

# NEWS

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## A Gift From Yale



The Foundation received a significant contribution from the Philanthropy in Action class at Yale. The money was used to fund the Mali Health project (below).

The students spent several months studying various humanitarian works, and focused on how they can best use their time, talents and resources to support private initiatives, and to improve the quality of life of humankind. Then they chose us “to support, they say, “the important work that you do focusing on improving health policies and practices to improve children’s lives around the world.” We are very grateful.

## Action for Health

**Mali Health**, Mali, has increased the impact of their project to an additional 200 children from their previous grant (2010). They have thus far carried out Community Health Care training, oral



rehydration therapy training with 450 mothers and caregivers, clinic consultations (paid-for visits of over 100 children at community health centers), and culinary demonstrations. Pictured here are the mothers of 6-month old babies learning to prepare nutritious food during and after the weaning period.

They plan next to follow up on the culinary demonstrations, vaccination training and potable water training, set to coincide with the rainy season when residents tend to drink untreated rainwater.

## Sanitary Facilities

**UPPO**, Bangladesh, have so far installed 43 of 66 planned double slat latrines among aboriginal families. They have had good cooperation from the local government and gratitude from



the families. Furthermore, they have formed 10 health groups to implement health-based awareness and to ensure continued community participation.

The ring slab latrine allows a process for the people to get compost fertilizer to prevent environmental pollution and also benefit economically.

## You Can Trust Us

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The Tampa Bay Times recently put together a list of 50 charities that, based on their tax filings, had given 0 to 11.1% of the donations collected to the charity they advertised, accounting for \$1.35 billion in donations. If you would like to read the list, go to our website: [www.childhealthfoundation.org](http://www.childhealthfoundation.org) and click on facebook.

You will see in this newsletter documentation of all the great work in the world we have supported with your donations and only 6.9% was used for administration. Please keep giving and tell your friends.

## Clean, Clear Water

Whereas the **The Environment and Population Research Centre (EPRC)** usually works mostly in select villages, they chose to put pumps with funds, donated by Maryland Presbyterian Church, in a Dhaka city slum because of the serious needs



there...water was scarce because the pipes supplying city water flowed only for about an hour a day causing long lines and confusion. So, most people paid heavily for water from a source that was stolen by connecting into more abundant pipes. And this poor leaky, connection contaminated the water, causing illness in the community.

Here, instead of tubewells, they tapped into the city water pipes (with permission) and built an underground tank to hold the water, putting the pump on top. One tank supplies water to 60 families, who pay a small sum for this easily accessible, clean water. And they plan to install two more tanks.



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### WASH

**Act Ngono**, Tanzania, set out on a WASH (water and sanitation) project and have started work on a VIP toilet structure, pictured here, at a primary school. They

contracted an engineer and identified an approved health department building plan, and then proceeded. They will continue with plans, needing to finish the roof and the doors, and then to harvest rainwater. They, of course, expect this project to improve greatly the health of the school children. This project is funded by Esther Lazarson of New York City.

CHF 2013 Annual Report is ready and available on our website: [childhealthfoundation.org](http://childhealthfoundation.org).

### Rainwater Harvesting

**Action for Community Empowerment (ACE)**, Kenya,



have now completed their *Improved Sanitation and Hygiene Among Children Project* by installing a plastic rainwater harvesting tank at a community school, shown here. In a previous newsletter we reported about their construction of an Eco-san toilet, the training of community

members and teachers on health, environment, water, sanitation and hygiene issues, and the installation of tippy taps in 16 schools.

Through networking the local health facilities, they learned of a decrease in diarrhea, especially cholera. And they say that children are also missing fewer days of school. Clearly this is a successful outcome and will continue to impact the community.

### Latest New Board Member

We welcome Zahirah McNatt, MHA, Director of Leadership Education and Practice at the Global Health Leadership Institute at Yale University. Ms. McNatt received her MHA in Health Policy and Management from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health.



Prior to her current role, she spent 3 years in Ethiopia working to improve hospital quality through the creation of degree programs, national quality improvement initiatives and health systems research. She has also worked in the Caribbean developing chronic disease outreach programs and educational opportunities for physicians and administrators.

Ms. McNatt recently supported the development of strategies for improving access to services for people with disabilities who reside in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Sudan and Zambia. Her current interest is in facilitating the creation of indigenous, innovative approaches to health and development, both in the US and abroad.

Until now Ms. McNatt has been involved with the Foundation as a member of our Advisory Board.

### Lab testing successful

**Nyaya Health**, Nepal, evaluated the implementation in rural settings of an innovative, low-cost approach to making culture-based enteric fever diagnosis available in settings without electricity or trained laboratory personnel. According to their final report the test was used on 118 pediatric patients going to the hospital with fever. Blood cultures were obtained and revealed that 113 of the children were infected with *Salmonella typhi* or *paratyphi*. They say, "This study, in partnership with the Child Health Foundation has allowed us to test and pilot a key capacity for future diagnosis of enteric fever in a rural health setting."



Since this study, they have changed their name to *Possible*.

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