



BridgIT
Water Foundation

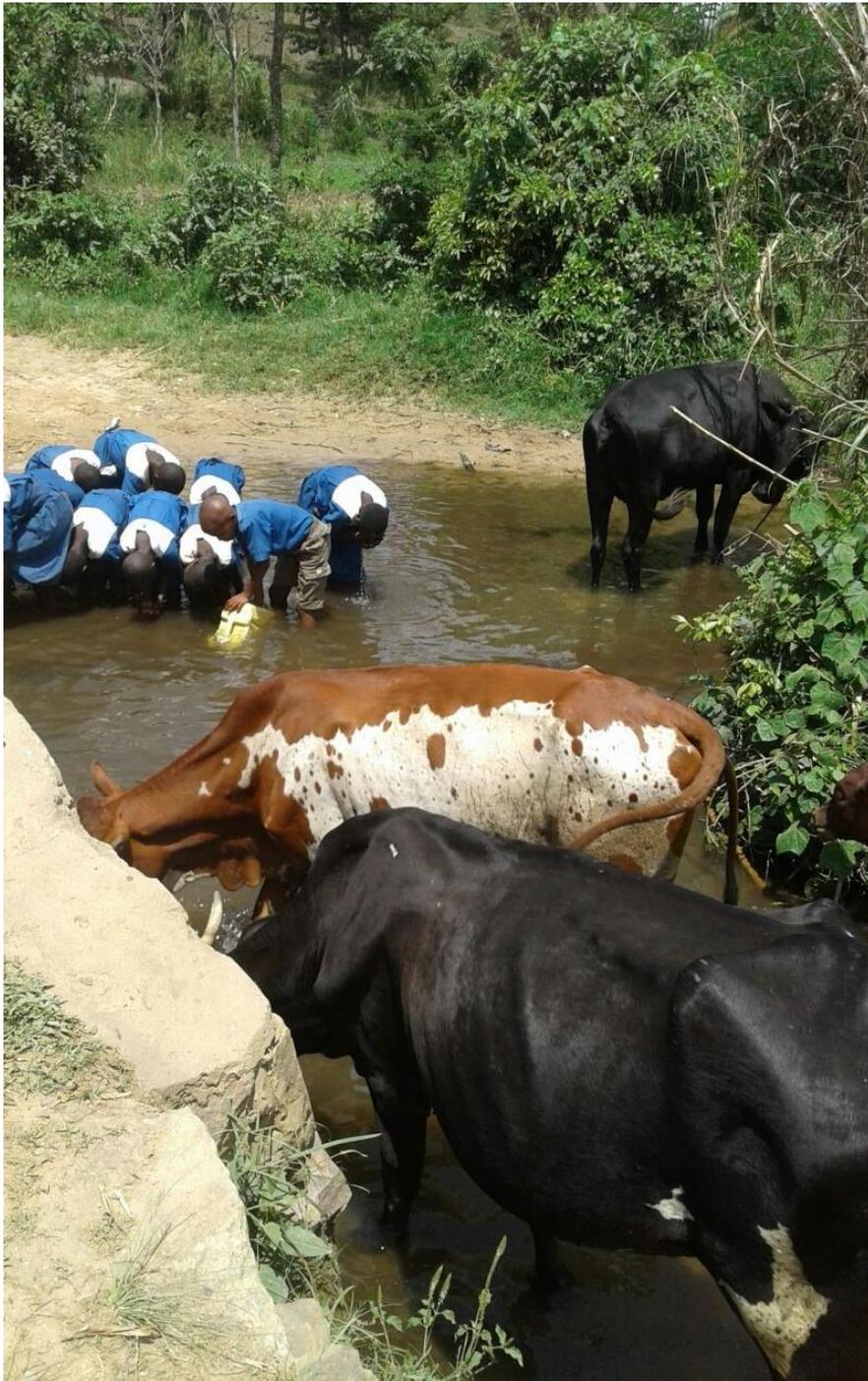


ANNUAL REPORT

2020~2021

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ACCESS TO CLEAN DRINKING WATER REMAINS A DREAM FOR MILLIONS

Our mission is to deliver suitable, accessible and sustainable water to some of the poorest and most marginalized people living in rural communities in developing countries

For rural families in the developing world, clean water is the first step on the path out of poverty

Our vision is to provide improved drinking water to better the quality of life of people living in rural areas of developing countries

The water crisis is huge and access to clean water plays a crucial role in combating poverty. Rural populations worldwide search long distances and rely on open-source surface water for drinking, cooking, washing and everyday living.

