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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 Goals are an urgent call for action by all countries—developed and developing—in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations, who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS SERVICE AREA SUPPORTS SDG #6

ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

80% of water sewage flows into waterways without proper treatment (UNDP)

2.2 billion people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water (UNICEF)

Improved water, sanitation, and hygiene could prevent the deaths of 297,000 children aged under 5 each year (WHO)

More than 50% of the global population lacks access to safe sanitation (UNICEF)

3 billion people worldwide do not have access to handwashing facilities with soap (UNICEF)
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Service Ideas

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Organize a project to distribute water filters to families and schools.

Partner with a rural community and design a project with your club to create irrigation systems to enhance farming outcomes in water stressed areas. Download LCI’s guide to developing local partnerships to get started.

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Work with a community in need of sanitation systems: organize an event to renovate washrooms to allow water access, build sustainable toilets and handwashing stations.

Plan a club service activity in honor of World Water Day on March 22 and World Toilet Day on November 19. Use the posters, photos, videos, and other assets provided by UN-Water to raise awareness of the day in your community. Share your impact on social media using the #WorldWaterDay and #WorldToiletDay hashtags.

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