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Sea of Love

Our dearest members of Team&Team International,

We are now standing in the middle of 2018. It is as if we have climbed to the top of a mountain. It is now time to look back at what we have achieved during the ascent and settle on the strategy for the time to come. I hope all of you have a rewarding and meaningful time for the remainder of the year. During the first half of the year, Team&Team International continued supplying drinking water to the Turkana County in Kenya and provided emergency relief to the flood-hit Tana River County in Kenya. We also supported the drinking water securing project in Sierra Leone following the spread of the Ebola virus. Additionally, we have undertaken a basic survey to support Rohingya refugees suffering from disputes.

I hope that 2018 will become a special year for our nation. We feel the light of new hope after 70 years since the establishment of the government of our nation and 65 years since the national division. We anticipate that North Korea will change amid this hopeful atmosphere, freeing itself from the stigma of the last land of disputes resulted from the division. If the path of reconciliation and exchanges is opened, we will run to North Korea, our destitute neighbor and brother, to dispense unconditional love. Team&Team International has accumulated the experience of conducting the drinking water supply project in North Korea in 2004, during the period of cooperation and exchanges between South and North Korea. Leaving ideologies and regions aside, Team&Team International will go wherever love is needed to offer our unconditional love.

Alphonse Daudet said love is like the salt in the sea. The salt embraces the sea to nourish life and love embraces a human being to nourish the life. Team&Team International will make efforts to become the salt that saves lives around the globe. We will build a sea of love to embrace people to protect life. And if the opportunity comes, we will not hesitate to deliver love and life to our brothers living in North Korea, the last territory suffering from division and disputes.

We will not forget your love for the time remaining in 2018. Please be careful to be in good health during the sweltering summer and be well until we meet again.



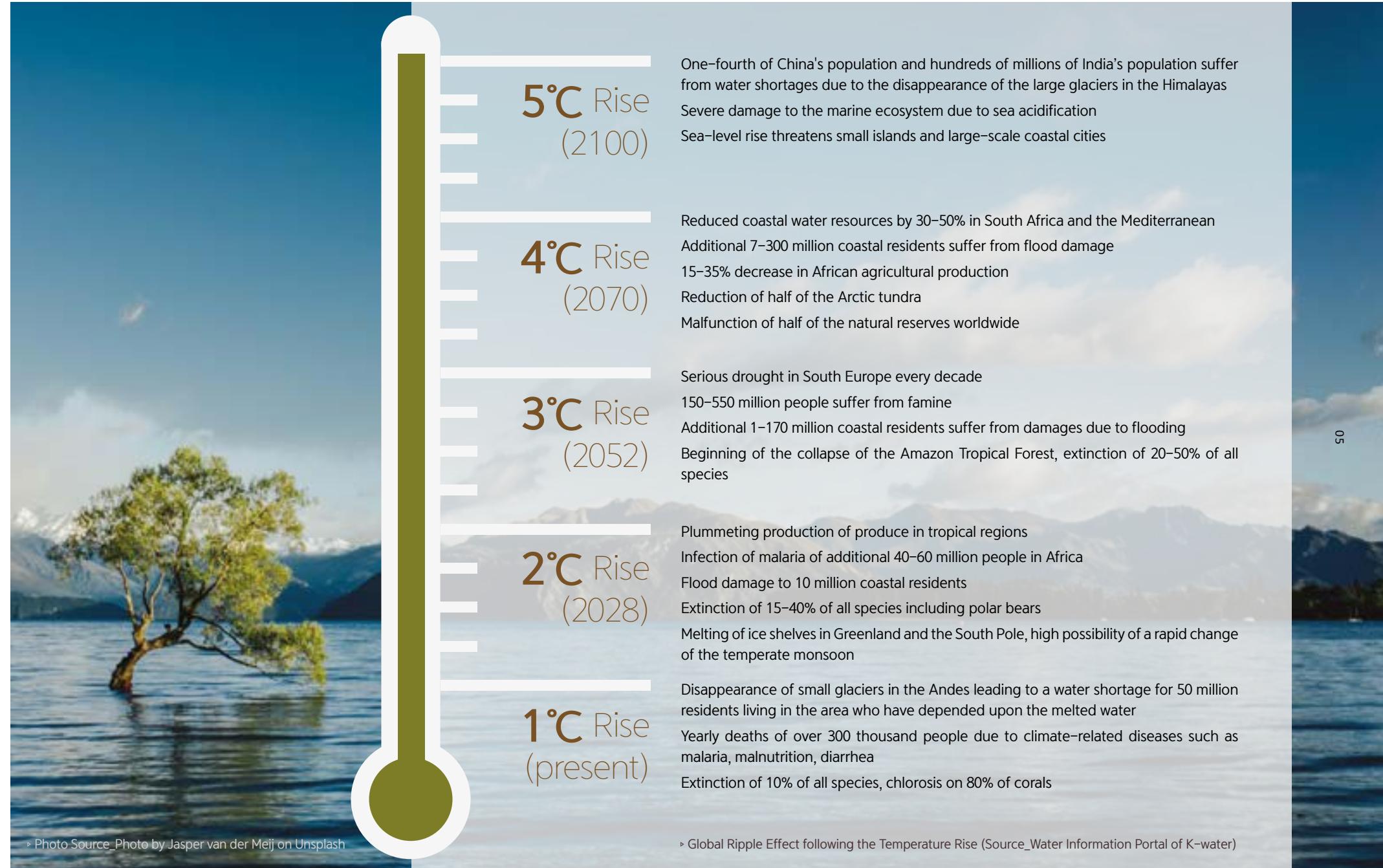
A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Kangsoo Baek" written in a stylized, cursive script.

