

The Vision



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through education and collaboration

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A Vision for Clean Water Checks on Projects in Cambodia

In January, board members of A Vision for Clean Water (AVFCW) traveled to Cambodia to check on completed projects in the rural Takeo and Kampot Provinces. This was the second visit by the AVFCW team, and they wanted to evaluate the work done during the COVID-19 pandemic and plan future projects. They are all volunteers and pay their own travel expenses.

The board members checked health centers, individual homes and four schools where sanitation was supplied by Troy Rotary grants. These four secondary schools (grades 7 through 9) recently received toilets and/or hand washing stations. The decision to focus on secondary schools was based on the fact that girls often drop out of school after Grade 6 due to the lack of private latrines where they can privately and safely relieve themselves or manage their menstrual cycles. By providing toilets and hand washing stations, girls can continue pursuing their education, which can have long term positive consequences.

Our organization has a history of successfully replicating water and sanitation projects. In 2015-2019, AVFCW volunteers worked with Rotarians to help initiate a small grant to bring water to local schools in Lebanon. This grant was copied by every Rotary Club in Lebanon and eventually benefitted 700 schools, raised over \$2 million, and helped over 300,000 students.

The plan is to continue replicating these projects in Cambodia in the future and is looking for churches, Rotary clubs and others who want to help. A family toilet costs \$600, a health care center can be provided with a well and water tower for \$2,500 and a school can receive four toilets for \$1,900.



Family Latrine



Healthcare Center Water Tower

AVFCW worked closely with Banyan Tree Organization (BTO) in Cambodia which implemented the water projects. Our board members were impressed with the way BTO worked and shared their long and short term goals, strategies, and future plans. BTO's board includes a local teacher, a retired governmental official, and others who live and work in the community and are sensitive to local needs and challenges. The materials and quality of workmanship were also excellent.

The visit to Cambodia was a gratifying and wonderful experience. The board thanks past donors for their contributions, which have helped make this work possible. It's a testament to the power of collaboration and dedication to making a difference in the world. By providing clean water and sanitation, A Vision for Clean Water and its partners are improving the lives of people in Cambodia and other countries, one project at a time.



A Vision for Clean Water Hosts Water Walk

AVFCW will host a Water Walk on Friday, May 5, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. We hope to gain some idea of the burden it is to have to leave your home each day to collect drinking, cooking and bathing water for your household. The walking path we will take is the beautiful river walk in Centennial Park, 1533 Riverside Dr. W. in Windsor, Ontario.

We will feel the actual weight of the water, learn about its links to gender inequity, poverty and health. We hope the group will find motivation for the work we have yet to do together. We look forward to having you join us as we have seen how education can spur change. The event is free and open to all interested in learning about water issues. You can register at:

<https://rotary6380.org/event/district-conference-water-walk/>

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