Half the world will soon live in water-stressed areas.

**WELLS FOR WELLNESS**

Lack of safe drinking water is a major concern for many who call India home. Absent an alternative, residents quench their thirst with water tainted by contaminants and waterborne diseases. Stomach pains, diarrhea, and other unpleasant symptoms often follow.

Providing solutions through service, LCIF and Lions partnered with Coal India Limited and Tata Project Limited to establish 28 water filtration systems in West Bengal and Jharkhand. Integral to the monumental undertaking was a US$140,000 grant from Coal India Limited.

According to Past International Director Bishu Bajoria, strategic placement of the filtration systems is significant. “We installed a water system in a school because the more than 1,300 students belong to nearby villages where there is no access to safe drinking water. The students enjoy the water at school and then fill their bottles and take water to their homes. Everyone feels the benefits.”

Thanks to Lions, LCIF, and dedicated partners, citizens have access to more than 35 million litres of clean water annually. Said Bajoria, “We thank LCIF and our partners for good water and good health.”

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An Epic Challenge

163 million.

That’s the number of India residents lacking access to clean water. Vital to good health, socioeconomic progress, and community welfare, water – the lifeline many worldwide take for granted – poses challenges in India. The toll is palpable.

~80% of India’s surface water is polluted
Groundwater reserves are also contaminated

~200,000 Lives lost annually due to inadequate access to safe water
600M face high to extreme water stress

2x Water demand vs. supply by 2030, projected

>1 in 5 Communicable diseases linked to unsafe water, lack of hygiene
>500 children below age 5 die daily from diarrhea

THAT’S INDIA. GLOBALLY, IMPACTS LOOK LIKE THIS:

10% lower disease burden
6,000 children die of water-related diseases every day

Return on US$1 Investment

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Protecting our environment protects our children, families, and communities. LCIF, funding Lions’ global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

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