

BIENNIAL REPORT

GLOBAL WATER PROMISE

IMPACT
REPORT
2024/2025





MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Advancing SDG-6: Water Security by 2030. As we approach the 2030 deadline for Sustainable Development Goal 6, the urgency of turning commitments into action has never been clearer. Water security is not simply about infrastructure; it is about reliability, dignity, governance, and equity.

In school environments, water access determines whether girls can manage their health safely and remain in class. In communities facing fragile infrastructure, groundwater access can mean the difference between resilience and vulnerability. Our work has consistently demonstrated that water access must be paired with education, accountability, and gender-responsive programming to create sustainability outcomes. Our engagement in multilateral forums, including the 2023 United Nations Water Conference, reinforces our commitment to ensuring that local voices inform global water governance frameworks.



Dr. Swani Keelson, Founder

INTRODUCTION

Why This Biennial Report Matters

Between 2024 and 2025, Global Water Promise partnered with schools in Ghana to support girls facing these challenges. Across five schools in the Greater Accra and Central Regions, our programs reached approximately 300 girls, providing menstrual hygiene resources, water access support, and community engagement around hygiene and health. This report highlights the progress made during this period and reflects our ongoing commitment to advancing water security and menstrual health for women and girls.

What We Aim to Achieve

Global Water Promise seeks to create sustainable improvements in the lives of women and girls by addressing practical barriers to water access and menstrual health.

Our goals include:

- Supporting girls' education by reducing school absenteeism related to menstrual health challenges
 - Expanding access to water resources that support hygiene and daily household needs
 - Strengthening community awareness around sanitation and hygiene practices
 - Empowering women and girls with resources that promote dignity and health

By focusing on both water security and menstrual hygiene, Global Water Promise works toward a future where girls can pursue education and opportunity without preventable barriers.

Our Approach

Global Water Promise works at the intersection of water security and menstrual health. These issues are deeply connected: without reliable access to water, girls cannot safely manage menstrual hygiene, maintain sanitation, or attend school with confidence.

Our programs focus on three core areas:

- Supporting access to menstrual hygiene resources for girls in schools
- Improving access to water resources and collection tools in communities
- Promoting education and awareness around hygiene, health, and dignity

Looking Ahead

While progress has been made, many communities still face significant challenges related to water access and menstrual health. Global Water Promise remains committed to expanding partnerships, strengthening community engagement, and increasing the reach of our programs in Ghana and beyond.

OUR STORY SO FAR

OUR MISSION

We envision drilling wells, monitoring their adoption, and then expanding development in villages that show a capacity for maximizing their newfound resource. It all begins with water; from there, our work expands to include agricultural initiatives, school construction, and educational support. It's an ongoing process of development, monitoring, and mentoring that sets us apart from others in the field.

Ending Global Water Poverty!

We can save lives, reduce vulnerabilities and give dignity. With water, overall health is vastly improved. Our promise is to empower women, provide education for children and put people to work.

It all begins with water

OUR PURPOSE

Connecting Water Security and Menstrual Health

Water access and menstrual hygiene are deeply interconnected. Without reliable access to water, girls cannot safely manage menstrual hygiene, maintain sanitation, or attend school with confidence. The absence of these basic resources contributes to school absenteeism, health risks, and long-term gender inequality.

Global Water Promise works at this intersection by supporting water access resources such as jerry cans and storage solutions while also addressing menstrual hygiene needs in schools. By linking these two critical areas, we help ensure that girls have the tools and support necessary to thrive.

100%

OF OUR FUNDING
INVESTED IN
PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
FOR GIRLS

SUMMARY OF OUR COMMITMENT



OUR PURPOSE

Global Water Promise operates as a 501C(3) nonprofit organization, supported primarily through small donor contributions and project-based funding. Financial resources during the 2024–2025 reporting period were directed primarily toward program implementation, including school-based WASH initiatives, menstrual health support, and water infrastructure reinforcement in Ghana.

