Every Drop Counts

Drip irrigation: Less water = stronger crops
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Dear friends,

I am delighted to tell you that two new Trustees, Nicola Floyd and Neil Mehta, have joined the Wells for India family. Nicola is a director of IPAF, which works with alternative funds to find non-executive directors, and is a trustee of a small charitable trust. Neil describes himself as a digital entrepreneur, investor, board director and mentor. He has been heavily involved in charities operating in UK and overseas. Neil will formally be appointed as the new Chair of Trustees at our next Trustees’ meeting.

During my five years as Chair, I’ve seen huge changes in India and great progress within Wells for India. The Indian government has recognised the difficulties faced on sanitation and water supply, and is taking action through its Clean India Mission. Our approach makes us uniquely placed to complement the government’s work and through leveraging government funding, we can make an even greater impact in alleviating rural water poverty.

Within Wells for India, project management and control has tightened with greater monitoring and evaluation, and shared learning between partners. We are not only having a greater impact, but we can demonstrate it too. We are particularly pleased with the success of Prayas Kendra Sanstha Harsoli (PKS), a charity partner from the Dalit community relieving water poverty in the Sambhar Salt Lake area (see a profile of PKS on page 8), who have gone above and beyond in difficult circumstances.

My thanks go to Trustees, volunteers and our supporters for all their help. I owe a special ‘thank you’ to Om Prakash Sharma, our India Director, for his passion, patience, and his nurturing of the India office team. My time as Chair has been very rewarding and I look forward to keeping in touch with Wells for India’s progress.

Marc Wilson
Chair of Trustees
Where we work and what we do

1. **Partner**: Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS)
   **Project**: Capturing and learning about water efficiency, men and women working together to develop ways to earn a living from grain, fodder and livestock

2. **Partner**: Jal Bhagirathi Foundation (JBF)
   **Project**: Capturing water and improving quality, improving sanitation, learning and leveraging government and private support

3. **Partner**: Jal Bhagirathi Foundation (JBF)
   **Project**: Revival of traditional water management practices, capturing water, promoting and improving sanitation with active community participation

4. **Partner**: Mahan Seva Sansthan (MSS)
   **Project**: Learning and improving water quality and sanitation, learning and leveraging government support

5. **Partner**: Mahan Seva Sansthan (MSS)
   **Project**: Learning about and implementing drip irrigation systems using less water for stronger crops, collective production and selling vegetables

Current projects as at March 2016
**Partner:** Hanuman Van Vikas Samiti (HVVS)  
**Project:** Learning about hygiene, improving sanitation, monitoring and improving water quality, managing waste, leveraging government support

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR WORK WITH PKS ON PAGES 8 AND 9**
Students’ Easter Fundraising Fun

The first year geography students at the University of Northampton had fundraising fun at Easter, for Wells for India. Egged on by their lecturer and Wells for India Trustee, Dr Kevin Cook, they raised awareness and funds from selling chocolate and a raffle, and made over £100 – a brilliant effort.

Star Supporter: Julie Bushell

“India is my favourite travel destination. I found out about Wells for India in 2011 and wanted to help the people of a country I love. I enjoy the purposeful feeling of fundraising; the positive feedback from those participating in the activities is rewarding in itself, but knowing that you have done something that will make such a difference to people’s lives feels so worthwhile.”

We want to say a big thank you to Julie who since 2012 has raised over £3,000 for Wells for India from table top sales, quizzes and curry suppers.

Snap Happy

Kev Sandall recently took over as President of Southampton Camera Club, and following a photography trip to Rajasthan, decided the President’s dinner would be in aid of Wells for India at Christmas. Thanks for the funds and for loaning your beautiful photos Kev.

Christian Values

Several Wells for India Trustees and community supporters came together to present Wells for India’s work in February to the Hampshire Downs RC Parish group of churches from the Winchester area. The congregation were so compelled to help poor Indian people in water poverty that they raised over £6,000 pounds, which will make a significant and lasting impact on our work.
Star Supporter: Elizabeth Lamont

When teacher and artist, Elizabeth Lamont, learned of the daily hardships faced by so many women seeking and fetching water in rural India, she offered two pieces of glass artwork ‘Jewel Star’ and ‘Birch Trees in Winter’ as images to be used as Christmas card designs. Elizabeth paints traditional and fused glass, often combining layers of opaque and translucent glass to achieve tonal subtlety or capture an atmosphere.

