Another 2984 people in Tajikistan have access to clean water!

Projects built during 2006 provided another 310 families in Tajikistan with clean drinking water. A total of 4700 people in 12 villages have been supplied with clean drinking water during the two years of the Village Water Supply project. Total budget for these projects was about $88,700, with 40% from Rotary International, 42% from CARE Tajikistan and 18% in-kind contributions from the local communities.

Water for 22,733 villagers to be done in 2007

Due to delays in funds transfers, two village projects (one in Yavan District, Tajikistan and one in Tokmak village, Kyrgyzstan) were not completed in 2006 and are therefore continuing into 2007. Construction commenced in March 2007. The Yavan water system has been designed by Foteh Rahmatilloev, an engineering trainee of Intelligentsia International, Inc. Rotary projects provide a unique opportunity for young professionals in developing countries to become involved in real-world projects and provide service to their fellow citizens.

Central Asia Water Project in the Media

The Times of Central Asia, the primary English language newspaper of the five-nation region, has regularly reported on Rotary projects in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The series of articles focuses on the humanitarian service achievements and ideals of Rotary International. The latest Times coverage was published on World Water Day (March 22) using text from the Rotary International website and photos of the local village water projects.

Also, see the April edition of the [Rotarian magazine](#) with its cover story on the Tajikistan project.

Rotary Club of Dushanbe

Tajikistan's first Rotary group, the Rotary Club of Dushanbe, was chartered in 2005 and the village water supply program became its first large-scale service project. Charter members Mr. Graeme Loten, Mr. Alisher Latypov, and others formed a water project committee headed by Mr. William Kennedy. The committee developed partnerships with CARE-Tajikistan and Intelligentsia International. The team of NGO's signed a memorandum of understanding for the design and construction of water delivery systems in the Varzob highland area villages. The partnership is now in its third year.