

# Water and Watershed Work Group Work Plan

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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*The mission of the Water and Watershed Work Group is to improve the quality of life for citizens of Gondar by developing drinking water sources, supporting watershed restoration activities, improving income generation opportunities, and encouraging involvement between Corvallis and Gondar governments, academic programs, community groups and citizens.*

Goal 1: Maintain and strengthen the work group's ability to carry out targeted projects.

Tasks:

1. Coordinate work plan with Council of Advisors.
2. Provide monthly reports to the Council of Advisors.
3. Increase public awareness of the mission, goals and projects of the work group.
4. Provide periodic reports to our Gondar contacts to ensure their awareness of the status of our projects and goals.
5. Provide periodic reports to our donors.
6. Provide periodic updates for the CSCA-Gondar social media.

Goal 2: Develop and implement water-related projects that achieve the work group's mission.

### 1. Watershed Restoration Project

- a. Continue to focus on restoration efforts in the Bukaya Sheleko demonstration area.
- b. Plan and conduct periodic site visits to review project status.

### 2. Well Construction Project

- a. Construct new wells and develop existing water sources to improve access to clean water.
- b. Facilitate the establishment of kebele water councils to ensure effective long-term, sustainable operations and maintenance.
- c. Plan and conduct periodic site visits to all water sources funded by CSCA-Gondar to assess condition and effectiveness of administration.

### 3. Infrastructure Maintenance

- a. Work with Bridge of Hope to develop a long-term plan for monitoring maintenance and performance of each funded well.
- b. Conduct periodic assessment of the program.

Goal 3: Explore projects intended to improve the quality of life for residents of the Saina Sabia kebele.

1. Microfinancing/Income Generation Project

- a. Review reports from Bridge of Hope and evaluate success of the Saina Sabia loan program.
- b. Determine advisability and feasibility of expanding program.

2. Construct Kindergarten in Saina Sabia Kebele

- a. In coordination with the Education Work Group, Council of Advisors, Link Ethiopia, and Saina Sabia kebele council, finalize details of the funding package.
- b. Develop a detailed project implementation plan.

Goal 4: Develop partnerships with local academic programs.

1. Partnership with OSU Department of Civil Engineering

- a. Continue the partnership with the OSU Department of Civil Engineering for senior class capstone projects.
- b. Explore the potential to expand the partnership to include the University of Gondar Civil Engineering Program.
- c. Develop detailed implementation plan.