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Dear friends,

This year, our 30th Anniversary year, we are celebrating the success of all our many achievements, and looking ahead to our exciting future. This looking ahead brings new energy and with it the need for appropriate change with a fresh, contemporary image.

During our 30 years of working on water-harvesting projects and working closely with our NGO partners in India, we have seen how water changes the lives of marginalized communities. Our name ‘Wells for India’ no longer clearly represents the breadth of our work, and, after a careful process of consultation, we’ve decided to change our name to ‘WaterHarvest’, which we feel accurately describes the very essence of our work both now and in the future.

Becoming WaterHarvest will enable us to adapt to the rapidly changing world around us, especially in India, and with hopes of attracting a wider audience. You can rest assured that our charity remains the same, as do our values. Although the face of our organisation has changed, our work remains focused on the provision of water, for drinking and for crops. Along with our new name comes an expansion of our work. Whilst we’ve been busy continuing projects with our dedicated partners in Rajasthan, we’ve just started working in the neighbouring state of Gujarat. Working with our innovative partner, the Samerth Trust, in the Rann of Kutch, (which is both a saline wasteland and a site of immense historical interest), we’ll be restoring old step wells, and implementing household water-harvesting.

In the coming year, we’ll continue our work with our inspirational partner Prayas Kendra Sansthan on our Monsoon Promise Appeal. This is providing urgently needed roof rainwater harvesting for families in Charasada and two neighbouring villages. Overall, we’re delighted to have been able to expand our programme from four to ten projects this year.

What continues to set our work apart is the combination of a hardworking team in India, our technical expertise, gained over many years, and the simple but highly effective implementation of low-cost, sustainable water-harvesting. India is changing rapidly, but with Om Prakash’s leadership in India, and our flexibility, we will keep striving to respond and adapt our work to suit different local contexts.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us on our journey to provide water to help bring a better and brighter future.

Neil Mehta
Chair
Where we work and what we do

1. **21 yrs**
   - **Partner:** Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS)
   - **Project:** Capturing water to provide access to drinking water for communities in the Thar Desert to alleviate poverty and improve health.

2. **16 yrs**
   - **Partner:** Mahan Seva Sansthan (MSS)
   - **Project:** Learning about and implementing drip irrigation systems using less water for stronger crops, collective production and selling vegetables.

3. **16 yrs**
   - **Partner:** Mahan Seva Sansthan (MSS)
   - **Project:** Learning and improving water quality and sanitation, learning and leveraging government support.

4. **24 yrs**
   - **Partner:** Hanuman Van Vikas Samiti (HVVS)
   - **Project:** Learning about hygiene, improving sanitation, monitoring and improving water quality, managing waste, leveraging government support.

5. **1st yr**
   - **Partner:** Samerth Charitable Trust
   - **Project:** Reviving traditional water wells and promoting conservations of rainwater harvesting.

Current projects as at March 2017. Years indicate length of partnership.
Building to capture and retain water
Building to improve access to safer drinking water
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

**Partner:** Rajput Bharat Sangh (TBS)
**Project:** Capturing and learning about water efficiency, sharing and saving together.

Partner: Prayas Kendra Santha Harsoli (PKS)
**Project:** Capturing water and improving quality, growing and selling produce, sanitation teaching, sharing and saving together while seeking government support.

Partner: Gram Vikas Nav Yuvak Mandal (GVNML)
**Project:** Community led water resources and land development to enhance livelihoods.

Partner: Rajasthan Forest Produce Collectors & Processors Group Support Society (RFP) Udaipur
**Project:** Learning about and implementing drip irrigation systems using less water for stronger crops, collective production and selling vegetables.
Get Involved

Want to help those suffering without safe water?

Simply find a way that suits you and get creative! You could organise a dress down day at work, do a bake sale, sell some crafts, grow a beard, run a marathon, the possibilities are endless!

Check out our NEW fundraising packs on our website (www.water-harvest.org) with individual packs tailored for schools, university, businesses and general use!

Curry Night!

Celebrate the delicious food India has to offer by hosting your own curry night! Invite friends and cook your very own feast with all the proceeds that would have gone to paying for a takeaway instead going to help improve lives! Share your recipe creations with us @WaterHarvest. Why not try out this recipe to get you started!

Aloo Bharven

Recipe created by Maureen Gupta

Stuffed spicy potatoes, a perfect veggie dish!

