

Our Local Lead Partner

INA works exclusively through trusted local partners that ensure a deep knowledge of the needs of the community they belong to and tailored technical expertise.

Bole Bible Baptist Church Child Care and Community Development (BBBC) has implemented integrated development projects for the past 20 years aiming at creating access to opportunities for a better standard of living for underprivileged and vulnerable communities.



INA x Rotary Partnership

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, through its entity, We Can't Wait (WCW), has been very active in international water and sanitation projects since 2015, two District Grants, nine Global Grants and five Direct Grants have either been completed or are in progress across India, Ethiopia, and Nepal.

For the past five years (FY 2020-26), INA has worked in partnership with the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central in their capacity as an authorised cooperating organisation that is recognised by The Rotary Foundation and has successfully completed a Global Grant and a Direct Grant in the Shurmo District in Ethiopia in partnership with We Can't Wait (WCW). INA has a proven track record with WCW.

Since July 2024, INA and We Can't Wait have renewed their collaboration through the EWASH project in Ethiopia, and other exciting projects are yet to come!

The total value of all we can't wait projects completed or in progress since inception is AUD\$2,000,000.

Find out more about us

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Ready to visit the EWASH Project in Ethiopia?



The EWASH Project

Since July 2024, We Can't Wait (the registered Business Name of Operation Toilets Australia) and International Needs Australia (INA) have been implementing an exciting project in Ethiopia to improve access to safe water supply, sanitation and hygiene practices for individual households, communities, schools, and health clinics.

Supported participants: around 2,000 adults from the most vulnerable Households and 7,000 children in 15 schools.

Objectives:

- Increased awareness and skills in water service, sanitation and hygiene practices.
- Increased access to improved water and sanitation infrastructure (latrines and handwashing facilities)
- Increased access to and management of water service (water points/lines)

What are we working on?

We're building 100 improved ventilated latrines for disadvantaged families, renovating water points in schools and health centres, conducting awareness and hand washing campaigns in schools and communities on best hygiene and sanitation practices, training girls in preparing sanitation pads from locally available materials ... and much more!



Where and Why

Ezha District, Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, 60 to 80% of communicable diseases are attributed to limited access to safe water and inadequate sanitation and hygiene services. The baseline study showed only 12.6% of households have a latrine, 64.7% of households in our target communities practice open defecation and none of the households in the targeted area have a dedicated place for handwashing with water and soap.

This project will be implemented in Ezha Woreda of Central Ethiopia Region. Only 52% of the schools in the target areas have improved latrines separated for boys and girls, while only 35% of the schools have water sources. Along with schools, the participants of the project will be extremely vulnerable family with no access to sanitation and latrines.

Traditional latrine in Ezha



NEW school toilet



Join the visit!

Join the team from WCW and INA [this coming November 2026](#) in their visit to the project sites to witness the impact of the project and hear from the communities we support on how the intervention is changing their life!

Our local partner will organise meetings with community representatives and groups, visits to schools, health facilities and individual project participants. All in total safety!

Here are tentative dates for the brief itinerary:

- **8th Nov:** Departing from Melbourne
- **9th Nov:** Landing in Addis Ababa and meeting with our partner's Board of Director
- **10th Nov:** Travel to Shurmo (project area) and meeting with the project team
- **11th Nov:** Project visit - schools & farmers
- **12th Nov:** Project visit - health centres
- **13th Nov:** Debrief with the team and travel to Ezha (project area 2)
- **14th Nov:** Project visit - schools & women saving group
- **15th Nov:** Goodbye and travel back to Addis
- **16th Nov:** Visit of Addis Ababa
- **17th Nov:** Visit to the Australian embassy in Ethiopia and departure from Addis Ababa

Total budget (including flights, accomodation, transportation and main meals): **3,750 AUD***

- price may vary slightly depending on the time of booking

Witness [with your own eyes](#) the needs and incredible strength of the communities in Shurmo and Ezha, while diving into the beautiful Ethiopian landscape and culture!