Kangsoo Baek
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Climate Change and the New Dimension of Water Crisis

Written by Team&Team International Program Team

We are living at a point where we cannot help but accept the obvious fact that the rise in the global average temperature and sea temperature, the extensive melting of snow and ice, and the rise in the sea level are the results of global warming occurring over the past decades. The voices to advocate the protection of the penguins living in the South Pole and the polar bears living in the North Pole are no more solely the concerns of environmental organizations as the seriousness of the issue is beyond the level of a risk. This is even truer since we are in a situation where experts predict that even a one-degree Celsius temperature rise of the Earth can lead to an enormous ripple effect.





The Changes Threatening Our Everyday Lives

The issue of climate change is no longer a story of others or other countries. We are already experiencing the change through the forecasts that this summer will be hotter than the sweltering summer of 1994, which is recorded as the hottest summer. The unusual weather and unpredictable environmental changes that never occurred in the past are having a direct impact on our daily lives.

Starting from many decades ago, water-related damages due to climate change have occurred in many parts of the world in the form of severe droughts and extreme floods. Here are examples of South America: Brazil suffered floods and landslides in April 2010 due to heavy rain in Rio de Janeiro, which killed at least 104 people and resulted in 1,200 refugees; the worst drought in October of the same year reached the lowest water level of the Amazon River since 1902, followed by a few years later in May 2012, the most extreme drought in 30 years struck its northeastern region, where 4 million residents suffered damages such as the suspension of the water supply and the death of livestock.

Traces of Drought and Flood

What about the situation in Africa when droughts and floods caused by climate change occur? We should say that the governments of most countries have no means to respond promptly. In Kenya, a representative nation of East Africa saw 21 people die and 30,000 people become refugees due to floods in early 2010, during the similar period as the disaster in Brazil. In the following year, the worst drought in 60 years not only in Kenya but throughout East Africa resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of people and caused serious hunger to more than 11.7 million people.

There have been drought and flood damages continually occurring in Kenya from 2014 to the present. Moreover, the damages have made the sanitary environment for the residents worse, so their infection of cholera, a waterborne disease, is reported more frequently than in previous years. According to a formal report, about 5,561 people have caught cholera and about 78 people have died from the disease since last year. In May 2018, there were serious flood damages in Turkana, Garissa, and Tana River County, resulting in 180 deaths, about 310,000 refugees, and the destruction of large-scale water supply facilities including dams.

It may seem strange why droughts and floods alternate within the same country, even in the same region. But you should be reminded of the fact that although the two types of natural disasters that occur due to too much rainfall or no rain seem to be different, they are actually caused by the same reason. Climate change, including global warming, causes abnormal atmospheric circulation, which is difficult to foresee and often accompanies seriously intensive rainfall or drought. This climate change belongs to new dimensional crisis that harm the helpless people living in developing countries who have adapted themselves to the climate.

Movement for Change

What kind of aid can we offer in this situation? The manually operated hand pump by groundwater development, provided by Team&Team International, is an optimized system for supplying drinking water to small villages suffering from chronic shortages of water. If we contribute to the securing of safe drinking water sources for each village during droughts, it is necessary to seek a new approach when the villages that have been suffering from droughts are damaged from floods and the villagers are living in temporary shelters as victims.

The affected residents will return to their villages and use water with the hand pump once it is confirmed that the villages are safe from the damages caused by floods and droughts. To supply clean water in a sustainable way to the residents, the aquifer must be protected from pollutants that may flow in from the ground surface. Heightening the slab that is installed around the hand pump and keeping the surroundings of the hand pump clean would be among the ways to keep the water clean.

Additionally, in this situation where the village is damaged by floods, it is critical to prevent water from flooding in the sanitary facilities, especially in the septic tanks of the toilets, as well as in drinking water facilities. The design of the toilets must be made in consideration of the height of the floor, the toilets must have toilet covers attached, and the residents must actively manage the sanitary facilities including the toilets. Ultimately, improved building facilities that are optimized for both drought and flood damages caused by climate change is our challenge.