Our aim is to impact as many people as possible by increasing access to safe water and influencing sustainable development to the beneficiaries we serve.

BridgIT Water strongly believes that the corporate world and individuals should be encouraged to embrace their altruistic natures and be a force for good to make the world a better place. Business, corporations and individuals in the developed world have a social responsibility to create social change in the global community to bridge the gap that separates privileged nations from those not so lucky.

OUR WORK SEEKS TO DRIVE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable Rural Development - A hand up not a hand out

BridgIT's intention is that the infrastructure we provide into our rural communities will last for years and provide clean, safe water to the people far into the future. Beneficiary communities mustn't be dependent on aid for the continued operation of the new water resource and it is crucial to implement sustainability strategies.

Our partners provide training to representatives of each beneficiary community to engage and empower them to take ownership, be self-reliant and independent and to manage their own resource into the future.

Focused Interventions

When providing a water system, BridgIT focuses on the most impoverished project areas and evidence of non-existent water infrastructure. 3 out of 4 people in developing countries live in rural areas and mostly depend on subsistence agriculture for their survival and livelihoods, which is why we concentrate our efforts in rural areas.

Participatory approaches with local partners and communities

Our partners listen to the communities they represent. BridgIT's specially selected grassroots community-based partners establish, develop and maintain our water programs using community-focused bottom-up approaches.

Appropriate water solutions

Approved contractors propose suitable project designs and equipment to ensure the most appropriate and cost-effective technology is installed to meet community need and skill capacity.





Directors Report

Despite a 34% reduction in funding during the Covid pandemic, BridgIT's projects still created considerable impact in 2020/21. We raised \$272,691 to fund clean water systems into 60 community water projects and with this investment, we restored safe water to 79,221 marginalized rural people in Uganda, Ethiopia, Nepal and India. All projects resulted in an average cost of \$3.44 per person.

In these unprecedented times, we must spare a thought for our brothers and sisters in the developing world who don't have access to even the most basic of needs like water. BridgIT's Covid response in 2020/21 was to prioritize accessibility to water in the quickest way possible for our communities. Hence, we focused our attention on refurbishing existing wells in Uganda. The government and other aid organisations have installed many wells in the past, but the communities were not given ownership and could not afford to fix the equipment when it broke down. As a result, there are thousands of such wells across Uganda, but many in poor condition. BridgIT refurbished dozens of these wells during the year enabling 28,000 people immediate access to clean water for domestic uses including hand washing during the pandemic.

Our Covid response also involved providing safe drinking water into Ugandan rural healthcare and school facilities. These facilities are the most accessed and used, but unfortunately, they are the most under facilitated as most of them have no water supply and no electricity. This year, 2 Health Centres and 18 Schools in Uganda's Mukono District became our project beneficiaries. The program allowed a total of 33,530 people, including 2,970 school children to benefit from a safe drinking water bore well on their compounds.

BridgIT prioritizes safety with our country partners. This year was very exciting for our Ugandan partners because we purchased a new Village Drill, producing more wells cheaply and quickly with fewer safety risks. This innovative piece of equipment is a human powered drill designed to drill boreholes to create water access in low-income rural communities. It is performing beyond our expectations and is even able to drill through rock.

BridgIT will stride into the new financial year full of hope and trust that we can continue to offer our donors effective altruism and more beneficiaries access to clean safe water.

