

F.O.H. SURVEY REPORT

2023



Embrace Relief's Fountains of Hope (FOH) project is dedicated to providing clean and accessible water sources to communities in need throughout Chad, Cameroon, and Nigeria. These projects aim to transform lives, primarily focusing on improving water accessibility, health, well-being, and development in vulnerable communities.

Under the Fountains of Hope project, we have reconstructed 170 wells, significantly impacting the daily lives of local residents. Recently, Embrace Relief conducted a survey in Chad among the beneficiaries of Fountains of Hope, most of which have been reconstructed in the past year. These insights will help our program be more effective in aiding those in need.



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SURVEY FINDINGS



In each of the 10 communities surveyed, water was difficult to access prior to Embrace Relief's reconstruction of a water well. Villagers primarily relied on distant water sources, often having to walk five kilometers to fetch water each day, or contaminated water sources, such as hand-dug wells or boreholes. Unpredictable weather conditions and wildlife were of great concern. This situation has changed dramatically since Embrace Relief rebuilt a well, the respondents said.

Each respondent reported a significant and noticeable improvement in their daily lives from the Fountains of Hope project among all people in their communities, but especially for women and children, who now spend significantly less time fetching water, as well as elderly individuals. All respondents agreed that Fountains of Hope greatly improved water accessibility in their communities, and the majority took note of how everyone's health and well-being improved by having a clean source of drinking water. Already, hygiene education programs and sanitation facilities have begun building around our water wells. The main successes reported include reduced water-fetching time for women and children, improved sanitation, decreased instances of waterborne illnesses, and an increased focus on education. All respondents reported the wells were highly sustainable, ensuring that the benefits will continue for years to come.

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The ten respondents to the survey gave the Fountains of Hope project high praise, with 80% of respondents rating the implementation as "excellent" and the remaining 20% rating it as "good" or "satisfactory." When asked what could be done to improve the program, each respondent wanted to expand the program, either through reaching more needy villages, reconstructing additional wells, or raising more awareness about the program. They hoped that more health and hygiene materials could be distributed, as well as an increased fund for well maintenance.

ALIGNING FOUNTAINS OF HOPE WITH UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The Fountains of Hope program impacts multiple United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Beyond directly providing clean water access (SDG 6), this initiative also contributes significantly to SDGs 1, 2, 3, and 5, fostering holistic development and empowerment in underserved communities in Chad, Cameroon and Nigeria.

SDG 6



FOH's primary mission is to address Goal 6 by providing clean water sources to communities with limited access. The initiative has successfully reduced water scarcity, improved water quality, and enhanced sanitation practices through its projects, ensuring that local residents have access to safe and sustainable drinking water sources. This aligns with the target of halving the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation outlined in [Goal 6](#).





SDG 1



Access to clean water plays a pivotal role in poverty alleviation. By reducing the time spent fetching water, especially for women and children, FOH projects create opportunities for economic activities, education, and skill development. Empowering individuals to break free from the cycle of poverty aligns with **Goal 1's** vision of eradicating extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity.

SDG 2



Access to clean water leads to improved food security and nutrition. With more time available due to reduced water-fetching efforts, families can allocate resources to food production and preparation. Moreover, FOH projects that promote hygiene and sanitation contribute to reducing waterborne diseases, ensuring that communities have a healthier environment in which to grow food. These efforts harmonize with **Goal 2's** commitment to ending hunger, achieving food security, and promoting sustainable agriculture.



SDG 3



FOH initiatives have a profound impact on the health and well-being of communities. By providing clean water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education, these projects effectively combat waterborne diseases and improve overall health. Reduced illness rates lead to healthier lives, increased productivity, and enhanced overall well-being, in direct alignment with **Goal 3's** aim to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

SDG 5



FOH projects significantly empower women and girls, contributing to **Goal 5's** objectives. Women and girls, often responsible for water collection in Chad, benefit from reduced water-fetching times, which in turn fosters gender equality by affording them more opportunities for education and personal development. Furthermore, improved sanitation and hygiene facilities ensure dignity and safety for women and girls, thus promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all.



CONCLUSION

Embrace Relief's Fountains of Hope initiative serves as an exemplary model of how a ripple effect can go beyond just clean water access. These projects have not only provided clean water but have also positively impacted health, education, and community development, meeting multiple UN Sustainable Development Goals. While acknowledging the successes achieved, we are committed to addressing the challenges and expanding the reach of this transformative initiative.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all donors and supporters who have made these projects possible. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of Chad's communities, ensuring a brighter and healthier future for all. Your continued support is invaluable as we work towards spreading the hope even further.

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