

# The Living Earth Institute

The **Living Earth Institute** (LEI) is a non-profit organization that provides environmental education and awareness for the protection, restoration, and sustainable use of natural resources.

## ***International Sustainable Development Programs***

The destructive consumption of natural resources for the growth of the human population requires a change in perspective. LEI works with local community groups to assess and implement sustainable approaches to growth and development.

LEI is working with local communities for environmental and community improvements in Africa, Asia, and Central America. LEI sustainable development programs use only local expertise and labor for project design, development, and implementation.

## ***Active Projects***

### ***Drinking Water and Sanitation Project- Dhanusha District, Nepal***



*Community Health Worker talking to LEI consultant. With the help of LEI, these young girls can look forward to a healthier future.*

The Dhanusha District is severely under-served for water supply and sanitation needs. Water supply wells are few and far between, constructed poorly, and subject to bacterial and chemical contamination. The Dhanusha project will serve over 5,000 people throughout the District by bringing 50 water supply wells and 500 latrines to several small villages. Nepali project managers, engineers, and local labor are employed for construction, oversight, and project implementation. A local women's development organization provides education on health and other social concerns in the community.

## ***Water, Education, and Capacity Building- Namje Village, Nepal***



*Namje villagers built a water supply system capable of pumping 12,000 liters of water per hour.*

Namje village, a community of 650 families, lacks access to clean water, basic educational opportunities, and the resources for income generation. Nonetheless, through their own ingenuity, the villagers recently acquired a running water supply. LEI's project will build on the successes of the existing water system by supporting local experts to provide water treatment and to expand water access into neighboring villages. LEI is also empowering local groups to build a Community Science and Environmental Education Center. The project will maximize local talents and resources to create

an integrated water supply system and educational program for ten villages in the district. The project will also provide training for small-scale income generation projects.

## ***Developing rural water supply in Anambra State of Nigeria***



*A local pond with high sedimentation is the source of water supply in Anambra.*

LEI is developing rural water supply projects in Anambra State of Nigeria. The project will be implemented through Nnamdi Azikiwe University in partnership with the local communities to support basic water supply needs of many people within the region.

The local communities will be invested in all aspects of the project including the system design, construction, training, operation and maintenance. LEI is currently securing the necessary equipment, hiring local workers and working with the University staff to implement the project.

## ***Emerging Sustainable Development Projects Worldwide***

LEI is reaching other corners of the globe to empower local communities with the resources to create their own sustainable environmental solutions. LEI is currently exploring projects with communities in El Salvador and other parts of Asia and Africa to help address their needs.



Water supply well completed by LEI workers in Dhanusha, Nepal

*Building a Stronger, Healthier Global Village*

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Your tax-deductible donation will help our educational, environmental, and sustainable development efforts.

You can donate to LEI's global programs, or directly to any project of your choosing. All LEI staff are volunteers, allowing donations to go directly to the communities we serve. Please consider making your generous gift today by sending a check to:

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“No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.”

—Aesop

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- *Technical assistance and education in establishing sustainable development.*
- *A system of distance learning for providing environmental education to a wide audience.*
- *Assessments for citizen groups needing assistance in management of environmental issues.*

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