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CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO BRING WATER TO EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITIES.



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Executive Director's Letter

This past year was a challenging one for South Sudan and its people, with political unrest disrupting much of the post-independence progress and ushering in a period of turmoil. Even so, this did not derail the optimism the South Sudanese hold for the future of their new nation. Aqua-Africa and many others stood by the people to make sure this new nation continued on their path of independence.

In 2014, Aqua-Africa strengthened our commitment to our mission by hiring an in-country director, Beatrice Safari. We also furthered our partnerships with Water for South Sudan, Wayne (Nebraska) Rotary Club and Juba Rotary Club. All in all, we installed six (6) water wells to provide clean drinking water for 3,000 South Sudanese. We also jointly created United Peace and Development (UPDP) as a collaboration between Salva Dut of the Dinka tribe and Aqua-Africa led by myself of the Nuer tribe. This is our commitment to show cross-tribal efforts to bring drinking water to the South Sudanese.

We look to 2015 as a transformative year for the organization and the people we serve. We plan to drill seven (7) hand pump water wells and install one Village Supplier System. The Village Supplier is our biggest challenge to date, and will itself provide clean drinking water for 5,000 South Sudanese. Combined, the organization plans to serve 8,500 people in 2015.

As we continue our mission, we are changing lives in South Sudan. I would like to express my profound thanks for helping us provide clean water for these desperate communities.

Buey Ray Tut Executive Director



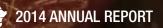
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EACH WELL PROVIDES CLEAN WATER FOR 500 PEOPLE.



OUR PURPOSE

Aqua-Africa provides access to clean water for communities in need but lending this support is only the beginning. With the ultimate goal being long-term, sustainable development, our approach starts with access to clean water as the foundation. From there, we are able to implement micro-democracy and resource management training and mobilize entire communities to manage and govern their water supply. This type of infrastructure and grassroots democracy has the power to impact the future of the nation as a whole.

WITHOUT WATER, NOTHING CAN GROW

CLEAN WATER

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Without water, nothing can grow. Yet the distressing fact remains that 345 million people in Africa live without access to clean water. We are committed to changing this. Using two types of delivery systems—hand-pump wells and Village Suppliers that have the capacity to serve 500 and 5,000 residents respectively we plan to reach a total of 200,000 people by 2018.

We view our water well projects as just one piece of the plan to help improve life in the communities we touch. Every time we drill a new well, we also facilitate the election of a water committee tasked with maintaining the well. We then train these autonomously-elected committee members to draft and enforce their own policies. Aqua-Africa's microdemocracy starts with governing water usage, but we expect this grass-roots effort to lead to more political participation and better governance overall.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Every time we drill a new well, we need residents to fully understand how best to employ and maintain their new resource to ensure it works properly. Similar to microdemocracy training, we use videos, pamphlets and lectures centered on water extraction and availability. This resource management training is administered community wide, introducing practical methods and environmental awareness that will carry over into other areas of everyday life.





SOUTH SUDAN UPDATE

A JOINT INVESTMENT: EACH LOCAL COMMUNITY FUNDS 15% OF WELL CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

South Sudan Update

As South Sudan's civil conflict comes upon its one-year anniversary, there is reason for cautious optimism. On February 2, 2015, an agreement was struck between the South Sudanese government and the rebel faction to immediately cease hostilities. Although the extension of Uganda's military presence for three additional months complicates matters, both sides have expressed the seriousness of their commitment to this peace agreement. The absence of oil revenue, economic and citizen fatigue and international pressure (primarily from China, the nation's largest stakeholder) all point to a lasting peace agreement.

WE STAY IN EACH VILLAGE FOR 1-2 MONTHS, MOBILIZING THE COMMUNITY AND TRAINING WELL COMMITTEES.



OUR REACH IS EXPANDING





2014 Projects

This past year was one of both successes and new challenges for Aqua-Africa due to the strained political climate in South Sudan. Throughout it all, we were able to continue our work to increase available drinking water by completing six new water wells serving a combined 3,000 people. All well projects were carried out in partnership with the Rotary International Foundation through a Global Grant, specifically with the Rotary Clubs in Wayne, Nebraska and Juba, South Sudan. Of these six new wells, five were also in partnership with Water for South Sudan. In accordance with our installation process, we established six water supervisory committees tasked with providing water usage policies and managing well maintenance. Additionally, Aqua-Africa provided resource management training for 1,800 residents. As always, Aqua-Africa supports all our installed wells with our resident field staff.

Key Communities

Aqua-Africa is identifying several larger communities to partner with to provide clean water. Multiple water wells and Village Supplier Systems will be considered for these communities along with potential future outreach of education, medical and sanitation training.

Village Supplier System

The plans for two of these new systems to be completed in 2014 were put on hold due to the strained political climate and the increased difficulties of in-country coordination, travel and supplier availability. "Aqua-Africa is re-engergizing this system in 2015 with engineering firm Lamp, Rynearson, & Associates. This aboveground water system will have the ability to provide clean water for 5,000 people. Look for more information to come."



