



## **We have been busy across the world and are excited to share our most recent news with you!**

### **Take a look at how Aquaya is ringing in the new year:**

- From August to December we raised \$10,377 for our fellowship program, [AquayaLEARN](#). Many supporters donated to support our staff completing various lengths of the Nairobi Standard Chartered Marathon in October. A number of donors also showed their support on #GivingTuesday. **THANK YOU** if you were one of our donors! If not, it's never too late to [donate](#).

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- We are excited to share that we have signed a contract for a large **USAID** grant with TetraTech, called [WASHPaLS](#). We are excited to be bringing our co-founder Jeff Albert back to Aquaya as the Deputy Director of this program.

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- In January we began work on two consultancies with the World Bank:
  - **Haiti** - designing and carrying out a value chain analysis on sanitation products and services available in small towns and rural areas nationally across Haiti.
  - **Kenya** - following up on 2015 baseline study to compare different marketing strategies for plastic latrine slabs.

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- Congratulations are in order for our AquayaLEARN alumnus, **Aaron Gichaba** (2014), who recently secured a position with [Aqua Clara International](#) at the recommendation of our staff. He has also published his fellowship research on drinking water quality in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

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- **Staff additions:** [Our team](#) keeps on expanding!
  - In 2017 we were excited to add Dr. Caroline Delaire to our staff as the Research Program Manager.
  - Morris Mwangi joined our team as the Office Manager in Nairobi.
  - Jeff Albert, Aquaya co-founder, has returned as the Deputy Project Director for WASHPaLS.

- o Alicea Cock-Esteb took a leave but is back now managing our fellowship program, AquayaLEARN.
- o As of January 1st we have hired another AquayaLEARN alumni, Patrick Ronoh, to our team as a Research Assistant.



Ranjiv sampling water at Eawag in Switzerland while co-teaching a workshop on water quality monitoring in developing countries.



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