2020/2021 AT A GLANCE



Raised For Water Projects



\$272,691

Water Projects Funded



60

People Now Have Access to Safe Water



79,221

Effective Altruism



**\$3.44 Cost Per Person
On Our Yearly Program**

BridgIT's Achievements To Date

Raised For Water Projects	 	\$2,017,107
Water Systems Installed	 	345
People With Safe Water Because Of Our Programs	 	777,859
Total Program Cost Per Capita	 	\$2.59

NEPAL | 6 Community Water Supplies | 791 People Helped

Nepal's extreme geography, uneven community distribution and differences in rural, urban living systems create real water challenges. Water is usually available in rural river valleys, however people living in villages located high in the hills are profoundly impacted by water inaccessibility. Many rural people in Nepal, especially women, must make long, dangerous journeys to reach higher perennial water sources.

BridgIT's goals in Nepal are to improve the health and hygiene of the residents of remote rural villages in the mid mountain region by creating sustainable community managed water supplies. Our water delivery solution involves the installation of piped water systems from clean mountain water sources and the construction of distribution outlets throughout the village.

53 households in Itapani village received a water outlet and 511 village residents now have clean water at their doorsteps.



INDIA | 11 Community Wells | 16,088 People Helped

BridgIT's project beneficiaries in India are the marginalised Dalit (scheduled caste or 'untouchable') rural communities in the Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. In these rural areas there is a high need for safe drinking water infrastructure as resources are limited and households have no access to piped water schemes to meet drinking and domestic water needs.

Water has been used to establish power over lower castes and as an instrument of social suppression. Women, particularly from the economically weaker Tribal Dalits, suffer the most because of discriminatory access to drinking water.

In India, BridgIT aims to create sustainable, community managed water supplies to improve the health and hygiene of the marginised Dalit communities in the Chittoor District. Our water delivery solution involves the construction of drilled boreholes fitted with Indian MKII hand pumps, located centrally in the beneficiary communities.

1,473 residents of Thavanam Palli Village, Andhra Pradesh received a drilled borehole in September 2020 and now have access to clean water in their village.



UGANDA | 38 Community Wells | 82,208 People Helped

The bulk of BridgIT's funding for this financial year has been directed to our Ugandan program because of the overwhelming need. Close to half of Uganda's population lacks access to safe water and findings reveal that distance was regarded as a constraint to access a safe water supply. Over 60% of the rural household's report that they currently travel up to 2km or more to access safe water. Accessible water wells in the village greatly improves the quality of life for the women and children tasked with fetching water.

BridgIT's approach in Uganda is based on the Self-Help model. BridgIT and our Ugandan partner ensure that sustainability strategies are implemented on all our projects. Our scope of work in Uganda involves locating hand drilled boreholes centrally in rural communities with the newly acquired Village Drill. The project activity involves siting, manual drilling, the construction of bore head works and the training of Water User Committees on sustainability strategies.

A refurbished well at Bukasa village gave 1,200 residents access to clean water in their village.



OUR COVID RESPONSE

Refurbish Existing Bores

In sub-saharan Africa, one in every three bore-wells is in non-working order

During the Covid pandemic, BridgIT prioritized refurbishing existing wells because it is a quick and inexpensive way to restore access to safe water for communities so that proper hygiene can be practiced as a means of controlling the spread of the virus. Refurbishments have been very successful in our Ugandan program.

Refurbishing a bore is a very cheap, reliable option creating immediate access to water, with low maintenance and running costs making the refurbished well an excellent water solution.

In sub-Saharan Africa, one in every three bore-wells is in non-working order, most commonly due to broken hand pumps used to pump groundwater. Because, in the past, many governments or non-government organisations have come in with a drill team drilled a bore and left. There was rarely any training on bore maintenance or the establishment of water management strategies.

When the pump eventually needs repair, the communities cannot do so because of the lack of resources, proper management or any sense of ownership. In most cases, the repair only requires an overhaul of the hand pump assembly, but this cost is way too high for the communities to fund if they have not been pooling together a maintenance fund over a period of time.