Medium potatoes ........................................ 8
Oil for deep frying
Ghee/butter .................................................... 75g
Cumin Seeds ................................................. 1 tbsp
Onions, chopped .......................................... 100g
Garlic, skinned and chopped ............. small bulb
Fresh stem ginger, peeled & chopped .... 2×2.5cm
Fresh green chilli to taste
Tomatoes, chopped ................................. 200g
Fresh coriander ................................. 40g
Chilli powder to taste
Salt to taste
Cheddar cheese to sprinkle

1. Boil the potatoes until just tender, then drain and cool. Cut in half and scoop out the centres, leaving a thin wall of potato on each skin to form a ‘cup’. Reserve the cooked potato from the centres.
2. Heat the oil and deep fry the potato cups until crisp. Drain on absorbent paper.
3. Heat the ghee and add the cumin seeds, stirring until they start to crackle. Add the onions, garlic, ginger and green chilli and sauté until golden brown. Add the tomatoes and cook until the tomato is mashed. Add the reserved potato and sauté for about 10 minutes, stirring frequently.
4. Sprinkle with chopped coriander, salt and chilli powder. Use this mixture to fill the potato cups. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bubble under a pre-heated grill.

Serve with coriander, spring onions and radishes to garnish!

Take Action! We Challenge You!

Get healthy and improve lives!

Our Challenge: Only drink water for two weeks and donate any money saved by not buying coffee, alcohol or soft drinks to help families get access to safer drinking water!

#WaterOnlyChallenge to spread the word of your progress!

Photo credit: Moment Crafters: www.youtbe.com/watch?v=5_OuUGv3YpM
**Fundraiser Profile**

**Going the Distance**

**Name:** Chris Alveyn

**Home Town:** Winchester

**Fundraising Activity:** Trekking across the Great Wall of China

**Fundraising Target:** £1,500

**What made you decide to walk the Great Wall of China?**
I decided to trek across the Great Wall of China with my wife to raise money for WaterHarvest as for 30 years they have worked with the poorest communities, in the most desolate locations, to provide life-saving and sustainable water solutions. I would like to raise as much money as I can to help WaterHarvest’s inspiring work to continue! For if there is no water, there can be no life...

**How did you come across WaterHarvest?**
My wife and I have been supporters since 2004.

**What inspired you to fundraise for WaterHarvest?**
I was inspired by the ‘Every Drop Counts Appeal’. In this appeal, WaterHarvest works with rural communities to find ways to capture and preserve water so, through drip irrigation, droplets of water can slowly reach the roots of crops through a simple piping system – using less water means stronger healthier crops. All the money raised will be going towards this project!

**What would you say to people considering doing their own campaign?**
Choose something that suits you and go for it!

**Show your support for Chris by helping him to smash his £1,500 target**

**Securely Online**
justgiving.com/fundraising/chrisalveyn

**Cheque**
To ‘WaterHarvest’, marked ‘Going the Distance’ on the back and send to: Basepoint, 1 Winnall Valley Road, Winchester SO23 0LD, UK

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**Quiz Night!**

Organise your very own quiz night and raise money while having a great time! We have pre-prepared quizzes in our fundraising packs on our website so you can get straight to the fun!

**How wise are you about water?**

1. What percentage of the earth’s water is accessible and drinkable?
   - A: 1%  
   - B: 3%  
   - C: 10%  
   - D: 22%

2. What is the average distance that women and children walk for water in Africa and Asia?
   - A: 1 km  
   - B: 2 km  
   - C: 5 km  
   - D: 6 km

3. How much does a typical ‘matka’ pot weigh (water pot typically carried on head)?
   - A: 2 kg  
   - B: 5 kg  
   - C: 20 kg  
   - D: 16 kg
PARTNER PROFILE: SAMERTH CHARITABLE TRUST

Stepping Towards a Better Tomorrow

The Samerth Charitable Trust was founded in 1992 in recognition of the severity of conditions in marginalised communities in the states of Gujarat and Chhattisgarh. Working to help these communities to gain access to their social and economic rights, Samerth was set up by Gazala Paul, a social work graduate, along with Mr Akhil Paul, Mr Pravin Sindh Jade and the late Mr Madhakar Suryavanshi. The organisation began by building earthen check dams and wells for the people of Rapar who had suffered for so long without sufficient drinking water. Having supported over 37 villages and 69 hamlets in this arid landscape, a place heavily affected by the disastrous earthquake in 2001, the Samerth Trust continued to change lives.

