



Water for All

Clean drinking water is a human right



Water is essential for life, but billions of people suffer from limited access to this vital necessity.

Water for All operates with the motto that *clean drinking water is a human right* and seeks to raise funds to support projects that provide clean drinking water for people in need. The organization was originally founded by Atlas Copco employees in Sweden in 1984. Today, there are local Water for All organizations in more than ten countries, all managed by Atlas Copco people.



Every little bit helps

Water for All has helped to provide more than one million people with clean drinking water for life. This has been achieved with average monthly contributions of less than five euro per month per employee. The contributions are made on a voluntary basis and the Atlas Copco Group participates by matching employee donations. To increase the effectiveness of the organization, a variety of innovative fundraising ideas are initiated by members.



Water for All is run by Atlas Copco employees. It is the members who decide how to raise money and where to spend it. The money is used to dig or drill or protect natural springs in countries where clean drinking water is scarce. Simple techniques are preferred, most of all hand pumps. Water for All always cooperates with non-political aid organizations that run the projects and account for the money spent.



Did you know?

More than 1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water.

Every 15 seconds a child dies because of water-related diseases.

Every year, almost two million people die from dehydration related to diarrhea.

In developing countries, women and children walk on average six kilometers (4 miles) per day to get water.

Did you know?

Around 3/4 of the earth's surface is covered with water, but only 1% is available for human use.

We all need a minimum of one liter of water per day to survive.

The four biggest water problems today are lack of water, contaminated water, flooding and draught.

By 2025, the United Nations estimate that about two thirds of the world's population - about 5.5 billion people - will live in areas facing moderate to severe water stress.





Teaming up for clean drinking water

Many Atlas Copco employees have a personal interest in community engagement and philanthropy. They wish to interact with other like-minded colleagues in supporting the growth of the Water for All initiative.

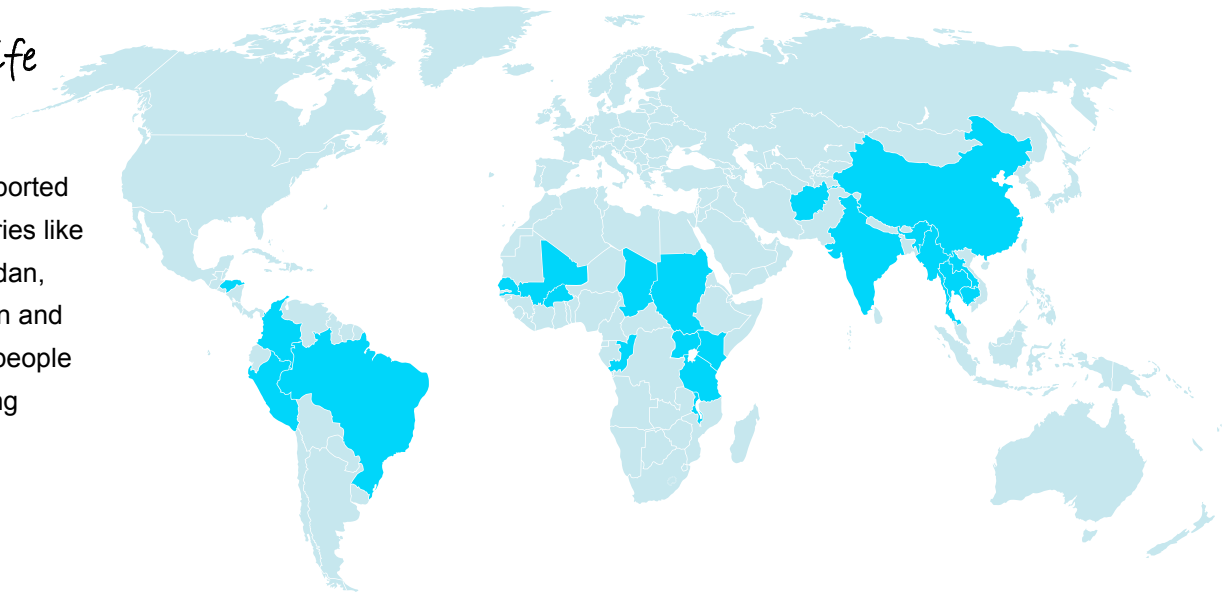
Based on its values—interaction, commitment and innovation—Atlas Copco supports its employees in developing Water for All in their own regions, building teams and networks with colleagues, regardless of business area or job function. The Group helps the employees in establishing and growing the organization and, financially, it matches employee donations.

Atlas Copco encourages learning and development through engagement in the community and considers the development of Water for All as one of its key long-term projects because of the commitment made by its own employees.



Water for life

Water for All has successfully supported projects in countries like Peru, Kenya, Sudan, India, Afghanistan and China providing people with clean drinking water for life.



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