Efforts to reduce the onset of waterborne diseases owing to floods and droughts can be made not only by building facilities and managing them, but also by promoting the personal sanitation and hygiene of individuals, which is another domain of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion). Team&Team International is leading the comprehensive WASH Program for supporting flood victims in the Tana River area in Kenya, based on its know-how accumulated from the experience of providing effective aid to Nepal and Ecuador that were damaged by earthquakes by supplying safe drinking water and sanitary facilities and improving the hygiene of individuals and households, in response to emergency situations.



Tana River, Kenya Drought and Flood Emergency Response

Written by Team&Team Public Relations Team

Many disasters are occurring around the world due to unpredictable climate patterns. Africa, among others, is facing an even more serious crisis due to the hunger and thirst caused by climate change such as droughts and floods. As a result, about 16 million people have suffered from droughts in East Africa alone. Of these, over three million people had to leave their villages and the remaining 13 million are living amid a food crisis.

Status of Damage Caused by Drought and Flooding in Tana River County

Tana River County in Kenya, one of the target regions of the projects by Team&Team International, is also severely suffering from climate change. The region has a water pan, an artificial reservoir capable of storing around 20,000 tons of water to continuously supply water during droughts, but it has finally run dry due to the prolonged drought since last year. The residents are sustaining their lives with stagnate water they can access only after deeply digging into the dry ground. Over hundreds of households in the damaged drought-stricken village had to leave for other regions to obtain water and breed their livestock. Thus, the children could not attend school, and at the same time, the school has been in distress because of the lack of students.



Last April, Tana River County, which had been exhausted and weakened by the drought, was hit by an opposite crisis, flooding, due to the climate change. The flood caused damage to over 40 regions in Kenya and affected over 332 thousand people. In Tana River County alone, more than 150 thousand people moved to evacuation facilities.

Floods not only flooded the villages, but caused the sewage in septic tanks of toilets to back up, causing infections of waterborne diseases. In the worsening sanitary environment caused by droughts and floods, the risk of contagious diseases has become ever more prevalent. Paul Wanyonyi, the assistant county commissioner of Tana River, asked for assistance for the affected residents of the Tana River area in the face of crisis following droughts and floods.

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Support from charity organizations is urgently needed to provide food and safe sanitation facilities for residents who have no place to escape from disasters after the droughts and floods.

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Our Response

Team&Team International launched emergency response efforts to supply drinking water and improve sanitation for the stricken population in Tana River County. The village of Odoganda, an arid area, was especially suffering from drought damage, making it difficult for the residents to even obtain contaminated water. Team&Team International helped the villagers with safe and clean water by operating a potable drinking water truck. Also, we installed water tank and water supply facilities throughout the village, helping residents to stably get drinking water during the drought. We are planning to supply drinking water through the development of groundwater for the residents of Odoganda

after we conclude with the emergency response to the floods that is in progress so they can have access to drinking water during droughts.

As a countermeasure against the flood damage in Tana River County that occurred even before the emergency response to the drought was completed, Team&Team International conducted a preliminary investigation of the affected area and established a plan for emergency response through a meeting with the local government. Team&Team International distributed drinking water buckets and hygiene kits to 263 households that had moved to evacuation facilities and has built clean toilets for them for safe sanitary use.

Having suffered from both droughts and floods caused by climate change, the lives of the residents of Tana River County would by no means be able to return to as they were before in a short period of time. Nevertheless, none of the residents of the temporary shelters gave up on their lives or became frustrated, but rather rebuilt their normal way of life. Team&Team International will stand by the residents of Tana River County in order to help them with restoration of their normal lives through water and sanitation support. We ask for your continued interest and support for these residents to overcome the crisis of climate change and return to their happy daily lives.





Happiness that Comes from Water

Written by Team&Team International Program Team

On March 2016, the end of the Ebola outbreak was officially declared in Sierra Leone, and the awareness was fostered that the poor hygiene of drinking water and the general area was the major obstacle to the prevention of and response to diseases. In recognition of the importance of water management, the Sierra Leone government adopted the effective National Emergency Response Plan (NERP) in WASH fields to be equipped with adequate water sanitation infrastructure and resilience. In addition, the National Water Resources Management Agency (NWRMA) established in 2017 to emphasize the importance of water resources as the basis for disease management.

A New Beginning in Bonthe and Kono

As of 2015, the distribution rate of drinking water pipes decreased from 6% to 5%, compared to 1990. As for other drinking water facilities that were improved, the overall distribution rate surged from 31% to 51%, but there remains a large gap between the urban and rural areas as they respectively record a rate of 74% and 47%. In general, the nation's supply of safe water resources is at a very low level, which is considered to be a major risk for preventing future epidemic and waterborne diseases such as cholera and Ebola and enhancing the national resilience.