National Trust property Nymans’ commissioned Elizabeth to produce five glowing glass pieces and she will be exhibiting at The Grange in Rottingdean, near Brighton, UK, from 16 June to 5 July 2016. Elizabeth’s cards have been very popular – thank you! www.elizabethlamont.co.uk

Scientifically Savvy

University of Oxford student, Melissa Rohde, conducted research into estimating aquifer recharge in fractured hard rock. Supported by the late Dr Mike Edmunds, and India Director, Om Prakash Sharma, her research was published in the Hydrogeology Journal last July. Since Wells for India strives to utilise the latest innovations and thinking in its technical approaches, we welcome students who can assist us!

Raising Awareness and Funds

Long-term supporter, John Spatchet from Wimborne, gave a talk about Wells for India’s work to the Mother’s Union and very kindly donated his speaker’s fee.

Marathon Bake Sales

Ahead of a trip to India, Sophie Harber from Oxfordshire, baked a mountain of cakes to host bake sales at each of her three children’s schools, raising more than £600 – fabulous!

Talk and Donation in the Itchen Valley

Woman of many talents and tireless supporter, Jo Tanter from Winchester, gave a talk about water and sanitation at the Itchen Valley Ladies’ Probus Group, who kindly gave a donation of thanks.

Special Birthday Bounty

Loyal supporter and friend, Margaret Lawson, asked for donations to Wells for India in lieu of presents for her ‘special’ birthday and totted up more than £500! Magnificent!

Johads are simple mud and rubble barriers, built in a semi-circular shape across the slope of a seasonal stream. Excess water is allowed to flow through a spillway, normally built either side of the embankment. During the monsoon, johads capture rainwater, improving groundwater recharge, so rivers don’t dry up straight after the rains.
Salty & Sweet

The Sambhar Salt Lake in Rajasthan is India’s largest saline lake. It produces 196,000 tonnes of salt every year, and is surrounded on all sides by the Aravalli Range of mountains.

This region is home to some of the most deprived people in society where stigmatisation exacerbates the struggle to earn a living. Salt, the main industry, harms as much as it sustains, offering employment alongside disease and death. Wages fluctuate seasonally, with scant irregular rainfall and frequent droughts.

Charasada village in the Dudu Block was a typical fragile village in the region with no water security. The main water sources had dried up. Families were living a desperate life of subsistence farming with parents forced into ‘distress migration’ for labouring, leaving young people with no leadership or education.

In 1991, local villager, Banshi Bairwa, decided to take action. A brave step for a man from the Dalit community, who historically were considered beneath other people, and not allowed to assert themselves. Despite opposition, he founded the charity, Prayas Kendra Sanstha Harsoli (PKS), and set about teaching young people how to be productive members of the community while also keeping them out of trouble! They learnt about animal husbandry, agriculture, nature conservation and most importantly, the values of respect, justice and equal rights for all people, no matter their caste, language or religion.

Banshi Bairwa soon realised that the most significant issue threatening his community was the lack of water security for drinking, cattle and agriculture.

So in 2010, PKS partnered with Wells for India (WfI). We realised what significant impact could be achieved because of the acute need (all water sources contaminated by saline and fluoride), supporting the most marginalised people (from the Dalit community), and working from within, with the village-based PKS. As a Dalit organisation, PKS had limited learning and access to development, so it was an opportunity for WfI to strengthen their leadership too.

PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

The benefitting family of project work are expected to contribute (whether by funds or in kind eg labour) alongside the project partner and WfI. This is to ensure that they take personal ownership for up-keep and repair.
Initially focusing on efforts to mitigate the devastating impacts of the annual drought, PKS and WfI constructed 17 roof rainwater harvesting systems (RRWHS) to capture monsoon ‘sweet’ rainwater from rooftops into underground storage ‘taankas’ for year-round drinking water. This supported 102 people. Other water structures built such as farm ponds supported over 26,000 cattle.

