# WELLS 4 WELLNESS Inc.
## 2024 Annual Report

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# Background & Purpose

Wells 4 Wellness is a Non-Profit Organization committed to funding and placing wells in the extremely impoverished nation of Niger. No matter where we live, our story is deeply connected to water. The majority of our planet is covered in it, and our bodies are made mostly of water. Water is also at the heart of a daily crisis faced by a billion of the world's most vulnerable people—a crisis that threatens life and destroys livelihoods on a devastating scale. Many countries are in need of water, but no other country is so adversely affected like Niger.

Founded in 2010, Wells 4 Wellness rests on a passion to meet this basic need of water for the people of Niger. By raising funds to drill wells and install water delivery/storage systems, and by training local pastors and their teams to maintain and operate these wells, the organization gives the people of Niger opportunities they never dreamt possible. Through meeting basic needs and serving out of an overflow of God's goodness and mercy, Wells 4 Wellness points those they serve toward the Living Water - eternal salvation through Jesus Christ; the ultimate need of all people across the world.

Since the start of Wells 4 Wellness we have drilled more than 140 wells, providing fresh, clean, drinking water to almost a quarter of a million people across the surrounding areas of two major cities, Niamey & Maradi, Niger.

## Our Mission

*TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN WATER AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DRILLING AND CREATION OF WELLS TO SUPPLY CLEAN WATER IN NIGER, AFRICA*

## Goals

1. Raise funds for immediate installation of wells & pumps in Niger villages, where the greatest need exists.
2. Raise awareness on the lack of safe, clean drinking water and the access to it.
3. Provide funding and equipment for establishment of local drilling teams to convert our initial Non-Governmental Organization support into a self-sustaining project.

## Providing Water in Niger

Niger is a landlocked country in northern Africa. Most of the country is in the Sahara Desert, one of the driest regions on the planet. Once a village receives a well, their lives are changed forever. No longer do the women and children have to take long journeys to hunt for water. They can now be educated, have gardens, and go to the market to sell their vegetables. The men can make bricks and build sturdy homes.

We place wells through a combination of partnerships and the use of our own drilling equipment and teams. Initially we thought we could raise funds and hire the work out, but this proved unrealistic. Niger lacks basic infrastructure, and equipment is not always available in the regions we operate. In 2015, we began importing equipment and training local teams. In addition to providing water, we are providing jobs for the men of Niger by teaching them how to drill and maintain the wells. If a well breaks down, local inhabitants can now fix it themselves, reducing downtime and getting water pumping again.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene are essential for extended life expectancy for the people of Niger. Unsanitary environments and unsafe water threaten not only the immediate survival of young children but also their physical and mental development. Illnesses such as diarrhea cause and exacerbate malnutrition, and can stunt development.

In Niger, women are seldom educated. One of their biggest tasks is to secure water for their families. Unfortunately, many of the existing wells are open and then contaminated with waste and debris. Many women and children walk long distances and end the day with only small amounts of contaminated water. In rural Niger, there are not many ways to generate income. Meals consist of fish from local rivers, produce from small gardens, or crops from mostly barren fields. There is not enough water to sustain much life. The main crop or food source  is millet.

Due to the little rainfall, groundwater must supply most people's daily needs. Hand-dug wells lack liners and are subject to contamination by seepage and debris. Our wells are lined, capped, and sealed. Then a pump is provided to prevent water contamination.

## Well Configurations

Wells 4 Wellness offers two different types of well configurations, that can be further customized to best suit the local and the needs of those benefiting from a new well.

**THE BASIC**

- BOREHOLE
- PVC CASING
-CONCRETE
- MANUAL PUMP
- MASONRY WALL & TROUGH

**CHALET**

- BOREHOLE
- PVC CASING
-CONCRETE
- SOLAR ELECTRIC PUMP
- SOLAR PANELS
- WATER TOWER
- WATER TANK
- PLUMBING PARTS

# HISTORY & TIMELINE

## 2009: THE NEED

Pat Herath, with support from Operation Blessing, helped install five wells in Cambodia. This experience showed her the dire need for access to fresh drinking water and sparked the vision of a local organization with global impact.

## 2010: THE BEGINNING

Pat told the story of drilling wells to long-time missionary friends Ron and Jerry Childs in Niger, Africa. They were excited and asked Pat to drill 30 wells at their outreach sites in the Sahara Desert. Wells 4 Wellness was formed in March 2010 under the umbrella of Elim Fellowship, and completed its first project in Niger by repairing an existing dry well.

