help Lions protect children from disease wrought by unsafe water and poor sanitation; preserve agricultural land; and live in cleaner cities. With adoption of the environment as an official cause area, and LCIF's support, Lions are better able to take on the responsibility of protecting our Earth.





## A Precondition for Existence

At the core of sustainable development, water is critical for socioeconomic progress, healthy ecosystems, survival. Vital to improving health and community welfare, the lifeline many worldwide take for granted poses challenges in this part of the world. The toll is palpable.

#### **Papua New Guinea Challenges**

- 6,000 diarrheal deaths+ annually
- Access in schools nationwide
  - 51% water
  - 28% sanitation<sup>2</sup>

#### **Sanitation in Indonesia**

- ~25 million don't use toilets
- 7% of wastewater untreated3

#### New Caledonia Water

compared to World Health Organization limits

- 10X more lead
- 5X more arsenic4

#### **Polluted New Zealand Water**

3/4 of freshwater fish species threatened with extinction<sup>5</sup>

#### THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, IMPACTS LOOK LIKE THIS:

10% lower with global

disease access to safe drinking water burden and adequate sanitation6

children diseases every day<sup>7</sup> die

6,000 of water-related

#### **Return on US\$1 Investment**

	Urban	Rural
Drinking water	>\$3	~\$7
Basic	\$2.5	>\$58

#### **LCIF AND LIONS**

### unding 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**

#### lcif.org/environment

SOURCES/NOTE: 'World Health Organization; <sup>2,3,7</sup>UNICEF; <sup>4</sup>Future Directions International; <sup>5</sup>The Guardian <sup>6,8</sup>United Nations; 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.

The environment is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment

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