The success of this project was such that in 2012, a much larger project was embarked upon by the PKS/WfI partnership lasting until March this year. Villagers saw how dramatically the lives had changed for those who now had water security, and so a further 120 RRWHS were built, benefitting 700 more people. Girls no longer needed to fetch water from far distances, and instead could go to school.

As the village settled into its new prosperity, PKS formed decision-making groups so villagers could democratically take action on issues arising. Women, not usually allowed to participate, formed their own rotational saving and credit self-help groups. They could save collectively and then loan money out to those women in need.

Such is the success of the work in Charasada that there are plans for it to become a ‘model village’, showcasing to neighbouring villages what can be achieved no matter what caste, religion or race.

**MEET SURAJMAL GURJAR**

A father of two, Surajmal Gurjar is the vice president of the Village Development Committee (VDC)* and the Secretary to the village milk dairy.

**Q: What drinking water was there in the village before?**

**A:** The only source for the whole village was from a hand pump, near the pond. It is 2.5 kilometres away from the hamlet. The groundwater is saline and contains fluoride because of the effects of the Sambhar Lake so any other water would make us sick.

**Q: How do you get drinking water now?**

**A:** We have a RRWHS at our house, which we built with the help of PKS and Wells for India. We now have year-round safer drinking water for the whole family.

**Q: How does the rain water taste?**

**A:** It is sweeter than water from the hand pump. But the most important thing is we no longer suffer from bad stomachs, joint pain and yellow teeth, so I don’t have to worry about my children any more.

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* VDCs are decision-making groups that are managed by the partner and the community to create collective action on village development issues such as building more Roof Rain Water Harvesting Systems or toilets.

**FACT FILE**

Since 1991, PKS has assisted 42,400 families in 106 Villages. They have constructed 54 ponds; 153 RRWHS; repaired 86 wells; planted 44,500 trees. 33,238 families have benefitted from educational workshops to improve Dalit rights, health & hygiene.
A little goes a long way

In many remote villages in Rajasthan, marginalised families struggle to sustain a regular and safe source of water for themselves, their essential animals, and their crops.

Wells for India works with these families to enable them to capture monsoon rainwater in their homes and habitats, but once water is secured, they must make critical decisions about how to use it — should they feed the cattle or crops, or is there enough for both? What will give them the best source of food and income?

This is why Wells for India has pledged to provide 50 families in the Aravalli Range of mountains of Rajasthan with a drip irrigation system.

It is a simple system of dripping droplets of water at regular intervals through piping onto the base of plants or ground where plant roots can absorb it. It is easy to maintain, uses far less water than traditional flood irrigation methods (where plants sit in channels of water) and results show that plants are much healthier, stronger and more prolific.

A drip irrigation system for one family plot of land costs just £500. As a result, a family will not only have more water for other things like keeping clean, but more crops to feed themselves, cattle and sell at markets.

The Four Acre Trust Match Fund Appeal

Our friends at the Four Acre Trust will match fund any donation of £500 or more so long as it’s from a new donor who hasn’t raised funds through events or sponsorship such as bake sales, quiz nights or sporting challenges. This is a limited offer, but they’ve just extended it to 31st December 2016!
Deadline now extended to 31 December 2016

If you or someone you know can help our 50 families with a £500 drip irrigation system, with match-funding, two families will benefit as the donation will be doubled.

Donate online
There is a special donation form to complete online: www.wellsforindia.org/donate/online-donation-every-drop-counts/

Donate by cheque
Complete the leaflet enclosed and send a cheque made payable to ‘Wells for India’, marked with ‘Every Drop Counts’ on the reverse.

Donated to Wells for India before?
If you’ve donated to Wells for India before, please help us to spread the word of this incredible match fund offer and pass on the leaflet to friends or family.

Need more information or leaflets?
E-mail: office@wellsforindia.org.

Water for our Daughters

Appeal Update
Last Autumn, we brought you news that girls are the hardest hit when a family in rural India has no water. Taken out of school from the age of eight, girls (but not boys!) must do their duty for the family to ensure they have enough water. They walk for miles every day in the blistering heat to carry 20kg pots of water on their heads, causing injuries, misery and a life of ignorance.

