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**CLEAN WATER FOR ALL**

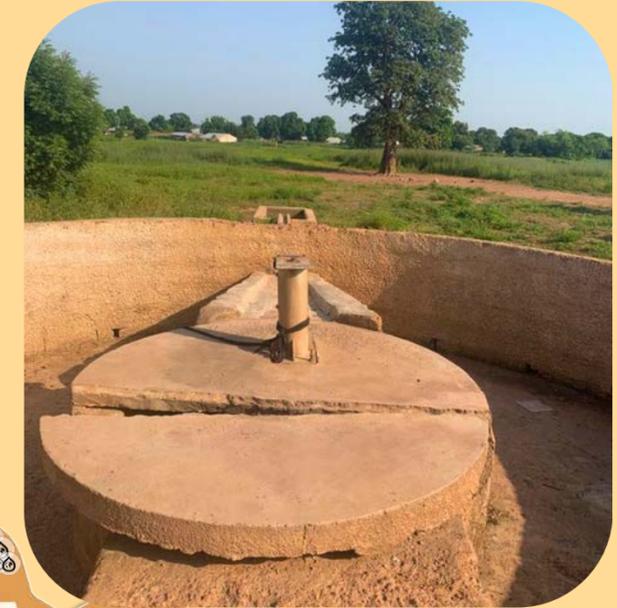
**TOTAL COVERAGE PROJECT: PROVIDING CLEAN WATER TO  
THE GAMBIA**



# Water Scarcity Challenges in The Gambia

The Gambia, in West Africa, is the smallest country in continental Africa. Despite being small, its **water scarcity issue is huge. Over a quarter of The Gambia's 2.6 million people** lack access to safe drinking water. **98% of this population live in rural areas**, off the beaten track, making them challenging to reach. The Gambia is one of the poorest countries in the world, with the **poverty rate at 54%, with this figure continually climbing.**

- **More than 92% of households in rural areas** have E.Coli in drinking water due to poor water quality.
- **Adult literacy rate in The Gambia is 58.1%.** A large percentage of women and children end up being school drop outs and not working, due to the burden of water collection.
- The most prevalent waterborne disease in The Gambia is diarrhoea, **the leading cause of death among children under five.**



# Total Coverage Project

It is estimated that **there are currently 701,612 people lacking access to clean water in The Gambia**. The Water Crisis in The Gambia is preventable, we can end this crisis in our lifetime. Working closely with our partners on the ground who have surveyed the whole country and devised a budget and solution for ending this crisis, this project is working to provide clean water to the whole of The Gambia.

## Project details:

- **Cost per project:** \$3,000
- **Location:** The Gambia
- **Average community population:** 600

## Project benefits:

- **Improving income opportunities:** Unsafe water has harmful effects if used for farming or cooking. As **agriculture is the main source of income for 72% of rural households**, this is a great concern.
- **Reducing infant mortality rate:** The Gambia has one of the **highest infant mortality rates in the world**. Access to safe water dramatically reduces these numbers.
- **Improved sanitation:** Only **31% of households in The Gambia have access to hand-wash facilities**. We provide hand-wash stations at each project to further reduce the spread of diseases such as E.Coli.

*To learn more about the effects of the World Water Crisis, click [here](#).*



# Contact

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Drop4Drop is an independent charity on a mission to alleviate the World Water Crisis and tackle the issues that come with it. With over 17 years experience in water provision, Drop4Drop's projects are accountable and efficient. 100% of donations go straight in to our projects, with over 2 million people reached across the globe so far. Please get in touch to discuss our current projects.

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