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# Host Site Handbook

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Everything you need to unite your local community and equip people around the world with access to clean water.



*A young boy carries a jerry can full of water on his daily walk for water in DR Congo.*

# EVERY STEP YOU TAKE IS ONE THEY WON'T HAVE TO™

## FAITH'S STORY

In Malawi, 12-year-old Faith starts most days at 2 a.m. for a water walk that's double the average distance. Carrying such a weight takes a physical toll, but that's not the worst part. "The water we get there is unsafe water. It doesn't smell good," says her mom. "Sometimes we suffer from water-borne diseases." Clean water could change absolutely everything. Read Faith's story on page 9.



Scan the QR code to visit our Host Site Hub at [hub.worldvision6k.org](https://hub.worldvision6k.org), which contains the resources mentioned in this guide.



“I was thirsty and you  
gave me something  
to drink.”

—Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

Hey leaders!

We’re so excited to have you and your team join this movement as we come together to empower people around the world with lasting access to clean water. We created this handbook to give you the ABCs of leading a Global 6K team!

**It’s YOUR goal** to connect your family, friends, neighbors, and community for global change—laughing and sweating all the way through this amazing event.

**It’s OUR goal** to provide you with everything you need to equip kids and families in developing countries with lasting access to clean water—that gives them the chance to go to school, have healthy food to eat, and experience fuller lives.

Use this handbook to dream up and plan your Global 6K, and feel free to personalize any of it to your liking. As always, let us know if we can help you with anything. Simply reach out to us at [ask6k@worldvision.org](mailto:ask6k@worldvision.org). We have your back!

**Crystal O’Rourke**  
*Race Director*  
*World Vision’s Global 6K for Water*

P.S. We’ve heard your suggestions and are taking steps to make the 6K more sustainable! Participants now have the option to receive a full participant kit or just their bib.

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## Hosting at a glance

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### Launch your Global 6K

Six to eight weeks before event day

Get your “where” and “when” in order; personalize your team page; and soak up all of our best tips for sharing your Global 6K at church, work, school, on social media, or in the community. Make sure to get your first four teammates signed up so you can get your Launch Kit early!

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### Plan your event day

Following your launch

We’ve got you covered with all the lists and tips you need to pull off an awesome event. Learn how to route your course, inspire your people, and make the day fun, flexible, and successful!

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### Keep on inviting

From launch to event day

Change more lives, invite more people, and earn more fun flair for your host site. We’ve included previous host site leaders’ best ideas for getting more people involved. Better yet? **Join our online community** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6kleaders/>) of host site leaders to share recruiting ideas!

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### Celebrate your impact

Event day and beyond

Celebrate lives changed, keep increasing your impact after your event day, and connect with other 6K-ers around the world.

## Dates to remember

- 3/1 – Recruit 20 team members and earn host site incentive #1 (see page 24 for more details)
- 3/1 – Participant event kits begin to ship (T-shirt, bib, medal, and welcome pamphlet)
- 3/16 – World Water Day promo code begins\*
- 3/22 – World Water Day (Hint: This is a great **launch day!**)
- 4/1 – Grow your team to 50 and earn host site incentive #2
- 5/1 – Make an online fundraising push to reach \$5,000 and earn host site incentive #3
- 5/3 – Last promo code begins\*
- 5/5 – Event day materials begin to ship
- 5/8 – Pre-event pep rally
- 5/12 – Last day for participants to register and receive supplies before event day
- 5/17 – GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER EVENT DAY!**

*\*Check your weekly host site leader emails for promo code details*





**Learn more** about how World Vision empowers communities with clean water.

## Why water?

### Clean water has never been more critical

Globally, 703 million people lack basic drinking water access. In the developing world, people walk an average of 6 kilometers (3.73 miles) each day to find water that's often dirty and makes them sick. It's mostly women and girls who make this dangerous and time-consuming journey. That means girls miss school to get water for their families, which holds them back from reaching their full potential.

Since 2000, 2.1 billion people have gained access to clean water—so we believe it's possible to end the global water crisis in our lifetime.

When communities have reliable access to clean water, it transforms every aspect of their lives. Better health, education, and economic opportunities flow from clean water.



Every registration fee equips one person in need with lasting access to clean water through World Vision's water projects.