Wells for India set a target to raise enough to cover the costs of all the water and sanitation needs of at least one daughter in each of the 50 villages in which we work. This includes providing a Roof Rain Water Harvesting System (where monsoon rain is captured from the roof of a house and stored in a ‘taanka’ underground), a toilet, hygiene education and much more.

Thanks to so many of our supporters, we’re delighted to say that we’ve reached 86%* of our £25,000 target. With less than £4,000 to reach our goal, can you, or anyone you know, help?

Go to: www.wellsforindia.org/donate
A Flood of Support

Thank you for supporting us at our events over the Autumn – we’ve got even more planned this year. We’re also gearing up for our 30th birthday next year, so if you have any ideas about how we can celebrate while raising awareness of water and sanitation issues, we’d love to hear from you. E-mail us at: events@wellsforindia.org

Singing for Sanitation

Thanks to Trustee, Maureen Gupta, the Winchester Fusion Choir sang their hearts out on Valentine’s weekend at St. Paul’s Church in Winchester, in a fabulous fundraiser in aid of Wells for India and the church. They raised the roof to a packed crowd while we raised awareness and funds! Thanks to all the wonderful singers – with any luck, they’ll be back next year.

Outstanding Internship Programme

In their grand annual ceremony in November, the University of Southampton’s ‘Excel Southampton Internship Programme’ short-listed Wells for India’s Head of Communications and Partnerships, Nicky Springthorpe, for her personal contribution under the ‘Third Sector Employer of the Year’ award, and Wells for India’s graphic design intern, Daniela Healey, for the ‘Outstanding Achievement’ award.

Raising their Voices

Our annual autumn talk in October with our India Director, Om Prakash Sharma – Voices from the Desert 2015 – was as fascinating as it was prestigious in its new venue of the Undercroft at Winchester Cathedral. This year’s talk will be held on 4 October so make a note in your diary.

Give & Gain

Our lovely interns, Emma Rickwood and Tarina Dixon, waved the Wells for India flag at the University of Winchester’s Volunteering Fair in February to promote the Gandhian principles of volunteerism and support. If you would like to volunteer for Wells for India (in any way), register your interest via our online form at: wellsforindia.org/get-involved

Marathon Effort

Wells for India’s amazing intern, Gabie Waugh and priceless community supporter, Jo Tanter, did a magnificent job of handing out water and raising awareness again at the Clarendon Marathon in November. In support of Winchester Rotary Club, they made a donation of thanks.
Getting Wise about Water

We’re always keen to share our knowledge and learn from others to keep water and sanitation high on the international agenda.

Thirsty Topics

Our Trustee, Dr Kevin Cook, attended the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Global Challenges talk on ‘A thirsty world: Making local action global’ in November, where Wells for India friend and partner, Rajendra Singh (winner of last year’s World Water Prize) gave an inspiring speech. In December, Chair of Trustees, Dr Max Wilson, participated in the University of Oxford ‘Water Security 2015’ conference, which launched a seven-year global programme of research to improve water security for millions of poor people in Africa and South Asia (called REACH).

Learning to WASH

Our India Director, Om Prakash Sharma, joined Vikram Sarabhai Centre for Development Interaction (VIKSAT) for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) educators training last year to share knowledge about our unique approach to small-scale water engineering.

Toilet Talks

With the Indian Government’s focus on improving sanitation, Om Prakash Sharma (India Director) joined a roundtable on ‘Rural Sanitation Challenges & Opportunities’ in February to establish how Wells for India’s approach can complement others to reach ambitious national targets.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16 JULY
Come and see us for the second year at the Southampton Mela, the city’s biggest free family festival celebrating South Asian culture, music and dance. Hoglands Park, Southampton S014 1NH

24 JULY
We’ll also be making an appearance at Eastleigh Mela, at Leigh Road Recreation Ground, Eastleigh S050 9DE. Come and say hello!