Due to the harsh and hostile climate of Gujarat many families were forced to migrate during the drought season. Understanding that education was vital to the sustainability of a prosperous life, The Samerth Trust provided lodging and tuition facilities to over 147 children from migrant families.

In 2010 Samerth began to focus on sanitation as India has the highest rate of open defecation in the world (WHO-UNICEF, 2010). For the poorest people, this means they must walk miles each day to access a relatively safe and private open space. For women, children, elderly, or disabled people, fulfilling their basic human needs becomes a dangerous and degrading ordeal. By building individual toilets for around 2,251 families in Nakhatrana, all the 9 wells to be revived in the project are at least 60 years old, the step wells are at least 150 years old and the Palasava step well is 500 years old! The Dholavira step wells are amongst the most scientifically advanced structures built 5000 years ago!

FACT FILE
people’s lives were transformed with reduced spread of disease and more free time to gain income.

This year Samerth partnered with us to collaboratively tackle the complex issues families face in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh (Our first time working in Gujarat!). After building numerous wells and check dams, Samerth realised that the best method to combat the water shortages was a focus on reviving traditional water structures such as step wells as well as building individual rain water harvesting systems.

‘Samerth has benefited immensely in terms of knowledge building after its association with WaterHarvest. In spite of us being in the area of building water conservation structures, this is our first experience with revival of heritage structures. It has made us realise the importance and relevance of these structures in today’s times. After partnering with WaterHarvest, we have now been able to identify eight more heritage structures in the block, and the search continues...’ Ashish Mehta (The Samerth Trust).

Traditional step wells were constructed by rulers in ancient times primarily as a method for water conservation. Some remaining step wells in India still contain detailed and intricate ancient carvings. Now, most step wells are part of a forgotten history. Even as these structures stand the test of time, there have been innumerable instances when they have had water while the modern structures have run dry. The structures have become very relevant recently, given the topography of the area and acute shortage of water that it faces, yet little effort has been made previously to revive them.

‘The water crisis stares us in the face all the time. Living in an arid region is a challenge. The real solutions are to be found in small, localized and focused initiatives by communities. That is where WaterHarvest is helping us to make everyday efforts of common people accomplished with customized solutions.’ Gazala Paul (Samerth Trust).

Before starting the projects, the team spoke to members of Palasva village on the importance of the revival of the step well, and the community, through its own resources, responded by cleaning the step well. This led to an increased water level and supply of water to the surrounding area even in hot months, while the other wells had already dried. This initiative has incited positivity in the community and they have pledged to support Samerth’s projects to the fullest.

Water security in the target villages will put an end to distress migration as they will now be able to tend to their cattle (with dairy as a livelihood option), grow at least two crops a year and the children will be able to attend school regularly. Reviving these step wells could really allow families to step toward a brighter and better tomorrow.

AIM

Seven villages become water secure throughout the year, including 2,883 families and 9,840 cattle.
This year we raised a total income of £298,793, a 13% increase on the previous year. Our charitable expenditure was £242,867. We continued to focus our work in three agro-ecological zones in the drylands of Rajasthan. We supported eight development projects, in 183 villages and over 123,100 people benefited from our work.

Our project funding expects contributions from local communities and other local sources. We are delighted that we leveraged an additional 84% on top of our project costs in this way. We believe that this represents an excellent return on our investment, even before the sustainable benefits brought about by our work are taken into account.

**HOW WE USE YOUR MONEY**

**WATER AND LIVELIHOOD** £149,495

**WATER AND SANITATION** £86,254

**WATER AND ENVIRONMENT** £7,118

**COST OF RAISING FUNDS** £52,726

**WHERE WE WORK**

**ARAVALLI HILLS** £179,707

**THAR DESERT** £55,509

**SAMBHAR LAKES** £7,651

**OUR IMPACT**

**WATER & LIVELIHOOD**

This year you helped us build 38 roof rain water harvesting systems and water storage tanks, taankas. Now monsoon rain is available, stored at home for year-round use, and children, adults and animals don’t have to drink contaminated water. Women and girls no longer have to walk each day to collect water for their families, freeing women for their family or work, and girls can go to school.

