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WATER FOR NEPAL

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UF Chapter: Nepal Team

Our team consists of approximately forty students from eight different engineering disciplines and several non-engineering majors. We collectively join together to pursue sustainable and philanthropic engineering practices. We devote our time to providing basic sanitation and clean water to these villages in Nepal. Not only does the team build the necessary infrastructure for sustainable water, but we also continuously communicate with the local schools throughout the year to ensure the water quality and the structure itself is holding up to standard. EWB-UF is a non-profit group whose goal is to implement humanitarian and community-based engineering projects.

Water for Phoolbari



Unfortunately, many of these small villages in Nepal lack any sort of clean and trustable water sources, forcing these families to embark on a thirty minute trek through mountainous terrain just to reach a river. This water contains E-Coli and many other forms of harmful bacteria. Since the river provides the only consistent source of water for many of the region's inhabitants, the locals are forced to drink it. In some cases, the children may even have to miss school in order to help their family collect water.

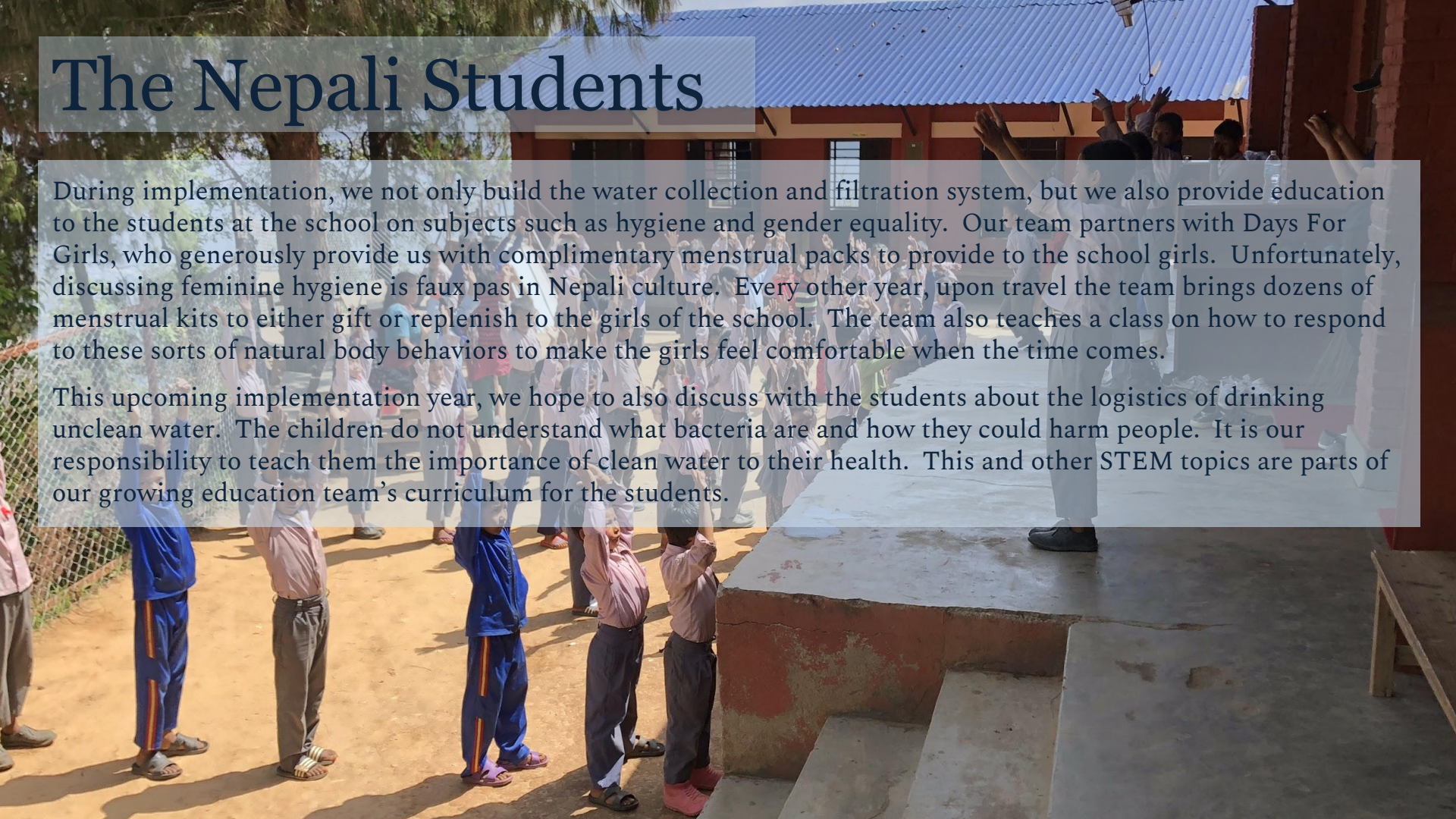
Founded in 2013, our branch of the UF chapter, also known as Water for Nepal, has restlessly pursued this passion for providing our partnering villages with the simple right of clean water. Our team hopes to build sustainable solutions for those who have to endure these unfortunate environmental circumstances. This practice will inherently bring global engineering issues to the forefront of social conscience within both our local gainesville community and the future workplaces of our team members.

After our success in implementing at our previous site in Khanalthok, Nepal, we have moved to a neighboring village, Phoolbari, as our second project in the region. Our team is currently working towards designing a rainwater catchment and filtration system for the local primary school, which would provide clean water for over two hundred people. This upcoming summer, we will be traveling back to Nepal to construct the system after two years of assessment of the building site.

The Nepali Students

During implementation, we not only build the water collection and filtration system, but we also provide education to the students at the school on subjects such as hygiene and gender equality. Our team partners with Days For Girls, who generously provide us with complimentary menstrual packs to provide to the school girls. Unfortunately, discussing feminine hygiene is faux pas in Nepali culture. Every other year, upon travel the team brings dozens of menstrual kits to either gift or replenish to the girls of the school. The team also teaches a class on how to respond to these sorts of natural body behaviors to make the girls feel comfortable when the time comes.

This upcoming implementation year, we hope to also discuss with the students about the logistics of drinking unclean water. The children do not understand what bacteria are and how they could harm people. It is our responsibility to teach them the importance of clean water to their health. This and other STEM topics are parts of our growing education team's curriculum for the students.



A photograph of a man in a green shirt and three schoolgirls in blue uniforms walking away on a dirt path. The man is on the left, and the three girls are to his right. They are all walking away from the camera. The background is a lush green area with trees and bushes. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent green box.

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