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER
More events are in the pipeline such as an art exhibition and curry supper at a well-known local Indian restaurant – Do you receive our event e-mails? Send us your contact details to: office@wellsforindia.org and we’ll ensure you’re kept up-to-date

2 OCTOBER
Can you help us hand out water and bananas at the Clarendon Marathon in support of Winchester Rotary Club? E-mail: getinvolved@wellsforindia.org

4 OCTOBER
We’ll again be hosting our annual Autumn talk ‘Voices from the Desert’ at the prestigious UnderCroft in Winchester Cathedral, followed by a curry supper. E-mail: office@wellsforindia.org to reserve your seat

Look out for more events and gatherings leading up to and after January 2017 for our 30th birthday!
Introducing the NEW Wells for India Online Shop

Whether you’re looking for an authentic and unusual gift or need a running vest to get fit for summer, the new Wells for India online shop is the place to go!

We’ve extended our range so as well as our gorgeous greeting cards, we now have a wide selection of artwork including unique handmade silk paintings, beautiful homeware and gifts from India.

Go to www.wellforindia.org and click on the ‘Shop’ tab.

Here’s a taster of what you can find online:

Running Vests

Show your support while you get fit. Available in Unisex or Ladies shape. £19.99

Gorgeous Greeting Cards

Make someone smile by sending one of our gorgeous greeting cards, or a pack makes for the perfect present. Cards are left blank so they can be used for any occasion.

£3.50 for a pack of 8 (same design)
Stunning Silk Paintings

We have a wide range of silk paintings to view in our online shop. They are ready for framing, postage is £3.50. Go to www.wellsforindia.org/shop to view more, or to arrange a viewing, contact shop@wellsforindia.org

Festival Elephant (56 × 38cm): £12
A beautiful Asian elephant in full procession regalia.

Lovers Serenade (55 × 87cm): £15
An Indian suitor serenades the lady of his affection by flute at nightfall.

Prints

Our cards look stunning when framed and displayed. Here are two in larger sizes that would make lovely gifts.

Bright Tiger: £25
An iconic symbol of India, this eye-catching Bengal Tiger mirror-painting will brighten up any wall. White mount, ready for you to frame. (43 × 31cm including mount)

Rajasthani Elephant: £25
This original wood-block stamp of an Asian elephant in a festival procession is bold and beautiful. White mount, ready for you to frame. (31 × 31cm including mount)

Keyrings: £1
All our pretty keyrings were handmade in India.

Elephant Ornaments: £8
Ornate festival elephants with a red or green seat (7.5cm high).

GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON ‘SHOP’
www.wellsforindia.org
LEARN A LESSON . . . . £5
A teaching pack provides the tools to teach a classroom of 25 children how good hygiene practice can save lives.

FILTER DIRTY WATER . . . . . . . £10
Every minute, a child dies from a water-related disease. A simple filter makes life-saving water safer to drink.

GIFT OF THE GAB . £43
Help communities to multiply the impact of our work by securing support from local government schemes to improve access to water and sanitation. Your gift will enable us to coach village leaders for a whole year to know what to say and do.

MEND A WELL . . . . £407
A large village well in rural India can often be the only source of free water for miles around but if it’s not looked after, it can get contaminated. Your gift will allow Wells for India and the local community to fix a well to benefit all.

POT LUCK . . . . . . . . . . . . . £6
Women in rural India still carry traditional clay matka pots on their heads for up to 8 hours a day, fetching water. Metal matka pots are lighter, cleaner and stronger, and 10 pots will benefit a whole family.

TREAT A TOILET . . . . £9
Government grants are paying for more and more toilets to be built in rural India, but Wells for India ensures people know how to use and look after them. Training 30 toilet champions can change a whole community.

PLEDGE A PLANT . . £32
Once a community has water, it can grow produce to make a living. Your gift will enable Wells for India to provide 100 fruit and fodder plants for villagers to sow and sell.

CATCH AND KEEP RAIN . . . . £315
A roof rainwater harvesting system captures and stores precious monsoon rain from the roof of a family’s house to provide life-saving drinking water.

Gifts that Give Back

Giving a friend or loved one a Wishing Well Charity Gift is a lovely way to show you care, and will directly help people struggling with the impacts of water poverty in rural India.

FOOD FAIR . . . . £108
Even with produce to sell, it’s difficult for communities to reach customers. With the help of your gift, Wells for India will host a food fair 4 times a year, creating a market for people to sell their produce and support their families.