We have installed 99 water saving irrigation systems. The livelihoods and daily life of families have improved with less labour time needed and an increase in crop production. 40% more crops grown with 40% less water, using 80% less labour time.
WATER & SANITATION

We have worked with the local Indian government this year to build 3,562 toilets. Having a toilet at home transforms life for everyone, but especially women and girls. Our schools sanitation programmes help children understand the vital importance of good hygiene, and we can expect to see better health in the future.

WATER & ENVIRONMENT

We have built three johads (dams) this year in the Aravalli Hills. Land that was previously fallow is now irrigable, groundwater will be replenished and neighbouring wells will be recharged.

In the Sambhar Salt Lakes, where rainwater harvesting has helped regenerate eco parks, wildlife such as rabbits, monitor lizards, and many species of migrating birds are now increasing in numbers. As a result of pastureland development using the innovative ‘chauka system’ to irrigate the grazing land, livestock milk production has increased in all project villages; the density, quality and variety of grasses has improved and hundreds of trees have been planted.
The Monsoon Promise Appeal

A roof rainwater harvesting system is a promise of a better future but only if the monsoon can be harvested effectively...

In the remote and isolated villages of Rajasthan, women and girls are being made vulnerable daily by having to walk miles to fetch water. This puts them at risk of illness and assault. While the women walk these perilous distances, families living near the famous ‘Sambhar Salt Lake’ are still being forced to drink contaminated ground water as they face an increasing shortage due to changing rain patterns, rapid desertification, but also as the salt lake has salinized the groundwater supply for many kilometres around. In the most arid areas of the desert some villages may only have 5–8 days of rain a year.

Pinki, a 15-year-old girl from Bhojpur has been forced to leave school to collect water for her entire family who are too ill or working to pay their debts to do it themselves. Pinki must walk around 12km a day to fetch water under the hot sun with no forms of shade to protect herself. This groundwater has dangerously high levels of fluoride and salinity, causing fluorosis, which can result in permanent damage to bones and teeth.

‘Time and time again, I get sick with fever, pain in my jaws, unable to clench my fists, swelling in my legs and hands,’ Pinki says.

This could all be changed with the help of a family roof rainwater harvesting system (RRWHS) which would mean women and girls like Pinki would no longer have to leave the safety of their homes to fetch water. These RRWHS are designed on the basis of a successful previous project, using roof run-off calculations to maximise water capture.

While women carry this heavy burden as water providers, they are still excluded from decisions about water use, its distribution and management. We are working in Charasada, Chappya, and Bhojpur, where women will be encouraged to play a key role. Local enthusiastic and dedicated women will be elected to the Pani Panchayat (Water Council) as Rak Sakhi (Water Friends). Women will be motivated by our support system to get involved in the decision making surrounding water issues within their village, thus reducing inequality within the Water Council and raising

F A C T S

Helps give water to 720 people by building 120 rain water harvesting systems.
In the harsh and unrelenting Thar Desert, many tribal communities are nomadic, walking for miles in search of water and food. This way of life is particularly hard on the elders who keep the wisdom of the community. That’s why we have pledged to provide 300 monsoon water capture taankas, supporting 300 families with elderly relatives. Each taanka costs £350, but will benefit generations.

Can you help us to fill the font of knowledge? Just £10 will buy 42 bricks towards building a taanka. Go to: www.water-harvest.org/donate or send a cheque to the address listed on the back page. Thank you.
Gifts that Give Back

Feast your eyes on our new range of Christmas cards, greeting cards and gifts. All card designs have been donated so that WaterHarvest can do more to help families fight water poverty. View our complete range of authentic and beautiful gifts online at: www.water-harvest.org/shop.

Festive Christmas Cards

Spread the Christmas cheer with friends and loved ones. Cards include seasonal messages inside as shown.

£4.00
for a pack of 8
(same design)

Go East (Blank inside)
Peacock Parade (Blank inside)
Cheeky Robin (Christmas Greetings)
Sound the Trumpet (Christmas Greetings)
Shepherds by Night (Christmas Greetings)
Tara Star (Christmas Greetings)
Gifts & Accessories
Pick up something handmade and pretty from India.

