

## Transfer of Appropriate Sustainable Technology and Expertise

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### Your generosity is needed to raise £60,000 by March 2021 – Please help

Dear Praying Supporter

Since being registered in the UK in 1999, TASTE has helped over 500,000 individuals gain access to clean drinking water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. Because of the Lord's faithfulness to us over these 21 years, TASTE has been able to demonstrate God's love in a very practical way to so many communities in Nigeria. God continues to bless our work and 2021 is set to mark a significant step change for TASTE as we begin an exciting 3-year partnership with Tearfund Nigeria. The partnership will see TASTE taking responsibility for delivering all aspects of Tearfund Nigeria's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects, enabling us to reach so many more poor communities.

However, to meet this obligation to provide the necessary expertise and infrastructure to Tearfund as well as continuing with our own WASH projects, we need **a bigger, faster drilling rig** as soon as possible. We have identified a suitable drilling rig that is ready to ship to Nigeria but need your help **now** to fund the purchase.

During the time that TASTE has been operating in Nigeria, all the money raised through general fundraising activities has gone directly to specific WASH projects. We have therefore had to fundraise separately in order to purchase the two drilling rigs that we have owned over the years.

Purchasing these rigs, while still continuing our WASH projects required great faith in our God and He didn't disappoint. Rocky, our first rig was purchased while we were still a fledgling charity. We sent out a cry for help, and you, our dear friends, rallied to our call for support raising the £3,750 we needed.

Our second rig, The PAT Drill 401T with a price tag of £90,000 was again bought through your generous support in the form of interest free loans, gifts and various fundraising events. The remarkable thing about the timing of the purchase was that, although it coincided with the severe economic crisis of 2008/9, we were able to raise the full amount and pay off all loans over the 5 years of agreements while still completing our planned WASH projects - another amazing answer to our prayers. We are very thankful to God for the generous heart He has given to you in helping us with these purchases and in your continued commitment to TASTE and our work in Nigeria.

The PAT Drill 401T is still in good shape and serving communities across Nigeria some 12 years on. The rig has played a pivotal role in our being able to carry out projects in over 450 rural communities. Over the last 5 years we have been planning on the purchase of another bigger drilling rig and, following the partnership with Tearfund, this need is even more urgent. We know that the rocky terrain in some of the areas of Nigeria we will be working in as partners of Tearfund will be a challenge too far for our current equipment.

#### ***How can you help?***

We need to **raise £90,000** to purchase a new rig and are seeking your help to raise the funds through **provision of interest free loans to TASTE**. We undertake to **repay your loan over three years** by using the drilling fees received from Tearfund over the next three years. **Are you in a position to make a loan, however small towards our big r**  
***Why do we need to buy a new drilling rig?***

A **bigger rig** would allow us to drill boreholes through the tougher rock strata we will encounter more and more as we expand our work across the country. The current smaller rig will not be able to drill through this very rocky geology.

A **bigger rig** will mean that our drilling of boreholes can be more cost effective and we can increase the number of communities we help. This will mean less use of water from the inherently unsafe contaminated sources of open wells, streams, rivers, ponds and dried riverbeds. Having a borehole in the community supplying safe clean water means the eradication of water borne diseases such as cholera and typhoid. The fewer visits to hospitals and clinics as a result will put less pressure on the already overwhelmed healthcare system and increase the disposal income of households.

A **bigger rig** will mean that more women and children who bear the burden of water collection, often walking 5k per trip, can get safe drinking water from boreholes within their communities.

A **bigger rig** will mean that with boreholes within the community women and girls don't have to leave the safety of their communities to travel to the closest water sources. Travelling to these remote water sources exposes them to the risk of being subjected to sexual violence and harassment from the nomadic Fulani herdsmen. The community-based boreholes will also reduce the conflict between the communities and these herdsmen over access to these scarce water sources.

A **bigger rig** will ensure the availability of a plentiful supply of water with the consequence that the whole community can practice regular hand washing with clean water enhancing their fight against Covid-19.

Therefore, we would ask for your support both prayerfully and financially in our work to demonstrate the love of God to these vulnerable communities.

Thank you  
God Bless  
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Existing drilling rig



Proposed bigger drilling rig