The organization maintains minimal administrative overhead to prioritize direct community impact. Expenditures during this period supported:

- Procurement and distribution of menstrual hygiene supplies
- School-based educational programming
- Water storage and borehole-related infrastructure support
- Community-level WASH engagement activities

Global Water Promise is dedicated to expanding access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in underserved communities, particularly in the Global South. The organization works to address water poverty by supporting community-based water access initiatives, promoting menstrual health and hygiene, and advancing sustainable water governance that improves health, dignity, and opportunity for women, girls, and families. Through programs such as The .Period Poverty Project, Global Water Promise focuses on practical solutions that reduce barriers to education and well-being while contributing to broader global efforts to achieve universal access to safe water and sanitation.



3.5

Billion people lack safely managed sanitation services.

703 MILLION

People still lack even basic drinking water services.

Around the world, millions of young girls continue to face serious challenges due to limited access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. In many communities, girls are responsible for collecting water for their families, often walking long distances and spending hours each day carrying heavy containers from unsafe water sources. This burden can interfere with their ability to attend school regularly and participate fully in their education. In addition, the lack of safe sanitation and menstrual hygiene resources in schools can cause girls to miss classes or drop out altogether.

These ongoing challenges highlight the urgent need for improved water access, sanitation infrastructure, and menstrual health support to ensure that girls everywhere have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

GLOBAL WATER PROMISE

Support

Safe water and menstrual hygiene resources improve health and keep girls in school.

Join us as we work to ensure that women and girls have the resources they need.

[Get Involved Today](#)

SAFE WATER

Global Water Promise works to expand access to clean water, sanitation, and menstrual health resources in underserved communities, with a particular focus on supporting women and girls in the Global South. Through community-based initiatives, school partnerships, and public education, the organization addresses the interconnected challenges of water insecurity, access to hygiene, and gender inequality.

1

Expand Access to Clean Water

Global Water Promise supports initiatives that increase access to safe and reliable drinking water in underserved communities. Access to clean water is essential for health, education, and economic stability. By working with local partners, the organization helps communities move toward more sustainable and secure water sources.

2

Advance Menstrual Health and Hygiene

Global Water Promise promotes menstrual health and hygiene through education and the distribution of essential supplies. Programs such as The .Period Poverty Project help reduce the barriers that prevent girls from attending school. Ensuring access to menstrual hygiene resources supports dignity, confidence, and educational participation.

3

Strengthen Community Water Infrastructure

Global Water Promise supports community efforts to improve access to reliable groundwater sources. Through partnerships with local leaders and schools, programs focus on protecting water sources, improving sanitation practices, and promoting stewardship.

4

Empower Women and Girls Through Water Security

Global Water Promise prioritizes programs that support the well-being and empowerment of women and girls. In many communities, women and girls carry the burden of water collection and face barriers related to sanitation access. By improving water access and hygiene resources, the organization helps expand opportunities for education, health, and participation in community life.

Why Groundwater is important

Groundwater is one of the most important and reliable sources of freshwater on Earth. It supplies drinking water for billions of people and supports agriculture, sanitation, and local economies—especially in rural communities where surface water may be scarce or seasonal. Because groundwater is stored beneath the surface in natural aquifers, it often remains available during droughts and periods of climate stress. Protecting and managing groundwater sustainably is therefore essential for long-term water security, public health, and resilient communities around the world.

Global Water Promise works to address groundwater contamination by supporting safe water access, community education, and improved water management practices. The organization partners with local communities to promote the protection of water sources, encourage proper sanitation and waste management, and support the installation or rehabilitation of safe boreholes and water systems. Through school-based programs, community outreach, and partnerships with local stakeholders, Global Water Promise also helps raise awareness about the importance of protecting groundwater from pollution and overuse.