Green jewelled trinket box: £4 (available in other colours)
Green shoulder bag with elephant detailing: £10 (available in other colours)
Red decorated purse: £10 (available in other colours)

Where to Buy Cards

1 Nov – 16 Dec 2017
Charity Christmas Card Shop
St Mary’s Church
St Mary’s Place
Shrewsbury SY1 1DX

26 Oct – 16 Dec 2017
The Winchester Guildhall
High Street
Winchester SO23 9GH

All year round
Fair Ground Fair Trade Shop
1 Cornmarket Court
Corn Market
Wimborne BH21 1JL

All year round
Fair Ground Fair Trade Shop
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St Michael’s at the Northgate
Cornmarket Street
Oxford OX1 3EY

WAYS TO PAY
Complete the order form on pages 17 & 18, and send it in to WaterHarvest
Visit the WaterHarvest online shop at: www.water-harvest.org/shop

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Follow the Star (Christmas Greetings)
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.

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.

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.

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

LADLE IT ON . . . £12
Water is precious, so when you have it, you need to keep it clean, or risk spreading waterborne diseases. 200 metal ladles will provide for a whole community to hygienically share water, and will last a lifetime.

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.

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

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 WaterHarvest and the local community to fix a well to benefit all.

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.

SEE OPPOSITE FOR HOW THE WISHING WELL WORKS, THEN PLACE YOUR ORDER IN THE FORM
## Order Form

### Christmas Cards
One pack of 8 cards and envelopes: **£4.00**

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## How the Wishing Well Works

1. Choose a **Wishing Well Charity Gift**.
2. Complete the order form, write a cheque and send it to us, or Make a Bank Transfer.
3. We will send you a **gift card** for you to give to your friend or loved one.
4. They will be supporting WaterHarvest working on the chosen area of the gift.

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Please make cheques payable to WaterHarvest and mark on the back: Merchandise

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For many other authentic Indian gifts, please visit our online shop: [www.water-harvest.org/shop](http://www.water-harvest.org/shop)
Placing Your Order

**PAY SECURELY ONLINE**

The easiest and quickest way to pay is to go to our online shop: www.water-harvest.org/shop

**PAYING BY CHEQUE**

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

Make cheques payable to WaterHarvest and mark on the back: Merchandise

**PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER**

Make your payment to HSBC

Acc No: 71734407

Sort Code: 40–46–39

Then e-mail office@water-harvest.org detailing:

- Your contact details
- Delivery address (if different to contact details)
- Your order
- Total amount paid

WaterHarvest will confirm receipt of payment, then post your order.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

We will only contact you if there is a query with your order

Email

Tick if you do not want to be contacted with updates

Delivery Address (if different from above)

Name

Address

Postcode

**WHERE TO SEND THIS FORM**

Please send this completed form and cheque to:

WaterHarvest

Basepoint

1 Winnall Valley Road

Winchester

Hampshire SO23 0LD

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office@water-harvest.org

**GIFT AID**

If you buy a Wishing Well Charity Gift or make a donation, WaterHarvest can claim an extra 25p for every £1 at no extra cost to you, on this and all future donations:

I am a UK tax payer and I want WaterHarvest 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 WaterHarvest

Please contact me by

Post

Email

Telephone

Remember to complete the contact details above
Everyday water is taken for granted by so many. Simply turn the tap and it is unlimited. However, still for so many millions across Rajasthan and Gujarat (both of which have a higher population than England!) having water is a great privilege. A prevalent theme in ancient poetry and traditional Panihari songs, water has been profoundly valued in these parts for generations due to being such an integral and time-consuming part of each day.

Joining WaterHarvest this summer has been an incredibly enriching experience, from researching the unusual ecology of the Sambhar Salt Lake to the devastating effects of fluorosis, each day has allowed me a greater grasp of the harsh environment that so many families must call home. While I have been greatly saddened by the widespread suffering currently happening in the drylands, I am regularly inspired by WaterHarvest’s lasting and life-changing projects that have aided so many villages already.

The most valuable thing I have gained is to familiarise myself with the concept of uncertainty. I was able to do this through two perspectives.

First, through WaterHarvest’s beneficiaries. For me, water is not a contingency; when I’m thirsty, I drink. That’s it. But so many travel for miles, sacrifice their time and education, still with no certainty of disease-free water. Countless times I have allowed uncertainty be an obstruction in my life. I now have a constant reminder that some people don’t have the privilege of uncertainty being a hurdle.

Second, through Waterharvest’s UK team. I first assumed that there would be a massive team behind such a massive impact. However, I was astounded to learn how small the charity is. As WaterHarvest is funded by donations, uncertain times are inevitable; I now know that even though uncertainty may be unavoidable, it is manageable through perseverance.

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