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## Take action, walk for rights!

World Water Day is celebrated around the world every year on March 22. Since 2011, thousands of people across the world have come together to appeal for universal access to water and sanitation with the campaign '*The World Walks for Water & Sanitation*'.

Currently, 40% of the world cannot access a toilet and almost 800 million people do not have access to safe water.

In Tanzania, 5.5 million people are without access to a safe sanitation facility. Water-related diseases, like cholera and diarrhoea, are still a leading cause of illness and death, and women and children can spend up to 7 hours a day collecting clean water.

In March, the world will walk for the right to clean water and sanitation. You are invited to join the HAT team as we walk in solidarity with our friends in Tanzania and raise money to improve the quality of life for those living in the village of Mampando.



*Click on the image to see the promo video.*

**-Date: Sunday March 22, 2015**

**-Time: 10:00 am**

**-Where: Princes Bridge (Swanston St near Federation Square) Melbourne CBD – Kooyong Station. (Approx. 7km, or 1.5 hours)**

**-Cost: \$15 registration donation, \$10 for students, children and unemployed. Fresh fruit and water bottles will be provided!**

Last year, 660,000 people across the world walked for water and sanitation. Join the HAT Walk in Melbourne on March 22 (World Water Day) because **TOGETHER** we **CAN** make a **CHANGE**.

All money raised will go to the [Mampando Village Hygiene and Sanitation project](#) that will provide the community with a health and sanitation centre and education around the importance of sanitation in the reduction of disease.

## **Water crisis post-2015: What's next?**

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) established by the United Nations in 2000 to end extreme poverty and to improve health and education are concluding at the end of 2015.

Many of you may ask yourselves: have the targets been achieved?, what's next? and what lessons have been learned?



In the area of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), The World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for water supply and sanitation partnered in 2011 with over 70 organisations and over 200 individuals from around the world to discuss what would come after the MDGs. Their technical advice was extremely important to those responsible for setting up the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that will commence in 2016. The SDGs will come with some important improvements:

- Aim for universal access to water and sanitation
- Eliminate inequalities in access to WASH
- Address the issue of open defecation
- Don't forget hygiene
- Go beyond households
- Aim for more than just basic services

There are positive signs that the SDGs will reflect the potential for better WASH to contribute to a broad range of development concerns.

Please click [here](#) if you would like to read the full article from *The Guardian*.

**Take action and join the HAT Walk on March 22 to end the water and sanitation crisis!**

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**Fun and easy fundraiser, get involved!**

Have you ever thought about being involved with HAT but don't have much time to volunteer?

We have the answer to that, become a healthy snacks fundraiser for HAT!

Sell delicious snacks like popcorn, a range of nuts and pretzels to your family and friends and at your work place.

This is an easy and fun way to make a difference to rural Tanzanian communities with 100% of the proceeds going to our current projects.

If this sounds like you, drop us a line at [Tessa.Saunders@hat.org.au](mailto:Tessa.Saunders@hat.org.au) and we will deliver a box with mixed products for you to sell.

What are you waiting for? Make a difference now!

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