Kazinga community in rural Uganda was one of 24 villages to receive a refurbished borehole in January 2021.

| 24 Wells | 27,821 People Helped



Safe Water for Healthcare Facilities



| 2 Wells | 21,000 People Helped

Rural health facilities don't have access to clean water in Uganda

The availability of WASH utilities, especially safe water supplies, at healthcare facilities is essential for preventing and treating disease and directly reduces the disease burden.

The lack of safe water and poor hygiene practices in some healthcare facilities are a source of infection. Patients seeking treatment may fall ill and potentially die due to a lack of basic sanitation. Therefore, providing safe water supplies at healthcare facilities is essential for treating diseases, which is why BridgIT prioritises water projects at healthcare centres.

In Uganda, the situation is dire. Patients and health care workers currently have to carry their own water, often from many kilometres away, to use at the health centre.

A Health facility water system serves catchment populations of 20,000 to 40,000 or more and the water system is generally shared with the surrounding community.

Patients and staff of Kigola and Namasumbi Health Centre in Uganda received repairs to their existing wells allowed 9,000 and 15,000 people respectively in the catchment areas access to clean safe water for sanitation during Covid.

Safe Water for Schools

Thousands of students head to class every year with no clean drinking water supply

A major requirement for Ugandan schools to reopen during the Covid pandemic is that they should have a running water source within on the compound or within 500mtrs. Unfortunately, most rural schools lack access to water in order to carry out basic handwashing, which is a key condition for schools to reopen so they can operate safely in the midst of the pandemic.

The schools in BridgIT's Ugandan program are located in the rural areas of Mukono District and all access water from surface ponds an average of 2km away from their school compounds. Providing a safe and secure water well on the school compound will also impact the broader community as the surrounding community will also have use of the well.

During the year BridgIT supplied wells into 18 rural Ugandan schools enabling them to reopen and restoring hope in obtaining an education to the pupils.



| 18 Wells | 6,000 Pupils Helped



SOLUTION HIGHLIGHT

Innovative manual borehole drilling technology for our Ugandan program

With the help of some wonderful funders, BridgIT purchased [The Village Drill](#) for our Ugandan partners to solve technical, safety and financial challenges experienced by the existing construction methods used to secure ground water.

The Village Drill is a US manufactured human powered drill modelled on an operating concept spun out of conventional mechanized water well boring. The Village Drill reduces the complexity and labour-intensive processes employed by the hand digging construction method, is strong enough to penetrate nearly all substrates, yet portable enough to move into the deepest rural regions where there is the greatest need and the least reliable access.

The Ugandan team were very excited when the equipment cleared customs in Kampala in March and has now constructed a number of wells very successfully.

The Village Drill has many benefits:

- **Reduces safety risks**
- **Assembles in under two hours**
- **Fits in the back of a small truck**
- **Bore deeper wells with greater water yield**
 - **Quicker to complete each well**



PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Prompt Action

We address the urgency of clean safe water for the communities we serve. Typically, within 1 month of your donation, thousands of people will have access to safe water ~ perhaps for the first time in their lives. We aim to deliver our projects quickly, effectively and efficiently.

Accessible Location

Every well is located within 300mtrs from most village households saving recipients time on water collection and more time for economic advancement.

Economic Development

Improving the water supply means people can pursue income-generating activities. With so much time and energy spent on water collection, there is insufficient time to perform productive activities. People can direct money previously spent on health-related issues to family needs and entrapeneurial businesses.

Conduct Standards

As a signatory organisation with the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID), BridgIT Water's partnerships and aid development activities are in alignment with the Australian Government Guidelines for international aid.



Donor Satisfaction

Effective altruism. Our programs are cost effective and can convert even the smallest of donations into great outcomes ensuring value-for-donor-buck. We keep our donors well informed of project progress from the start of the project through to a comprehensive Completion Report

Empowering Women & Girls

Women's voices may not be heard as men are historically the community leaders. We challenge this cultural dynamic when we install a water well as we ensure that women's opinions are listened to and that they have representation on village Water User Committees.