The '2017-2018 POST-EBOLA recovery project for supporting drinking water facilities' that is currently being undertaken by Team&Team International is a follow-up project of the '2015-2016 POST-EBOLA recovery project for supporting drinking water facilities,' in consideration of the major tasks of the Sierra Leonean government. The '2015-2016 POST-EBOLA recovery project for supporting drinking water facilities' was implemented for local residents who live in regions with poor drinking water and sanitary facilities after the spread of the Ebola virus.

The '2017-2018 POST-EBOLA recovery project for supporting drinking water facilities' aims to decrease the attack rates of waterborne diseases such as Ebola and cholera in the future by building and restoring drinking water facilities in the nation's Southern Bonthe and Eastern Kono (groundwater development: 20 boreholes / repair of water pumps: 500 units / repair of wells: 50 spots) and by enhancing the capability of the residents (providing education related to the drinking water facility management and basic sanitation).

The water supply facility support and restoration projects by Team&Team International combine the groundwater development and the rehabilitation of existing water facilities. The existing facilities are divided into the wells run by manpower and manual pumps to be maintained or repaired. Just the maintenance of the previously abandoned facilities can lead to the same effect as the development of a new well, allowing residents to use clean and safe drinking water again. Last May, we completed 12 boreholes of groundwater development and 200 pump repairs in Bonthe, and now developing 8 boreholes of groundwater and doing 300 pump repairs in Kono.

In a village where the support project for the drinking water supply facility restoration is completed, a manager of the water supply facility is elected. The appointed manager presents reports on the drinking water facility, helps the residents to use the pump properly, and keeps the surrounding environment clean to maintain a high-quality water source. The active participation and assistance of residents are essential for the sustainable use of drinking water sources. Team&Team International establishes

a water resource committee composed of the residents through the resident capacity enhancement project so that they can share their roles in managing the drinking water source.

We also provide basic education for the maintenance of the pump, disseminate manuals, and offer drinking water hygiene kits to promote the sustainable use of the drinking water and healthy sanitary lives of the villagers. After completion of the support project for restoring the drinking water facilities in Bonthe and Kono, we will commence with the resident capacity enhancement project after the monsoon season in August.

Sharing Happiness Through Water, By No Means is an Easy Task

In Bonthe, where our project was conducted in the first half of this year, the last village for groundwater development through the project was without a single drinking facility for its residents. The residents were using unsafe water from the adjacent swamps, and the nearby school also was vulnerable to insanitation due to water shortages, which made them easily exposed to malaria and typhoid. On the first day the groundwater development team arrived in the village, the residents welcomed and greeted the team with singing and dancing, and they stood by the team until the day the development was finished and expressed their gratitude that they now did not have to go far away to draw water.

Bonthe is one of the regions in Sierra Leone where rutile mining is prevalent leading the local residents to become highly distrustful of the team working on the project and extracting geological samples to develop new drinking water resources. Team&Team International often encourages the participation of the residents in order to raise their sense of ownership for the long-term maintenance of the drinking water facilities established through the project, but it was difficult to gain cooperation from the residents due to their doubts. However, as the project progressed, the people's mistrust turned into trust, and they paid gratitude

and greetings every day until the end of the project. Team&Team Sierra Leone said they had a delightful and rewarding time with the residents.

There aren't always such joyful moments. In April, due to climate change, Sierra Leone met the rainy season (normally, the rainy season is from May-November with the heaviest rain occurring in August), having the soil of the riverbank washed away due to the downpours. The weakened ground collapsed and the Team&Team International vehicle, which was boarding a ship to cross the river to move to the area, was flooded. It would have been catastrophic if had led to the loss of lives, but both the team and the vehicle were safe thanks to quick, proper judgment and action.

On the other hand, there was a case where residents refused to receive benefits from the project after the change of the government. In March, Julius Maada Bio of SLPP (Sierra Leone People's Party) was elected as president through general elections. Bonthe is where the new president was born and its approval rating for the current government is high.

As the regime changed, three villages in Bonthe that were formerly selected by the Ministry of Water Resources of Sierra Leone as target villages for the groundwater development refused to receive benefits from the project that was approved by the previous government. Fortunately, we negotiated with the delegates of two of the villages to proceed with the project as planned, but the other village had to be replaced with another village in the end. As we conduct projects, we face these kinds of never expected situations often, which makes me as the person in charge startled, but I am grateful that I have colleagues who share their strengths and walk together along the way.

We have walked halfway through our work for the year. We will spend the remaining six months continuing to work for the residents to provide clean drinking water for everyone to use, as well as to offer a sanitary environment to keep them safe from infectious diseases such as Ebola and cholera.

[The '2017-2018 POST-EBOLA Recovery Project for Supporting Drinking Water Facilities' is a project in cooperation with KOICA, under project implementation management.]



A New Challenge at Turkana

Written by Team&Team Public Relations Team

Turkana County, the poorest among the 47 counties in Kenya, is located in arid and semi-arid lands, and it is very difficult to obtain clean water in the area. The residents are suffering from droughts and floods caused by climate change. Some of the local schools were on vacations than planned earlier due to the lack of water available for students, so the children of Turkana County are losing their opportunity to receive continuing education.

