



Invest in the future, harvest RAIN

More than 1 billion human beings – that is one person in six – have no choice but to use potentially harmful sources of water. Considerably more have inadequate access to water, struggling each day to procure sufficient to meet their basic needs. The consequence is a bleak future for the billions of people locked in a cycle of poverty and disease.

Rainwater harvesting has proven to be an attractive alternative water source in areas where other means of water supply have no or very little potential, because groundwater is inaccessible or not drinkable. Additionally, rainwater can supplement inadequate water supplies in areas with falling groundwater levels. Collection and storage of rainwater involves relatively simple techniques. If maintenance measures are followed, rainwater is a safe source of drinking water requiring little to no treatment.

THE RAIN FOUNDATION

The RAIN Foundation is a result-oriented rainwater harvesting organisation that aims to supply vulnerable communities, women and children in particular, with a reliable source of clean water. RAIN's approach



is demand driven, service oriented and participatory, where sustainability is sought through local capacity building, local management and ownership. RAIN improves access to safe drinking water for households, schools and clinics, by collecting and storing rainwater using simple and economical techniques. The RAIN Programme facilitates a global exchange of knowledge and innovation on rainwater harvesting between partner organisations and other interested actors.

RAIN is active in Nepal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal and Ethiopia and plans to expand its programme in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa in the near future. Since programme initiation in 2003, RAIN has constructed a total of 1.800.000 litres of rainwater harvesting capacity to benefit more than 12.000 people. RAIN intends to broaden its approach and the water harvesting techniques it applies to increase water quantity, supporting multiple uses and enhanced livelihoods.



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