CLEAN WATER IS JUST THE BEGINNING





2015 Strategic Plan

2015 will be the most challenging year for Aqua-Africa thus far. The organization intends to provide 8,500 people with clean drinking water; train 3,500 people in Microdemocracy, Resource Management and Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH); expand our administrative capacity to better implement our mission; and expand awareness of our mission. To achieve these ambitious goals, the organization will utilize its existing private, governmental, and non-governmental organization partnerships. Although the country's political situation still stands as the biggest challenge to the success of the mission, through established relationships, partnerships and careful risk analysis, the organization is positioned to succeed.

This year Aqua-Africa will be working in three different areas of South Sudan, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Central Equatoria and Upper Nile State. As part of our ongoing United Peace and Reconciliation (UPDP) effort with Water for South Sudan, Aqua-Africa will construct two water wells in Western Bahr El Ghazal and in Upper Nile States. With a majority Dinka tribe living in Western Behar El Gahazal and Nuer tribe in Upper Nile, the UPDP initiative will continue to emphasize the need for collaboration across tribal lines. In Central Equatoria, Aqua-Africa will continue our efforts with Rotary International to drill two wells.



2015 STRATEGIC PLAN



2015 will also usher in Aqua-Africa's most ambitious project, a water delivery system called a Village Supplier. Working with our private partner, Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, an engineering firm based in Omaha, Nebraska, Aqua-Africa expects to construct a water delivery system that will provide clean running water for 5,000 residents. This system will have four distribution points that are one kilometer apart and a large capacity water storage tank.

The success of this ambitious year will continue to depend on the organization's staff and volunteers. In 2015, Aqua-Africa plans to rehire a Program Director to oversee project implementation efforts and provide training to volunteers.

To properly finance 2015, Aqua-Africa will raise awareness of our mission while expanding it's donor support base. Several events are already planned.

Aqua-Africa is working closely with government officials to monitor economic and political changes that may effect company operations. These measures, in combination with utilizing our existing partnerships, will result in Aqua-Africa helping to provide more individuals with access to clean drinking water than any prior year of the organization's existence.



> Executive Director, Buey Tut, speaks at TEDxOmaha.



OUR PASSION IS RECOGNIZED





Boy Scouts

The National Eagle Scout Association profiled Buey Tut and Aqua-Africa in their Eagles' Call Magazine Fall 2014 issue. The article portrayed the organization's mission and vision, and how the Boy Scouts played into the eventual formation of Aqua-Africa. Buey Tut and Jacob Kohl, founder and co-founder, respectively, developed leadership and community-building skills during their time in the Boy Scouts that they credit to their ability to build and lead Aqua-Africa.

TEDXOmaha

In October 2014, Aqua-Africa's Founder and Executive Director, Buey Tut, had the opportunity to share his vision for development in South Sudan at Omaha's TEDx event. Buey detailed his background, the beginning journey of the creation of Aqua-Africa and his solution to fight poverty: give a man a fish, teach a man to fish and create a market for him.

As one of 10 speakers, Buey spoke to more than 500 people at the Creighton University Harper Center. As an organization, TED facilitates global conferences on a variety of issues—from science to art to international affairs. While these have been taking place since 1984, they've taken off in popularity since 2006 when they were made free to viewers online. The organization's slogan is "ideas worth sharing" and their speakers' goal is to make great ideas accessible and spark conversation through short, engaging talks. Bill Clinton, Bono, and Neil DeGrasse Tyson are just a few of the famous names that have participated in these talks in the past.



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SHOWING OUR SUPPORT

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2014 FINANCIALS

A Strong Financial Year

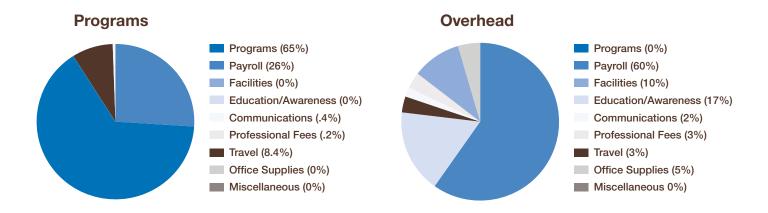
Aqua-Africa experienced solid growth in 2014. 2014 revenues were \$310K vs. \$123K in 2013; an increase of 152%. At the same time, the company held the line on expenses. 2014 expenses were \$179K vs. \$91K in 2013; a 97% increase year over year. Program costs, associated with well-drilling and South Sudanese community education, accounted for 66% of company expenses. Thanks to the generosity of our gracious supporters and volunteers, we were able to provide clean drinking water to 3,000 South Sudanese people during the year. Microdemocracy and resource management training was provided to another 1,800. Retained earnings of \$131K positions Aqua-Africa for even larger humanitarian efforts in 2015. Thank you all.

2014 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$178,604
Fundraising	\$13,911
Overhead	\$47,327
Programs	\$117,366

2014 Donations

Total Donations	\$309,553
In-Kind Contributions	\$7,200
Cash Gifts	\$302,353







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