

# Agua4All

*Providing safe drinking water in schools and communities*



## Agua4All:

- raises awareness about the importance of safe drinking water;
- builds community partnerships to install safe water taps in schools and neighborhoods where they're needed most; and
- develops long-term solutions for rural water quality and access problems.

**Access to affordable safe drinking water provides a foundation for healthy communities and schools,** but millions of Americans still go without this access. Aging infrastructure and water quality issues abound. Common contaminants such as arsenic, which is often naturally occurring, can cause cancer, thyroid problems, and other serious health issues. This is especially of concern for children, who are one of the most susceptible populations when it comes to negative health impacts of poor water quality.

## Project Benefits:

### Agua4All can:

- Fund **bottle filling stations** in schools and key community sites to help deliver safe, appealing, and affordable drinking water.
- Fund **reusable bottles** for students and staff use to further encourage increased water consumption.
- Reduce disposable plastic bottle waste by **encouraging tap water consumption** and reusable water bottle use. Filling stations can include counters that measure impact showing reduced use of disposable plastic water bottles.
- Provide **student and community education** on local water quality issues and promote healthy beverage choices.
- Provide **capacity building via training and technical assistance** to school and community sites to ensure ongoing safe water access.
- Ensure **students stay hydrated**, which has been linked to higher academic performance.
- **Establish models and success stories** for other schools, communities, funders and policy makers on how to access and promote safe water.

**Expanding RCAC's  
Agua4All initiative on a  
national basis through  
the RCAP Network**



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