CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME

WATER-SHARE IRELAND ROUND-UP
A) NORTHERN and EASTERN UGANDA
Trust is funding a project with a generous budget of €100,000 to bring sustainable water supply to the area. Given the poor quality of available sources, the project is based on finding a good quality source with enough capacity, solar-powered pumping, a reservoir, and a piped system to bring water to village tap stands.

Construction is now underway on the Molumb Borehole scheme, which includes a new borehole, storage tanks and a gravity feed system to serve 5,200 people. The project is being supervised by GOAL and implemented by Bernoulli Contractors.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of Ward & Burke Construction, whose contributions have helped fully fund the project’s budget of €115,000 through Water-Share Ireland.

Work on site is progressing well, and Malcolm Edger, who has managed the project for Water-Share Ireland, will visit the site later this year. On his visit, he will explore what further work can be done to advance a larger project in the region where 80,000 people in Namayingo County rely on poor-quality ground and surface waters that represent a high health risk, especially for young children. Working with Nicholas O’Dwyer and the RSK Group, we are exploring how we might mobilise well drilling to seek adequate safe borehole supplies for a larger piped water supply in the area.


B) FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone’s first Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) plant in Freetown has reached full operational capacity. The plant is now operating six days a week, successfully dewatering an average of eleven trucks of latrine sludge daily. Since its opening, the plant has processed over 11 Kilotones of latrine sludge from 1,500 trucks. We are proud of these achievements and the FSM plant’s positive impact on sanitation in Freetown.

However, with the increased demand for sludge processing, the plant faces pressure from the municipality to handle even more sludge. To support this growing need, we have applied for wider funding for the FSM plant to the Africa Development Bank. If successful, there is a potential for the GOAL in-country team to continue managing the facility in collaboration with the Freetown City Council. This would ensure the long-term sustainability and effective management of the FSM plant to benefit the local community.
local workforce and dilapidated infrastructure in an already war-torn area, the Water-Share
Ireland programme addresses difficulties providing consistent access to clean water for over
50,000 people in Salqin.

The work was inevitably interrupted by the catastrophic earthquake event, and limited funding
further hampers efforts to operate pumping stations consistently and procure new
equipment. The insufficient sustainable yield of raw water sources compounds the scarcity
issue, resulting in water supply for only one day per fortnight in different zones of Salqin City,
resulting in a network that is continuously drained and pressurised, complicating accurate
night flow measurement.

The RPS – Cully Automation Water-Share Ireland partnership continues working on a water
network study and establishing water loss measurement systems in Salqin, Idlib province. This
project is being rolled out in three phases;

- **Phase 1 (Immediate)**: high-level first-order testing in a single supply zone
- **Phase 2 (medium term)**: rolling out water loss measurements to all areas (part
  implementation of fixed/permanent water loss measurement infrastructure)
- **Phase 3 (long term)**: implementation of fixed/permanent water loss measurement
  infrastructure for the whole supply system & automation.

This is a particularly challenging project, given the disaster recovery imperatives in the region.
However, sustainable water supplies are the highest public health priority for the local
communities. Apart from the network issues, Arup is helping to address the longer-term
hydrogeological resources in the face of increasing drought. This work has identified the need
for irrigation as a major component of the water need.

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**WATER-SHARE IRELAND FUNDING & SUPPORT**

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible supporters and patrons who have played a pivotal
role in the success of the Water-Share Ireland initiative.

Your unwavering commitment and generosity enable us to deliver life-changing water, sanitation,
and hygiene programmes to vulnerable communities.

We are also grateful for the invaluable benefits-in-kind provided by our partners, which have greatly
enhanced our ability to make a positive impact.
WATER-SHARE IRELAND SPOTLIGHT

Yvonne Harris, Head of Customer Operations and Connection Develop Services, Uisce Éireann

Water-Share Ireland is delighted to announce that Yvonne Harris has recently joined the Committee in a management and support role.

With an impressive 40 years’ experience in utilities, Yvonne started her career in Bord Gáis in IT before moving on to broader business roles, driving organisational development and transformation before her appointment as Head of Customer Operations for Uisce Éireann in 2018.

Yvonne was heavily involved in establishing the water utility in 2013, and she will bring this wealth of experience into developing a long-term enduring model for Water-Share Ireland.

“I am hugely excited to be involved in Water-Share Ireland. It is important for me to be able to give something back from a community and social perspective, so I jumped at the chance to get involved in this great charity,” said Yvonne.

Yvonne has a long-term vision for Water-Share Ireland that will allow us to build on the work we have achieved with GOAL to broaden our reach to other charities and other parts of the world, driving water and sanitation projects in the world’s most vulnerable communities.

What does success look like for Yvonne?

“This is something we need to define, but ultimately it is about making Water-Share Ireland bigger and stronger, having our patrons committed to financial and pro-bono support to deliver bigger, more challenging projects that will help the people who need it most”, continued Yvonne.

Meaningful engagement from across the water services industry is key to this,
out on-site and supporting the teams on the ground. Water-Share Ireland will always be looking for various skill sets to join us in our vision to transform lives through delivering sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene programmes. Defining how others can help us will be a key output of my engagement,” added Yvonne.

WATER ACTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

As an Irish-based initiative which works on the world stage, Water-Share Ireland encourages engagement by all our stakeholders in global awareness days, conferences, and events to promote a better planet for all.

We were especially focused on the lead-up to the UN SDG Summit, which took place on September 18th and 19th, and SDG 6 - Water Action Agenda Special Event.

This Summit began a new phase of accelerated progress towards the SDGs with high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading up to 2030.

The Summit, which was convened by the President of the UN General Assembly, Csaba Kőrösi, marked the halfway point to the deadline set for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

As a precursor to the Summit, we focused on the SDG 6 - Water Action Agenda Special Event, which took place in New York on the 17th of July and provided an analysis of water-related progress across sectors and other SDGs and global frameworks, showcasing the success stories and lessons learned and generating new commitments to the global water action agenda.

We will update you again on the learnings from the July SDG 6 - Water Action Agenda Special Event in our next e-Zine.

WATER-SHARE IRELAND FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AND DRIVING THE UN SDGS
multiple other goals, empowering vulnerable communities and fostering resilience.

SUPPORT WATER-SHARE IRELAND APPEAL

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our supporters and partners for their unwavering commitment to Water-Share Ireland. We are making a real impact in addressing multiple SDGs, and your support is instrumental in driving and delivering life-changing projects in Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Northwest Syria. Let us continue to strive towards our fundraising goal of €100,000 in subscriptions this year.

As a friendly reminder, I would like to inform you that the annual subscription for Patrons of Water-Share Ireland is €5,000 per year. By becoming a Patron, you support our initiatives and receive an invitation to join our esteemed steering committee. It is an excellent opportunity to contribute directly to project delivery and actively make a difference.

An annual commitment of €1,000 is equally welcomed for those who may prefer an alternative option. This commitment also enables your staff members to engage in project delivery, fostering a sense of purpose and involvement in our mission.
measurement, leakage detection, supply chain management, project management and procurement.

Lastly, I would like to extend a special note of appreciation to Barry Leonard, Process Optimisation Lead at Uisce Éireann, and Tim O'Connor for their incredible efforts in organising a bake sale at Uisce Éireann, which has raised over €700 for Water-Share Ireland projects. Your dedication and support are truly commendable.

If you or your organisation can help, please contact John Gowen at watershare@goal.ie or +353 89 234 9554.

Kind regards

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