

# Water For People's World Water Corps



# Volunteers in the Field

Goal:



- Allocate resources to the field and use volunteers proactively to build capacity and enhance learning in the organization

# What it is

- World Water Corps is a voluntary arm of Water For People
- Uses skills from North America strategically to fill gaps in program work that cannot be filled in-country
- Augments and supports, as needed, the capacity of Water For People in the USA



# What it is not



- The World Water Corps is not for volunteers wanting to construct community water supply and sanitation systems!

# Building Capacity, not Systems

Building systems is rewarding, tangible, but...

- ✓ Are the systems sustainable?
- ✓ Are all the key local role players involved or just the community and maybe an NGO?
- ✓ Are back-up issues of maintenance and replacement addressed?
- ✓ Is it consistent with Water For People's approach?
- ✓ Does it undermine local contributions to development?
- ✓ Is this the best use of Water For People's network?



# Opportunities to Enhance Sustainability

## Regular Opportunities

- Monitoring of program work (annual)
- Evaluations (every country every 3 years)
- Mapping/Needs Assessments (every 2 years)

## Country-Specific Needs

Examples include:

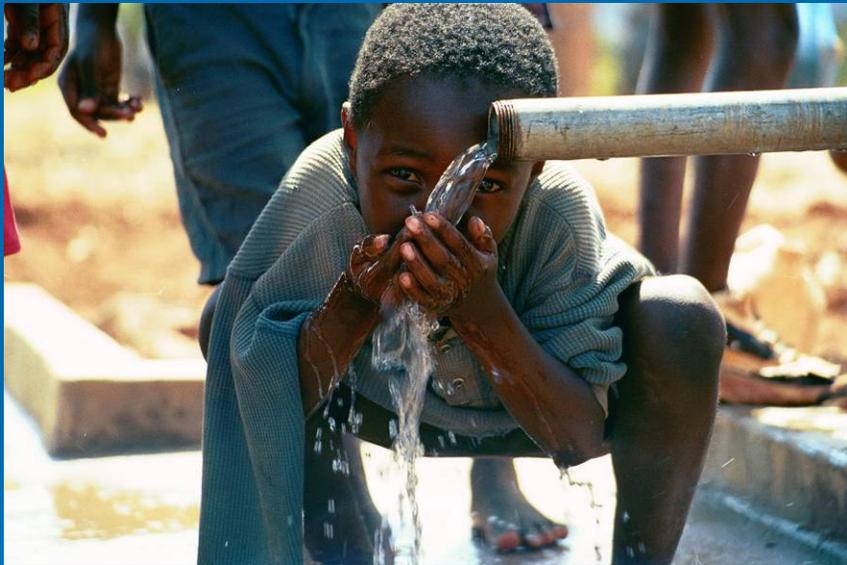
- Advocacy/Communication in Bolivia
- Building a local NGO's management capacity in Malawi
- Hydrogeology in Honduras

# To Date

- World Water Corps database has 600 volunteers ready for assignment
- To date, 223 have completed 46 field assignments (April, 2009)



# To join...



- Go to [www.WaterForPeople.org/corps/](http://www.WaterForPeople.org/corps/) and complete a volunteer application
- Questions can be directed to Clair Olivers at [cholivers@verizon.net](mailto:cholivers@verizon.net)