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OUR AWESOME SUPPORTERS

Trusts & Foundations

The Very Good Foundation | Perpetual Philanthropic Services
The Desmond Prentice Charitable Fund | Perpetual Philanthropic Services
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Bakonyi Global Aid Trustees
Incite Foundation
Axel Pitzner Foundation Denmark

Water Project Sponsors

Kent Family
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Tisdell Family
Dwan Family
Walk4Water 100

Corporates & Community Partners

Wine To Water | Little Ripples Wine
Westpac Banking Corp
The Wild Medic Project | Killary View Trust
Grill'd Eatons Hill, Brisbane

International Ambassadors

BridgIT Water Foundation USA and our US donors
BridgIT Water Foundation Denmark and our Danish donors

In-Kind Donations

Nexia Brisbane Accountants – Accounting and Financial Auditing
Books, BAS & Payroll – Book Keeping & Accounting Services



Supporting People in Need



BOOKS, BAS & PAYROLL

MANAGEMENT BOARD

BridgIT’s Directors and board members value the relationship with our clients, members, donors, volunteers and other stakeholders who partner with us to enable us to achieve our purpose. BridgIT’s board ensures that it complies with its legal and contractual reporting obligations and understands that being open and honest with the activities we undertake, the funding we receive and the people we help is key to the ongoing success of achieving our mission, our programs and managing our financial situation.

Officers on the Board

Wendy Tisdell OAM: Founding Director and Chairman
 Mark Tisdell: Technical & Risk Director
 Josephine Wycherley: Financial Director
 Graham Howlett: I.T & Marketing
 Melinda Metcalfe: Treasurer, Accounting and Book Keeping
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 Ethiopia: Association Development Horn, Addis Ababa – adhorn2005@hotmail.com



FINANCIALS

Profit & Loss Report

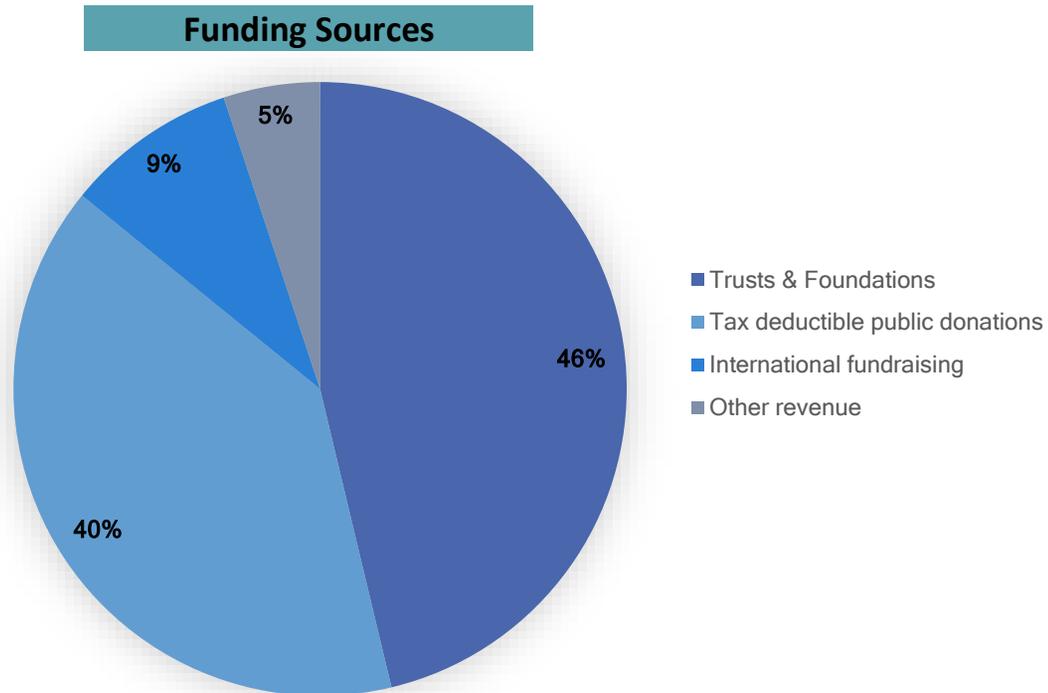
	2021FY	2020FY	2019FY
Revenue			
Donations – Tax deductible gifts from the public	107,971	129,774	61,317
Donations – International	24,700		14,962
Donations – Trusts and Foundations	126,139	218,370	333,096
Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) contributions	13,872	13,156	9,646
Interest Income	9	38	
Total Revenue	272,691	361,300	419,021
Operating Expenses			
Cost of international projects	212,119	423,837	355,039
Program support costs	25,511	37,706	48,408
Operating costs including: marketing; bank charges & fees; commissions; insurance; memberships; office; subscriptions; travel	11,245	9,414	14,169
Total Operating Expenses	248,875	470,957	417,616
Net Earnings	23,816	(109,657)	1,405

