

FAQ: TivaWater Church Partnerships

- **How portable is it really?**
 - The TivaWater filter weighs 25 pounds including all the pieces and sand. Thirty (30) filters can easily be packed into a van or in the back of a truck for delivery to the community your team is distributing filters.
- **How long does the filter actually last?**
 - We were established in 2010 and began distributing filters in 2011. We have found our filters last at least 5 years. We know this because we conduct follow-up home visits to ask questions and see how the filters are working. TivaWater is committed to quality and making sure our filters are performing the way they should.
- **How many have been in operation and for how long?**
 - Since 2011, we have distributed 15,000 filters. Half of those have been in the field for 5 years.
- **Is this a new venture or time tested?**
 - We are in our 5th year of operation and have been partnering with churches and organizations since 2012.
- **What is the actual cost?**
 - \$100 per filter. This includes delivery and training.
- **And how does that cost compare to other options?**
 - Please see *Competitor Breakdown* PDF
- **Why is it PERFECT for the short term mission trip?**
 - They are easy transport, set-up and train recipients on how to use.
 - You can make a long-term, tangible impact even during a short trip
 - Instantly opens up an opportunity to build relationships with families
- **What kind of cost would it add to a mission trip?**
 - This would depend on how many filters you would like to distribute. If you have 20 people on your short term mission team, you could include the cost of one or two filters to every person's trip cost, which would raise the money necessary.
- **What parts of the world would this filter be most suitable?**
 - Anywhere freshwater is available. The majority of our filters are in Uganda and Guatemala, with some in Haiti, Kenya and the Congo.
- **Why is it not being used by large agencies like Compassion International?**
 - On a local level in Uganda, we have partnered with big name organizations like Compassion International, World Vision, Child Fund and Samaritans Purse. We are currently pursuing contacts at the US headquarters of these large-scale ministries.

*Please note: every partnership is unique, therefore, please only use this factsheet as a basic guideline to our most commonly asked questions instead of a "one size fits all" model. If you are interested in discussing what a partnership would look like with TivaWater for your ministry, please contact:

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