In the 19 years since the establishment of the Rand Water Foundation (RWF) in 2001, 2019/2020 was a unique year for us as we began to work on wrapping up implementation of the RWF 2020 strategy, with the 2030 strategic foresight kicking in; Inauguration of the new RWF Board; but most unexpectedly, the unfortunate outbreak of the coronavirus globally. Amidst this pandemic we managed to deliver according to our mandate executing projects aimed at promoting delivery of water related services to communities, further building communities’ resilience against communicable diseases including COVID-19.

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As we know, safe sanitation is essential for health, from preventing infection to improving and maintaining mental and social well-being. We ensured that the intervention in Moqhaka is culturally appropriate, respects human rights and reflects human dignity, mitigating health and hygiene hazards.

Our water harvesting project continues to benefit schools and the project recently benefited schools located within Hammanskraal, Bronkhorstspruit, New Eersterus, Mamelodi, and Stinkwater within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality. We thank our Board for hitting the ground running ensuring good governance practices and leadership to the Foundation.

As we wrap up 2020 preparing to enter into the new year 2021, a year that marks the beginning of implementation of our WASH Impact Driven Strategy, we are excited to showcase this socio-economic developmental model integrating water, sanitation and hygiene interventions through entrepreneurship and the NGOs’ sector as service delivery partners.

The strategy is in response to the escalating water crisis that has increased focus on the importance of good water governance, to make sure that there is enough clean water for the many competing needs, more especially during these difficult pandemic times.

the Fezile Dabi District remains a highlight for me in that we successfully eradicated bucket toilet systems replacing them with more advanced and environment friendly waterless sanitation facilities benefiting Matlwangtwang and Viljoenskroon households.
Water Brought Life and Joy to Holfontein Community

Situated in the belly of rural Mpumalanga on a small holding in Holfontein, 10km from Bethal is a family of 15 headed up by Mama Zipporah. Having arrived in 1994 in Holfontein from Klipkraal, also in Mpumalanga, the family were without clean running water for many years. The only source of water was three kilometers away from their home.

Mama Zipporah has always known that a solution is available but had no clue where to look. She went as far as speaking to the farmer on whose land they are residing and he couldn’t help. She further reached out to a local tribal authority to see if they would help but still nothing. Going back to Klipkraal was completely out of the question. It was not an option. She recalls a discussion she once had with her mother-in-law shortly after her husband’s passing about relocating.

In that conversation she told her mother-in-law to have hope. Things will work themselves out. She was adamant she wouldn’t move her family back to the poverty stricken Klipkraal that was far worse than Holfontein. The hope that she was so dearly praying for came in the form of a partnership between Govan Mbeki Local Municipality and the Rand Water Foundation. Mama Zipporah knew that if it didn’t work out the way she wanted it to, then it would be close to impossible for them to have access to clean water. The Rand Water Foundation, in partnership with the Govan Mbeki local municipality, improved water supply for Mama Zipporah and nearby households. Intervention here became a priority due to the extremely dire situation.

The Foundation decided a solar powered water pump with a 10 000 litre Jojo tank was the best solution. The installation took eight weeks to finalise after which the small community had access to clean and safe to drink water. Mama Zipporah explained that this intervention was exactly what she was referring to when she told her mother-in-law years ago that she should have hope and that things will work themselves out.

The dignity of not sharing water with livestock is what Mama Zipporah holds dearly and she is grateful to the Rand Water Foundation for this. She smiles as she tells us of her new heroin status in the community. She echoes the saying ‘water is life’ because since the solar water pump and tank have been installed there has been so much activity on their holding. What used to be a family of only 15 people has now become a tight knit community of just under a 100 grateful souls.
Meet Our Board

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Water, Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) Programme

The function of the WASH programme is to maximise communities access to clean water, adequate sanitation and the promotion of hygiene related conditions. Below are two examples of how this programme has been beneficial in communities.


The Foundation is currently implementing the Households Sanitation Bucket Eradication project in Matlwangtlwang township in Moqhaka local municipality, Kroonstad. This project is aimed at improving the sanitation conditions within communities affected by bucket systems.

What is the Foundation doing regarding eradicating the bucket system?

In the township of Matlwangtlwang the Foundation has provided dry sanitation toilets to households. These toilets cater for up to 10 family members per household.

The toilets have a solid foundation that prevents seepage. It is however advised to never construct these toilets next to borehole taps. Should it happen that the foundation of the toilet is faulty, if the toilet is next to a borehole tap seepage can get to the underground water therefore comprising the quality.

Schools Rainwater Harvesting

The Schools Rainwater Harvesting project aims to augment water and sanitation supply, ensuring a long-term sustainable source of water supply within communities. The project is currently implemented in 15 (fifteen) schools within the Temba and Hammanskraal communities in the City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province.

How is the Foundation assisting communities to harvest water?

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The Foundation provides the schools with Jojo tanks to capture rainwater. The water that ends up flowing into the Jojo tank is captured via the gutter system of the roof straight into an opening on the top of the Jojo tank. There are many advantages to rainwater harvesting:

- Free water;
- Municipal bills are drastically reduced;
- Budgets can be redirected for other crucial issues;
- The water can be used for watering food gardens and cleaning the classroom floors and surface areas;
- Water in these tanks should not be used for human consumption;
- Fruits and vegetables grown through rain harvesting can help feed learners and other children like pre-school children in close vicinity of the school;
- Helps people understand the importance of water catchments;
The RWF Strategic Agenda Turns Around!

Towards Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Impact Driven Strategy 2030

VISION
To become a socio-economic change agent, promoting Rand Water as a good corporate citizen.

MISSION
The RWF will strategically utilise Rand Water’s Corporate Social Investment resources to advance the quality of life in communities and their surrounds; through sustainable provision of water and sanitation solutions.

Rand Water Foundation (2020-2030) – A Journey to Becoming a National WASH Centre of Excellence!

Goal
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Objectives
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Impact Analysis
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