What Must Be Done in Turkana While Fighting for Water

Having weak socioeconomic infrastructure, Turkana County is in need of support for drinking water and a sanitary environment that are closely linked to the basic life of its residents. The percentage of people who have access to safe drinking water in the region amounts to only 43.7%, which is less than half of the population, and the percentage of people who benefit from improved sanitation facilities comes to a mere 17.8%, which is significantly lower than Kenya's average of 87.8%. Their unsanitary lifestyle, including drinking unsafe water and urinating in the streets, is making them more vulnerable to the infection of waterborne diseases such as cholera.



Sanitary Report on Local School in Turkana County

The drinking water and sanitary environment at schools, where many children are receiving an education, is also very poor. As of 2017, 50.7% of the students were absent from school due to water shortages caused by droughts in Turkana County. Only 27.1% of schools in the county maintain toilets properly, and only 9.3% of schools meet the minimum sanitary standards. Even if appropriate sanitation facilities are provided, the school management committee is not operated well, so the proper measures for maintenance are not available. A preliminary survey of the drinking water and sanitation conducted in a few schools in the Turkana County by Team&Team International shows that the water used by students contained the virus that could cause diarrhea, that there were more than 100 users per toilet, and that most of the schools were not equipped with a facility to wash hands. In such a poor sanitary environment at school, the health and education of students were being threatened.

Team&Team International has initiated a project to improve the sanitary environment of drinking water in schools so the students in Turkana County can enjoy a healthy school life. We visited target schools to investigate whether they are equipped with water supply and sanitary facilities, their form, accessibility, and penetration rate in order to ultimately select which schools to support. Currently, we are carrying out drinking water support and a sanitary environment improvement project at two schools, Lochore-dome Elementary School and Makutano Elementary School. For the next three years, we will construct solar-energy-based water supply systems at a total of six schools in Turkana County to provide safe drinking water and we will also progress activities by which the accessibility to the drinking water and sanitary facilities can be enhanced, aiming to help the schools independently maintain and manage their water supply systems.

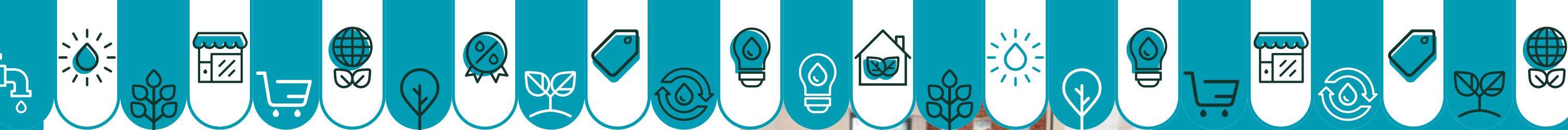
Healthy Changes in Turkana County Made by Students

Through the school environment improvement projects in Turkana County, Kenya, we provide sanitary education and training to help school members lead a healthy and safe school life and encourage the voluntary practice of sanitary activities in school. We are planning to provide teachers and parents with health and hygiene TOT (Training of Trainers) so that they can educate students about basic sanitation and female students about sanitation during their periods.

We will also organize the in-school health and hygiene club to help students actively and voluntarily create an improved sanitary environment in their school, ensuring that all students enjoy an environment where they can practice healthy and ongoing sanitary activities. In addition, we will encourage the active engagement of parent committees and neighborhood village committees so that students can engage in active hygiene activities not only at school but also at home. The health and hygiene education and sanitation promotion campaign will raise the awareness of students and residents about basic health and hygiene so they can drink safe drinking water and live a sanitary life.

Clean water not only reduces the outbreak of diseases and decrease poverty, but protects the future of the students. Safe water, education, and training that aims for continuous change and improvement will shift the region's future and brighten the residents' tomorrow.

[*The school environment improvement projects in Turkana County, Kenya* is a private-public joint project in cooperation with KOICA.]



Good Water Market

Looking for the Future of Water in Nature

Written by Team&Team Public Relations Team

To celebrate World Water Day, the day for remembering the importance of water and raising awareness of water issues around the world, we opened a campaign in the form of Good Water Market, a charity bazaar. As a venue to introduce the notion of upcycling, an alternative to protecting the environment beyond having an interest in environmental and water problems, Good Water Market was created to attract more active engagement of the visitors by selling eco-friendly/upcycled products.

World Water Day is a day designated by the UN to prevent water shortages and water pollution that has gradually been becoming more serious and to recall the importance and preciousness of clean water. The theme for World Water Day 2018 is 'Nature for Water,' emphasizing the need to restore the water circulation through the restoration of nature to solve water problems such as droughts and floods.