#### With clean water:

- Children are better protected from disease and infection.
- More girls are free to go to school.
- Women can spend more time nurturing their kids and running businesses.
- Families can increase livestock production and grow vegetables year-round.
- Medical centers can operate safely, so people's overall health can improve.
- Communities can focus less on basic needs and more on programs that foster growth.

By hosting the Global 6K, you're part of a movement to equip thousands of people in need all over the world with life-changing clean water access. Working together, we can help end the global water crisis in our lifetime!

## In 2023, with partners like you, World Vision:



World Vision is a global leader in both providing access to clean water and promoting safe hygiene practices. Thanks to our partners, including you, we're reaching one new person with clean water every 10 seconds and one new person with a handwashing facility as well.

In 2015, World Vision and our partners made a commitment to reach 50 million people with clean water by 2030—everyone, everywhere we worked based on our footprint at the time.

Since 2011, together we've empowered 34.4 million people with lasting access to clean water.

### What does our water work look like?

- Communities are being equipped to sustainably maintain their wells and water systems.
- Families and schools are getting access to sanitation and hygiene facilities like latrines and handwashing stations.
- Kids are being supported to adopt healthy hygiene behaviors.

### Your partnership leads to lasting change!

Why? Our water work is part of a holistic, proven model that empowers kids and families to create lasting change for themselves. Our integrated approach includes water, healthcare, education, child protection, and income generation—so every child can grow into who God created them to be.





## A young daughter shoulders the family burden in Malawi

Esther, 47, worries about her children when she has to go and work in a different country. When she leaves Malawi for Mozambique, it's for three weeks at a time, and she's forced to leave her 12-year-old daughter, Faith, in charge. Since Esther's husband left, she has no other choice. Last year, she made the trek seven times. And always, the worries plague her.

Will her kids be safe? Maybe they won't have enough to eat while she's gone. And they still have to make the long walk to get water even when she isn't there. They typically start off around 2 a.m. on a water walk that is 7 miles—nearly double the average distance that people walk for water in the developing world. "My children are going to get water alone, what if something happens? How are they going to do it?" says Esther.

The family lives near a game preserve and they all worry about snakes, hyenas, and wild dogs, although thankfully none of them have been bitten. Once 12-year-old Faith saw a snake. "I got afraid," she says. Then she told herself to continue the journey. Because if she turned around, there would be no

water at home for bathing, washing clothes and dishes, cooking, and drinking.

When they get to the water hole, there's more waiting. The hole is about six feet deep and takes a while to refill each time. Carrying such a weight takes a big physical toll on Esther, Faith, and 8-year-old Isabel. "When I go to get water, I carry the bucket on my head. It's so heavy. Sometimes I feel a headache," says Isabel. Unfortunately, that's not the worst part.

"The water we get there is unsafe water. It doesn't smell good ... sometimes we suffer from water-borne diseases," says Esther. "When they are sick, the hospital is far from here. The saddest thing is when the older children are sick, I say, 'How can I carry these children on my back without a bicycle?'"

Since getting water takes so long, the girls are often late for school, so they're struggling with their education. Isabel is repeating second grade.

Having access to clean water would make a huge difference for the family. "Having clean water is a good thing in life. And I believe we can have good water, [and] our health will be improved," says Esther.



# PHASE 1 LAUNCH YOUR GLOBAL 6K

Pick a day to officially launch your Global 6K, about six to eight weeks before the event. This announcement looks different depending on how you're hosting your event, but the common theme is telling your friends and family you're helping change the world—and you want them to join you!

## Before your launch

### 1. Choose your Global 6K location

- Hosting from your own church, school, or neighborhood park is awesome! And remember to get local community organizations involved too.
- Think fun meet-up with friends and community rather than a full-fledged race.
- Other things to keep in mind:
  - *Is there parking?*
  - *Are there restrooms?*
  - *Is a permit required?*

### 2. Pick your time

- 8 or 9 a.m. is a typical start time on event day.
- Keep in mind:
  - *In warmer areas (we see you, Phoenix and Austin!) consider an earlier start time to beat the heat. Some hosts even turn it into a fun evening event by adding glowsticks (orange ones, of course).*
  - *Give yourself enough time to set up beforehand.*
  - *Walking a 6K takes an average of 90 minutes.*
  - *If your team is participating virtually, the start time is totally up to you or your participants!*



**Launch tip:** Our official launch weekend is the weekend of World Water Day: March 22! Plan to kickoff your 6K invitation at your church and everywhere else this weekend!



