

## Status Report December 2018 Safe Water Program Phase III (2018 – 2020)

Project Partner [ECCA](#), Kathmandu, Nepal

Sponsoring Partner Victorinox, Switzerland, CHF 30'000 over three years

The project aims to improve the hygienic environment by providing safe drinking water to dedicated schools and related local communities.

The project concept is based on four pillars:

1. Hygienic education of teachers, students and communities
2. Establishment of the safe water infrastructure
3. Application of learned lessons, e.g. local production of chlorine solution, hand washing with soap
4. Expanding the learned lessons impact from the schools to the communities

The objective of phase III of the project is to on-board additional 15 schools to the existing 25 schools which have been on-boarded and supported throughout the project phase I and II.



The on-boarding activities include the following topics:

- a. Training / orientation for teachers and students on the use of the WATA device and chlorine solution production
- b. Training on the use of chlorine solution, water and sanitation, hand washing, water conservation and management, point of use treatment, proper storage of treated water
- c. Nature Club management training for the nature club members for sustainable management of club and active participation in social mobilisation activities



The project also includes the duty for ECCA to perform water quality tests, organise awareness raising activities, develop resource material and make regular follow-up and monitoring visits.

ECCA provided a half-year report on the progress made from January to mid July 2018. Following results were achieved.

- Five new schools were added to the existing 25 schools.
- All new schools were provided with a Mini WATA device set to produce WATASOL locally inside the schools and within the communities to disinfect drinking water and for sanitation purpose.
- More than 15'500 people have access to clean drinking water on a sustainable basis.
- Regular monitoring – water quality tests - , facilitation and strengthening of the project were performed at schools in scope.
- Facilitation and support of promotion activities designed by the nature clubs of different schools.



	Jan-July 2018
WATASOL bottles sold in new and existing schools	3'823
WATASOL bottles sold in the communities	2'925
Trainings for new schools and number of participants	4 / 120
Awareness raising events and activities and number of participants	8 / 139

dropforlife's mission is to support projects with a sustainable impact, ideally with an entrepreneurial aspect. In April 2018, the overall project was evaluated onsite by an independent expert from Swiss Resource Centre and Consultancies for Development. The overall status of the project has been evaluated as successful. However, the aspect of dropforlife's mission to have a sustainable impact and foster the development of an entrepreneurial mindset for students and the communities appear to be more challenging than expected. Nevertheless, for dropforlife it is crucial to work with local partners who are on top of local activities and developments and enhancing information exchange.

Overall, the program was successful based on its very efficient education and awareness program within schools, and namely with the education of children impacting and shaping the future. ECCA is a wonderful project partner for practical and on-the-ground awareness and education program.