For World Water Day 2018, Team&Team International opened Good Water Market with the participation of upcycling/eco-friendly brands, in order to raise awareness of water and environmental issues around the world and to encourage quotidian eco-friendly consumption. The Picker, a lifestyle brand that advocates a zero waste campaign, co-organized the event. Participating in the market-formatted campaign, The Picker provides eco-friendly groceries and healthy meals without the packaging that is harmful to the environment such as plastic bags to promote a healthier and more valuable way of consumption. Also, a variety of eco-friendly brands, Nukak, With My, and Round Lab, to name a few, took part in the event.

Upcycling brands recycle wastes and thrown-away things to give them a fresh design and value and to transform them into a new product. They use end of service life goods and waste materials such as banners, bicycles, and waste paper so the waste of resources and the generation of waste can be reduced without the need for the production of raw materials to prevent environmental pollution during the process of wastes. In running Good Water Market, Team&Team International was able to broaden publicity for World Water Day 2018 with the eco-friendly and upcycling brands.



In addition to the sales of eco-friendly and upcycled products, we also prepared an upcycling one-day class at the market. In the class led by the upcycling brand Nukak, participants were able to make two keychains with waste banners. This allowed the participants to use the product they made with the abandoned material with their own hands.

At one of the corners at the market, various programs were operated to raise awareness of the worldwide water issues. Visitors could get secondhand experience of the daily lives of African children through board games and VR. These programs at Good Water Market introduced unfamiliar water issues to the visitors in diverse, interesting ways.

Good Water Market on World Water Day 2018 provided a meaningful time in which we become concerned with the global water issues together and took part in making a healthy environment to address the issues. The proceeds of Good Water Market, which was run with a lot of participants, will be used for emergency response activities for victims of floods in Tana River County.



True Definition of Success

Written by Team&Team Public Relations Team

How did you come to join Team&Team International?

When I was a university student, I was participating in SAM activities, an African student movement, where I joined in the discussion on ‘SDGs and achieving development goals in Kenya.’ As I continued the debate with several students, I got to know that Team&Team International contributed to accomplishing the SDGs including the drinking water supply through WASH projects. I thought it would be great if I could also devote myself to the development of Kenya. After consideration, I became a volunteer for Team&Team International during a long vacation and took part in the project that was conducted in Tana River County. I found it fascinating that Team&Team International supported the basic life of the residents by supplying clean water and supporting sanitation, by which it makes the world better. So I decided to work for Team&Team International as a full-time worker after graduating.

Was there a catalyst for your participation in humanitarian activities?

I grew up in Eldoret, which is located in the Northwestern part of Kenya, where a lot of refugees from South Sudan lived. By communicating with them, I could understand their deep concerns. I think that the environment is what garnered my interest in humanitarian activities. I came to define true success as joining in an activity that gives someone hope and having an influence on someone else. I think what I can do is cherish life and help protect the human dignity.

Having grown with refugees living in her neighborhood during childhood, Bittok made up her mind to become a person who gives a helping hand to those in need. As making her dream come true, she has not only caught the need of refugees but understood how they feel. Let's listen to the story of Bittok, the director of Team&Team Garsen Base, who is achieving her dream in Tana River County, Kenya.

What was the most rewarding moment for you while working for Team&Team International?

I feel rewarded and proud when I see children joyfully drinking clean water from a pump that is constructed through the drinking water support project for a village that previously had no drinking water available. In their happy smiles, I can find the difference that we've made.

Which changes would you like to see in Tana River County, the county you are currently working in?

I wish all the residents who reaped benefits from projects by Team&Team International have a stronger sense of ownership to manage the drinking water sources and make their environment cleaner and healthier. I hope many households in Tana River County enjoy a better life, socially or economically, through the education they received, and children having easy access to education.





Small Sharing, Great Delight

Written by Team&Team Public Relations Team

Ok-ja Park, our sponsor who cultivates various crops, got all of the carrots she grew last year stolen. In despair, she recalled something she did: that she once stopped sponsorship for a while because she was in financial difficulty. However, she was able to make a living even after having her carrots stolen. Thus she realized money generates endless greed. Now, she says she will help others before taking her share first. Let's listen to her story.

How did you come to be associated with Team&Team International?

A long time ago, an acquaintance of mine looked so pleased that he celebrated his 60th birthday by having one borehole developed. From his story, I thought I would be glad if I could also give someone clean water as a gift. I was introduced to Team&Team International by someone who knew my desire. Since then, I have supported pump repair and 'Water Sharing of My Child' donation.

You have sponsored pump repair projects since 2013. What made you become our sponsor?

Most people think they can start sharing only after they become well off. But looking back on my life, I find it more memorable when I received something small from someone who was also poor. During my childhood, a friend of my cousin gave me 50 sheets of strawboard paper and said, "Study hard, Ok-ja." The coarse paper and simple remark seem like nothing, but it was what I needed most as a student, so I still remember the moment. This occasion made me decide I would share as much as possible with someone in need, and I'm trying to practice my creed.