## 2011: THE VISIT

Pat and Bob traveled to Niger for the first time to survey proposed drill sites. In partnership with Operation Blessing and Hosanna Ministries, Wells 4 Wellness funded and installed its first two wells in Niger including solar powered pumps and water towers.

## 2012: THE BOARD

The Wells 4 Wellness Board was formed and the organization filed for incorporation as a separate entity.

## 2013: THE PARTNERS

Wells 4 Wellness requested 501c3 status from the IRS and partnered with World Vision's drilling team to install a solar powered well at a government-run primary school in Maradi. Wells 4 Wellness received official 501c3 status.

## 2014: THE SHIFT

New political policy in Niger prevented foreign NGOs from operating more than 12 kilometers from the Embassy. To meet its mission, Wells 4 Wellness began a bold campaign

to purchase and ship a drilling rig, compressor and other necessary equipment to Niger, so wells could be drilled using local workers.

In a third partnership with Operation Blessing, Pat arranged for a well to be placed in an orphanage in the Philippines, marking the first well placed outside of Niger under Wells 4 Wellness.

## 2015: THE TEST

The first drill rig was acquired and tested in Houston, Texas.

## 2016: THE NEW EQUIPMENT

The drill rig was delivered to Niger to be operated under the direction of Ron and Jerry Childs of the well division of Vie Abondante Ministries. In April, a drill team from Houston composed of members of Faith City Church and Relief Network led by Pat and Ann Marx of Wells 4 Wellness traveled to Niamey, Niger to train local men to use the rig. Two wells were installed by the newly trained local team.

## 2017: THE LOCAL TEAM

Four wells drilled. In February, Wells 4 Wellness sent its third mission to Niger to deliver equipment and document the progress of the drill team. Eight wells were installed.

## 2019: THE FIRST DOCUMENTARY

Twelve wells were drilled and in November, Wells 4 Wellness sent its fourth mission to Niger to scout new locations and film a documentary of our progress. The film can be view on our website and it is titled: BOTTOM OF THE LIST

## 2020: THE CELEBRATION

In March, Wells 4 Wellness celebrated its 10-year anniversary with the installation of our 33rd well! Despite the pandemic cancelling our 10-year anniversary celebration and fundraiser, an online event premiering the Wells 4 Wellness documentary, which allowed the team to secure over and above the funds needed for next year. Considered essential

business, drill teams continued in Niger, drilling a total of 20 wells in 2020. Wells 4 Wellness also launched a reorganization to increase its operational capacity and longevity.

### 2021: THE CONTINUED SUCCESS

Wells 4 Wellness continued with the success of our drilling and met our goal with 14 additional wells.

### 2022: REPAIRS

Unlike other water charities, Wells 4 Wellness keeps in contact with each person who has been given the responsibility to maintain their well. In addition to drilling 19 new wells in 2022, we also repaired 6 older wells.

### 2023: RAMPING UP!

The drilling process became hyper efficient and funding increased. Wells 4 Wellness drilled 27 new wells in 2023 and repaired 4 older wells.

### 2024: BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS

Our biggest & most successful year to date. In 2024, we drilled 32 new wells and repaired 16 older wells

## Wells Installed

**2024**

32 wells

**TOTAL:** 143 wells

## Global Impact Reports

“Thank you for all your hard work to see water provided for the people of Niger. Again, we pray God’s blessing over everyone that has made this possible. You cannot imagine how many lives and livestock that are flourishing by the wells your team has provided. We sincerely appreciate the vision and sacrifices that have gone into making all this possible.”

Quote from Koyejo Amori

## Strategic Vision

Since 2020 we have drilled 143 wells. Our original vision was to drill 10 wells a year and try to increase because of the number as best we can. But now, we have shifted our approach by identifying the wells we want to drill and raising the funds the year before.

In 2024, we reached our goal and exceeded it by drilling 32 wells & repairing 16 older wells!

Our goal for 2025 is to drill 25 new wells in each of the Niamey & Maradi regions, totaling 50 new wells in 2025!

x 50 = Our Goal!

## Take Action

**You can change lives!** With your donation, you can directly impact the lives of the people of Niger. Every dollar is used toward the planning, installation and implementation of wells.

Watch and share our documentary: BOTTOM OF THE LIST

Will you make a donation to Wells 4 Wellness? With your support we will reach our goal of fifty wells in 2025! Hope to hear from you soon.

Much love to you & many thanks.

Sincerely,

Pat, Willie + The Board

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