



WELL OF HOPE

Project's aim:

To dig wells in the world's driest places through the donations from our fundraiser, and to raise awareness on water issues around the world, while drawing a smile on the communities faces during the process.

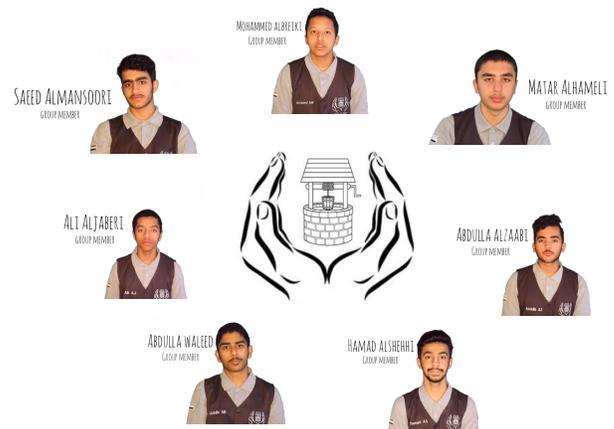
Sustainable goals covered:

Goal 3: good health and well-being
Goal 6: clean water and sanitation
Goal 11: sustainable cities and communities
Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals



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Raising awareness through social media:

Our first step to raising awareness was through social media, mainly Instagram and Twitter. On our Instagram, we post facts, inspirational quotes, and our progress throughout this journey, where this account has over 160 followers, 50 posts and an average of 100 profile visits per week. We also created a YouTube channel, where we upload our vlogs and movies. Our short movie, which you can find at our YouTube channel, discusses the state of a young boy called Abdulla, who represents most of the people that suffer from water problems around the world. This video was a big success, and it made us all proud, as the directing and the edits were really good.

Fundraiser in our school sponsored by The Red Crescent :

The first big and challenging step for us was cooperating with The Emirates Red Crescent in order to get an approval to gather donations from people in our school. The approvals were a bit challenging to get especially for students like us, but with the help and cooperation of our school's administration and The Red Crescent we got the approvals. We have reached an agreement to get 6 donation boxes for a duration of 2 months. The boxes were placed at several strategic locations around the campus. Boxes were placed at the canteen, reception, hallways and mosque. Our goal was to dig three wells only. Fortunately, in the 21st of March, we didn't just reach our goal, but we even surpassed it, we got enough donations to dig three wells as we intended, and enough money to place three water coolers and help in digging another well in a different country



Red crescent activities:

After having finished the foreign part of the project we decided to focus on the domestic part, and with help of The Red Crescent, we arranged visits to the families in need, where we supplied them with boxes of necessities. In addition to that, we decided to host a charity and celebration match. We contacted The Red Crescent to contact young kids to participate in this match.



External activities:

On our visit to Umm Al Emarat Park we met Dr.Habib Ghloum, who is considered to be a public figure and a social media influencer where he talked about the importance of water in our lives. After several sessions of spreading awareness in the institute we decided to take our project into another level and start visiting other campuses to inspire others based on this we contacted Abdulla bin Otaibah School to go and present our project to their students. One of the best moments for us during this journey was when we received an invitation from the Elite Private School to inspire their youngsters and also motivate them to start such a project. At that moment we felt that our project reached to a point where we could influence others and that we got the public's attention and we can place our print in our society. We also visited the



Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashed Center for the autistics to show their importance in our society and inspire them to make a difference in the world and that they are playing a big role in changing and improving the world. One day we decided to help the ones our hands can reach by giving water bottles and beverages to the construction workers on the streets, it was a sunny day and we are glad we made them happy.



Inspiring others:

After our success, we were contacted by our English teacher. She said that we were chosen to participate in a ted talk that included our project and the reasons behind our success. The goal of the ted talk was to inspire the students in our school to expand their extracurricular profile.

Our experience:

We have learned a large number of things throughout this journey. We learned that without hard work we wouldn't reach anywhere, and without teamwork we won't be where we are right now, and most importantly without hope we won't succeed in anything. We merged each member's unique skills to reach to this hopeful successful journey.

Overall:

In summary, our project inspired more than 1500 students, including students in our school, Abdulla bin Otaibah's school, Elite private school, and our followers on social media. There are about 200 people who were impacted physically by our project, including the construction workers, the young orphans, and the families in need, excluding the thousands of people that will benefit from the wells that are being dug.

Summary video: <https://youtu.be/xtkEcUoyAec>

Full journey video: <https://youtu.be/IDNJEsk11wY>

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