Without capacity development, projects are more likely to fail. The Rural Water Supply Network found in 2007 that an average of 36% of hand-pumps across 21 countries in Africa were non-functioning. That represents a total investment of between $1.2 and $1.5 billion USD over 20 years.

CAWST is a Canadian charity and licensed engineering firm. Our vision is a world where people have the opportunity to succeed because their basic water and sanitation needs have been met. Our network of implementing clients spans 84 countries, including Water Expertise and Training (WET) Centre partnership hubs in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Honduras, Laos PDR, Nepal, and Zambia. Since 2001, 15.4 million people around the world are using better water or sanitation as a result of projects implemented by CAWST’s clients and WET Centre clients.

We focus on developing capacity and resiliency at the local level.

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