What drives you to continue on sharing?

It's the habit of sharing that makes me continue sharing. When I save a little more and consider sharing a priority, I can support the pump repairs for those villages that have no clean water available, and the residents can use the clean water from the pump. This makes me happy. I have this anticipation that I can make others' future better while sharing, and it teaches me the joy of sharing.

What has been the most memorable sharing thus far?

I remember the 'Water Sharing of My Child' the most. My granddaughter, having seen my sharing, said she also wanted to take part in sharing. So I started to sponsor 'Water Sharing of My Child' under the name of my granddaughter. The concept of developing one borehole of groundwater through the participation of 33 children was special.

How would you define sharing?

It is supporting the people who need help. Rather than starting to share after becoming affluent, it is important to begin sharing even something small for those in need. Even when you are not rich, you can help someone quench his or her thirst. I'm not sponsoring because I'm wealthy. Building a single well doesn't seem to bring about global change, but we should practice sharing if it generates a tiny change just for one person in one village.





Anticipating the Fruits of Our Sharing

How did you get to know Team&Team International?

A few years ago, I listened to a lecture by Yongjoo Lee, the executive director of Team&Team International. He talked about the journey Team&Team International took to help neglected people, and his every word touched me and eventually had an impact on all my family members. After listening to his life story, who graduated from Korea Maritime and Ocean University, my elder son said, “Mom, I want to be a sailor, too.” Afterward, my two sons went to Maritime High School to become sailors. Had I not told them the story of Yongjoo Lee, they would not have even realized this path existed. This occasion was the beginning of becoming a sponsor of Team&Team International.

Your son Jinseo Baek took part in fundraising activities since he was a high school student to provide donations for the groundwater development of Team&Team International. The donations he made seem like a large amount for a person to make. How did he do this?

My younger son said that he felt like he knew the joy of giving. He said that at first, being given something seem good at first, but in reality, sharing felt better. He feels rewarded and proud that he was able to support groundwater development on his own, and he wishes to continue sharing to have touching experiences like he has already experienced. After collecting KRW 10 million and sending it to Team&Team International, he said to me, “Mom, I sent it.” I was actually surprised. I felt proud of him seeing he had finally accomplished what he intended to do.

Written by Team&Team Public Relations Team

Sunmi Kwon, president of the Berkeley Language School who has a motto saying, “Learn to Share,” hopes her students will become influential on the global stage. She runs distinctive English classes where students can acquire English in a natural and enjoyable way. She is also the model for the students in practicing sharing as she wishes to teach students how to share.

You are donating KRW 10,000 per student a month at Berkeley Language School, aiming at build one borehole of groundwater. What drove you to begin this sponsorship?

My son (Jinseo Baek) got me to start sharing. If the students have the chance to see their name engraved on a plate, they will unexpectedly feel touched, I think. I hope they remember they did something valuable and grow into someone who aims higher. This is a small start, but it will bear great fruit in the lives of our students.

What do the students of your language school think about the sponsorship that is done under their names?

They are too young to fully understand the ins and outs of the sponsorship, but they will be better aware about sharing when they see the photos of the African village that was provided with clean water and the plate with their names written on. Knowing that they were helpful to those who needed help will have a good influence on them. Even if they can't look at the changes with their own eyes, they can still learn a lot.

What do you wish they could learn through the donation?

The donation culture is not yet settled in South Korea, but I hope my students could learn that small sharing can accumulate into making lots of people happy. It wasn't my student's choice to start donating, but I hope that coming to Berkeley Language School teaches them to give and have a good synergy effect. I would have found it more difficult to practice donating if I didn't make a promise to the students.

Is there something you want to say to those who are considering on making donations?

There's a saying that goes, well begun is half done. It's better to start donating even with a small amount of money. If you start, you will feel like continuing with it, and the things that are done with the money you donate makes you a regular sponsor. If you want to be an example to your children, I recommend on starting a donation. They will see, feel, and learn a lot from donating. The children who see their parents sharing with others will become grownups who can reach out to those in need.



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Headquarters Office

Sharing Agreement Ceremony with Changhae Metal

On January 11, a sharing agreement ceremony for Team&Team International's drinking water support project was held at Changhae Metal office building in Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-do (CEO: Yeong-wan Noh). Changhae Metal promised to provide monthly aid to Team&Team International for the drinking water support project to deliver clean water to African nations that run short of water.

Agreement Ceremony with Wonchang Moolsan

On January 12, an agreement ceremony with Wonchang Moolsan (CEO: Myeongcheol Kim) for Team&Team International's drinking water support project was held at the Team&Team International office. Wonchang Moolsan pledged monthly donations to support Team&Team International's actions for supporting drinking water and emergency responses in African regions.