Balance Sheet Report

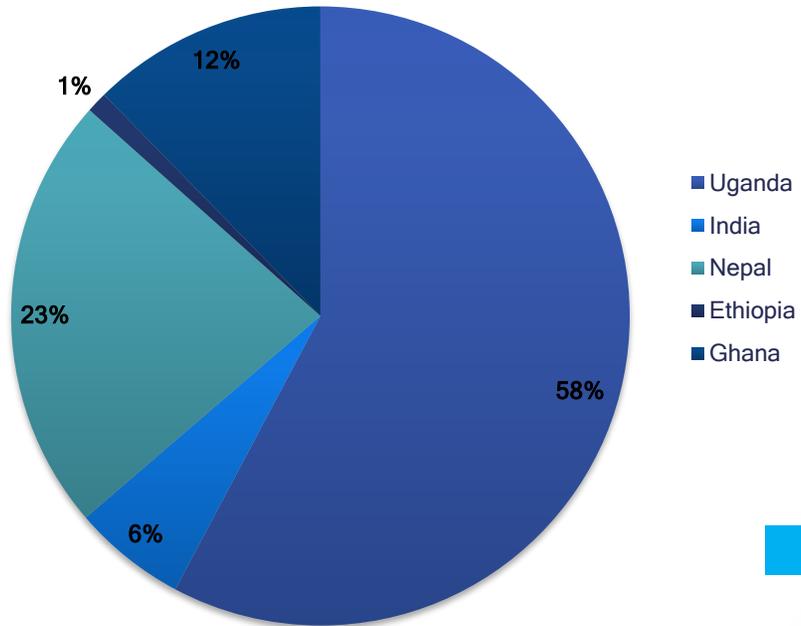
	2021FY	2020FY	2019FY
Assets			
BridgIT AUD\$ Fund Account	46,159	21,834	129,519
BridgIT US\$ Account	41		202
Total Current Assets	46,200	21,834	129,721

Liabilities			
Total Current Liabilities	550	-	(1,771)
Net Assets	45,650	21,834	131,491
Current year earnings			1,405
Board designated operating reserve	5,000		
Total shareholders' equity	40,650		
Total liabilities and equity	45,650	21,834	131,491