Global Water Promise focuses on long-term solutions that strengthen water security. This includes promoting responsible water stewardship, encouraging community monitoring of local water sources, and supporting practical solutions that reduce contamination risks. By combining education, infrastructure support, and community engagement, Global Water Promise helps communities safeguard their groundwater resources and build a more sustainable and resilient water future.

THE PERIOD POVERTY PROJECT

dignity should not be determined by access.

500

million people do not have access to period products

1 IN 5

girls miss school due to lack of access to pads

4-5

days per month are missed from school



Why Water Access Matters

- Menstrual hygiene management requires clean water, sanitation facilities, and safe disposal systems.
- Without reliable water access, efforts to address period poverty remain incomplete.
- Improving WASH infrastructure in schools helps girls manage menstrual health with dignity and remain in school.

OUR 2024 & 2025 FINANCIALS

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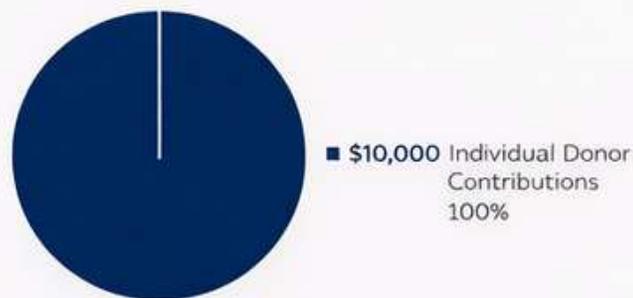
An impact report is a way for organizations to communicate the issues they are trying to improve, as well as their strategy on how they facilitated change. It measures the impact that NFPs make in people's lives, focusing on their social or environmental outcomes. It isn't merely a description of the activities undertaken by the organization either, but it also provides the analysis on the results of these activities.



Global Water Promise Financial Overview

Fiscal Years 2024–2025

Sources of Revenue



Total Revenue: \$10,000

■ \$10,000 Individual Donor Contributions 100%

Allocation of Expenses



Total Expenses:
\$10,000

Total Expenses: \$10,000

Statement of Activities

(Income & Expenses)

Revenue	2025	2024
Individual donor contributions	\$4,000	\$6,000
Total Revenue	\$4,000	\$6,000

Expenses	2025	2024
Program implementation	\$3,800	\$2,200
Transportation & distribution	\$900	\$1,200
Local coordination	\$700	\$900
Advocacy & outreach	\$600	\$800
Digital media	\$300	\$600
Water access support	\$900	\$800
Administrative support	\$100	\$200
Total Expenses	\$4,000	\$6,000

Change in Net Position

	2025	2024
Change in Net Position	\$0	\$0

Statement of Financial Position

	2025	2024
Assets	2025	2024
Program funds available	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$0	\$0

Net Assets	2025	2024
Net position	\$0	\$0
Total Net Assets	\$0	\$0

Statement of Financial Position

	2025	2024
Assets	2025	2024
Program funds available	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$0	\$0

5

5 schools reached
Hundreds of school days
protected

300



From 2024–2025, Global Water Promise supported approximately
300 girls across five schools in Ghana



SPONSORS AND DONORS

Global Water Promise extends its sincere gratitude to the individuals and supporters whose generosity made this work possible. Your contributions have helped provide essential menstrual hygiene resources and support water access initiatives for girls and communities in Ghana. Because of your commitment, students are better able to attend school with dignity and confidence. Thank you for partnering to advance health, education, and opportunity for girls.

Dr. Swani Keelson, Founder and Head

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Global Water Promise's work in groundwater access, school-based water systems, and gender-responsive WASH programming reflects an ongoing commitment to practical implementation rather than short-term intervention. Water security challenges remain complex and interconnected. Addressing them requires durable infrastructure, consistent maintenance, local engagement, and governance frameworks that ensure accountability. The organization's continued efforts will prioritize strengthening groundwater-supported systems, expanding reliable access in school environments, and integrating menstrual health management within broader WASH strategies.

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