Yoi System Donation Ceremony

On January 31, a donation ceremony for Team&Team International's drinking water support project was held at the head office of Yoi System, located in Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do. Yoi System is continually participating in the drinking water support project with the Team&Team International since 2011. This time, the funds were raised jointly by Yoi System and Innobiz Association and they will be used for the drinking water support project for the residents of Sierra Leone.

CS WIND Donation Ceremony

On February 23, a donation ceremony was held at the head office of CS WIND, located in Cheonan, Chungcheongnam-do. Since 2012, CS WIND has donated to Team&Team International's drinking water support project through the participation of its employees. Seong Gon Gim, the CEO of CS WIND, said "Thank you for distributing the donations to a worthwhile cause on behalf of our company. We will make efforts to continue supporting those in need of help with Team&Team International." The funds will be used for the WASH capability improvement project in Kenya.



Jooan Methodist Church (World Human Bridge Incheon) Donation Ceremony

On February 25, a donation ceremony was held at Jooan Methodist Church, located in Incheon (Pastor in Charge: Sangho Han). From February 19th to 24th, Misba Special Dawn Prayer Meeting took place in Jooan Methodist Church to raise funds and hold an event where participants can experience the water shortage issue in Africa. The funds that were delivered by the church will be used for drinking water support projects in Kenya, Africa.



The Good Water Concert for Recovery of Africa

On May 11, the Good Water Concert was staged to wish for the recovery of Africa at Space Baum. The Rejesha Team from Africa, saxophonist Gwang Sig Park and his band performed at the charity concert to deliver clean water to the African people who are in need of water due to famine.

Aveda "2018 Earth Month Campaign" Donation Ceremony

On May 29, a ceremony to deliver donations from Aveda's "2018 Earth Month Campaign" was held at the head office in ELCA Korea. Since 2011, Aveda has been organizing the Earth Month Campaign in April, to preserve and support clean water, and have donated the raised funds to Team&Team International. This year, Aveda held an event called 'The World's Easiest Donation' on Instagram where one can donate KRW 1,000 when leaving comments with cup emoticons. The funds that were raised by Aveda's Earth Month Campaign will be used for drinking water support in Africa.



Hansol Chemical "WASH Self-Sufficient School Project" Donation Ceremony

On May 30, a donation ceremony was held at the Hansol Chemical office building in Gangnam, Seoul. The funds were raised through the precious participation of Hansol Chemical employees and will be used for the drinking water support and WASH capability improvement project for the students of schools in Turkana, Kenya.

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Field News

WASH DAY Campaign at Kalobeyei Secondary School

On January 31, the WASH DAY Campaign was held at Kalobeyei Secondary School. Students participated in the improvement activities of school hygiene, including cleaning up the school, decorating the walls of the bathrooms, and planting trees around the school. An essay and drawing contest were also held to promote a healthy lifestyle and correct sanitary habits by improving the awareness of sanitation. The campaign consisted of various programs to foster the residents and female students with a healthier mind and hygiene-related knowledge.



Research on the Actual Condition of Drinking Water Maintenance System in Uganda

In May, research on the local actual conditions was conducted, following the groundwater development project since 2016, to construct a system for maintaining the drinking water system that allows the sustainable use of safe drinking water. Through this research, we could listen to the residents about their efforts for the maintenance of drinking water facilities and difficulties coming from the broken facilities. The detailed water quality examination allowed a grasp of the drinking water environment. Team&Team International will seek ways to support residents on drinking safe water based on the results of the research.

Emergency Response to Droughts and Floods in Tana River County

Last March, Team&Team Kenya ran a potable drinking water truck and installed a drinking water storage tank and tap stand for the residents of Tana River County suffering from harsh drought. Before concluding with the support, anomalous flooding hit the same region, whereby the new groundwater development was temporarily stopped. To respond to the flooding, we distributed water purification tablets and drinking water containers and installed temporary bathrooms at four shelters in Tana River County.



Drinking Water Support at Schools in Host Community in Turkana County, Kenya

Team&Team International has initiated the drinking water and hygiene support project for schools where students were not provided with water and the sanitary environment is poor. We visited several schools to conduct a hydrogeological investigation to build drinking water supply system and obtain approval from the competent government organization to select a local company to do the construction through public bidding. This year, we are building toilets and improving hygienic conditions at Lochore-dome Elementary School and Makutano Elementary School and the drinking water system will be completed in the second half of the year.



2017-2018 POST-EBOLA Recovery Project for Supporting Drinking Water Facilities in Sierra Leone

Team&Team International is conducting the 2017-2018 POST-EBOLA recovery project for supporting drinking water facilities in the Southern district of Bonthe and the Eastern district of Kono in Sierra Leone. The two districts with low rates of clean and safe drinking water now have 12 boreholes and 200 repaired pumps. After the upcoming heavy rainy season in August, Team&Team International will implement the resident capability improvement project for the sustainable use of drinking water, along with the implementation of the drinking water support project.





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