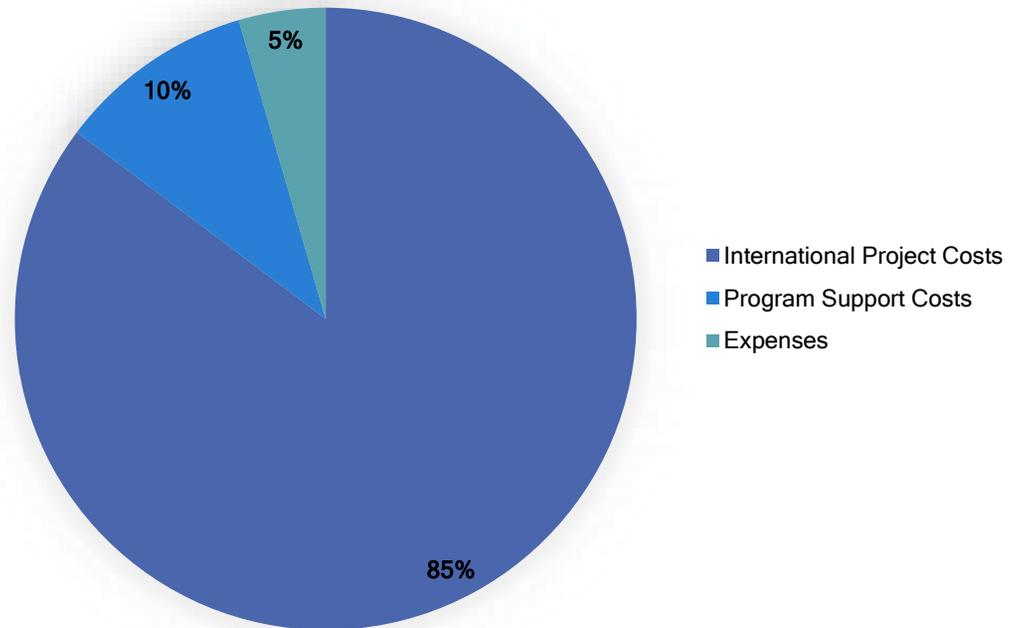
BridgIT’s program costs are funded by our water project sponsors. Our staff are voluntary which means that our operational overhead costs are covered by program support costs.



Where our funding went



Allocation of expenditure



Independent Auditors Report



BridgIT Water is accountable for its activities, accepts responsibility for them and transparently discloses the results with audited financial reports. Our financial accounts are audited annually by an independent auditor, Nexia Australia.

The Financial Statements of BridgIT Water Foundation comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information refer to <https://acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct>.

BridgIT Water Foundation Ltd

ABN 34 139 883 775

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of BridgIT Water Foundation Ltd, the directors of the Company declare that, in the directors' opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 1 to 9, satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and:
 - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the Company; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Director WENDY TISDELL

Director [Signature]

Dated this 27th day of October 2021

Auditor's Independence Declaration Under ACNC Act Section 60-40 to the Directors of BridgIT Water Foundation Ltd

As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of BridgIT Water Foundation Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2021, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2021 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit, and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION

The overwhelming need for clean, safe water supplies in the developing world requires additional assistance from generous supporters. The world needs individuals, philanthropists and corporates to embrace their Social Responsibility and play a role in tackling some of the water scarcity challenges facing our global community.

Sponsor a Water Project

Leave your legacy and sponsor a community, school or health clinic water well, in your name. Donate the full cost of a water project to provide safe, accessible drinking water to people in need for years to come.

- Support education and sponsor a water supply at a rural school
- Support health and sponsor a water supply to a rural village or healthcare facility
- Support animal conservation and sponsor a water supply to a rural village in a wildlife conflict region in Africa

Corporate Partnerships

Corporate Social Responsibility provides an opportunity for businesses to contribute donations, long-term financial grants or non-financial support to benefit society while positively boosting their brands.

Fundraise

There are many ways to fundraise regardless of where you live or your age. Start a crowd funding campaign, hold an event, capitalize on special days such as holidays or birthdays to amplify your fundraiser or perform a personal challenge.

Volunteer

If you're keen to volunteer and have skills in any of the following areas, we are always looking for like-minded people to become part of the BridgIT team with in-kind donations or services in: Fundraising; Accounting / Financial; Marketing; Engineering; I.T; and Community Development.

BridgIT Ambassador

Become part of the BridgIT team like Tom in San Francisco or Mia in Copenhagen. Our ambassadors spread awareness about our work and help us form meaningful partnerships with individuals and corporate sponsors.



**HERE'S TO HELPING MORE
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