SEE OPPOSITE FOR HOW THE WISHING WELL WORKS, THEN PLACE YOUR ORDER IN THE FORM
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GIFT CARDS
One pack of 8 cards and envelopes: £3.50 (per design)

Quantity
Rajasthani Elephant
Tree of Life
Dancing Peacock
Miriam
Water Bearer
Bright Tiger

Total Cost of Gift Cards (£)

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£19.99

Tick or write quantity for each size

Unisex
Small [ ] Medium [ ] Large [ ] Extra Large [ ]

Female
Small [ ] Medium [ ] Large [ ] Extra Large [ ]

Total Cost of Running Vest(s) (£)

SILK PAINTINGS

Quantity
Festival Elephant – £12
Lovers Serenade – £15

Total Cost of Silk Painting(s) (£)

FRAMED PRINTS

Quantity
Bright Tiger – £25
Rajasthani Elephant – £25

Total Cost of Print(s) (£)

DONATION

When you make a donation, every drop counts.

For every £1 donation:

78p Delivering programmes to support communities in India
20p Investing to generate future funds
2p Ensuring good governance

Learn a Lesson: £5
Pot Luck: £6
Treat a Toilet: £9
Filter Dirty Water: £10
Ladle it on: £12
Pledge a Plant: £32
Gift of the Gab: £43
Food Fair: £108
Catch and Keep Rain: £315
Mend a Well: £407

Total Cost of Charity Gift(s) (£)

HOW THE WISHING WELL WORKS
1. Choose a Wishing Well Charity Gift.
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COST SUMMARY

Cost of Gift Cards (£)
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Silk Painting(s) (£)
Framed Print(s) (£)
Wishing Well Charity Gift(s) (£)
Postage (£)
Optional Donation (£)

Total (£)

3.50

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Complete this form, ensuring all relevant sections are filled in. Then enclose a cheque for the total amount and post it to Wells for India.

Make cheques payable to Wells for India and mark on the back: Merchandise

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Then e-mail office@wellsforindia.org detailing:
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Your order
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Wells for India will confirm receipt of payment, then post your order.

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I am a UK tax payer and I want Wells for India to reclaim tax on all donations I make.

Signature
Date

LEAVE A LEGACY
I would like to know about how to make a gift in my Will to Wells for India

Please contact me by
Post
Email
Telephone

Remember to complete the contact details above
A sight for sore eyes

In February, my wife Mary and I visited the Kanwar family who live in the inhospitable Thar Desert, which borders Pakistan in Western Rajasthan.

The nearest source of drinking water was 35km away across the sand dunes. They relied on occasional traders bringing poor quality water by camel, but they had no proper means to store it.

Their lives were transformed when Wells for India supplied cement to build a 20,000 litre taanka (underground water storage tank). They constructed a dish-shaped apron around the edge to capture any rain and moisture. After the monsoon, their taanka was full with water safe enough to drink.

Finally, Mr Kanwar’s wife, Suman Kanwar Devi, and his mother no longer worried whether their family would have water to drink each day.

Mr Kanwar is blind, and for many years, the family had had no source of income. But Suman Devi had been educated, so once they had a sustainable supply of drinking water, she set up a school for 60 children. Our partner charity, GRAVIS, gave the family a goat, so now she has a modest teaching salary, and the goat provides milk. Three of her children are blind at night and one all day (he also suffers severe asthma) due to severe malnutrition. But thanks to safer water and a better diet, the children’s sight is improving.

Most children in the region suffer from some level of malnutrition, which can cause permanent mental damage. But with your help, we can build more taankas for families like the Kanwars and give them a new life.

By Nicholas Grey, Co-Founder and Co-Honorary President of Wells for India
EVERY DROP COUNTS!

WHERE YOUR £1 GOES

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ENSURING GOOD GOVERNANCE

20p
INVESTING TO GENERATE FUTURE FUNDS

78p
DELIVERING PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN INDIA

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Building to improve sanitation
Strengthening community governance
Educating communities to make best use of scarce water and improve sanitation
Empowering communities to develop ways to earn a living
Enabling women to have a voice, a choice and a future
Supporting communities in water emergencies

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