Find more launch “how-tos” on the Host Site Hub, like video examples and scripts. Visit [hub.worldvision6k.org](http://hub.worldvision6k.org).



Make sure to highlight the accessibility of the 6K! Invite people to walk, run, or even roll their stroller or wheelchair!

Keep inviting after the launch. Most people need up to three reminders to actually register for the event, so ask—it's okay to be persistent!



Have tablets or laptops connected to Wi-Fi and ready so people can sign up on the spot!



Have the lead pastor, school principal, CEO, and other leaders commit publicly to joining the Global 6K—it helps create momentum!



Check out our Social Media Guide on the **Host Site Hub** ([hub.worldvision6k.org](http://hub.worldvision6k.org)).



Record a video of yourself launching your event and share it on social media.

## Customize your page

Visit [worldvision6k.org](http://worldvision6k.org) and follow these steps:

1. **Customize** your page by adding photos and a story unique to your team.
2. **Create** your customized URL under the “Settings” tab—this is the best link to share when inviting people to join your team!
3. **Use a QR code** to share your link on posters, mailers, and slides. **Create your own QR code [here](#)**, or search “QR code generator.”

## Prep your brain and heart

- Equip yourself with a few stats and stories about the importance of clean water that you can share to introduce the need (see pages 7–9).
- Put on your smile and get ready to invite everyone to join you in walking, running, or rolling 6K. Be sure to share that there are participants from infants to over 100 years old!
- Share why the Global 6K is important to you! Is it clean water you’re passionate about? Kids or women being empowered? Spending time with friends and family? Reaching your local community? Bring your passion, energy, and excitement when you tell your Global 6K story.
- Plan to make sure everyone knows how to register and remind them that the need is urgent so they should sign up right away.

**Write your Global 6K launch notes here:**

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## Launch with your people

### At your CHURCH

- Secure three to five minutes during the service.
- Place an announcement or invite in the bulletin. This is a great way to use your Launch Kit postcards. Print out more postcards from the Hub.
- Show the Global 6K video and follow it up with a personal invite from you or your pastor. Bonus: Include a QR code to your team page on a presentation slide.
- Host an info table after the service with the items from your Launch Kit. You could even set up a tablet or laptop to help people register online right there. Give away treats at the table if you can.

### On SOCIAL MEDIA

- Post on social media announcing your Global 6K. Use [#6KforWater](#) and don't forget to include your team link!
- Bonus: Go live or record a video of you inviting folks!
- Create a Facebook event and invite everyone you know. (Hint: Use the Facebook event banner from the Hub!)
- Share the Global 6K video in direct messages to your friends and family to invite them more personally.
- Post a picture of your bib introducing who you're walking for, tag the people on your team, and challenge them to do the same!

## At WORK

- Host a “lunch and learn” to announce the Global 6K.
- Have a Global 6K table in your office with postcards, a sign-up list, sample T-shirts, race bibs, and finisher medals.
- Ask if you can send a company-wide or team-wide email about the 6K, inviting co-workers to join.
- Ask company leadership to record a short video to share with co-workers about the 6K.
- Hang posters around the office and keep postcards at your desk.
- Bring in orange cupcakes or doughnuts to work as a conversation starter for the 6K.
- Add an “Ask me about World Vision’s Global 6K for Water®” call to action to your email signature.

## In your COMMUNITY

- Set up a table at neighborhood fairs, festivals, and local sports events.
- Carry Global 6K postcards with you to pass out when you strike up a conversation in the grocery store, hair salon, coffee shop, school, and everywhere you go in your area—while wearing your 6K shirt.

- Ask local shops (dry cleaners, coffee shops, gyms, grocery stores) if you can put a poster in their window or leave postcards next to their register.
- Place a Global 6K yard sign in your front yard or in your window.

## At a SCHOOL

- Secure time during a school assembly for a kid-friendly launch. Partner with an enthusiastic teacher, school admin, or coach to help get students involved.
- Hang posters around the buildings.
- Ask if you can include the Global 6K in school newsletters and e-newsletters or on the school’s social media.
- Share at parent–teacher meetings.
- Create a challenge between classes or grade levels to see who can get the most sign-ups.
- Set up a table in the cafeteria or lobby to share about the Global 6K, and pass out sign-up postcards for students to take home to their parents.
- Have the school mascot wear a Global 6K T-shirt on your launch day.

**SURPRISE PROMO CODE!** To get you started with your recruiting efforts, here’s \$5 off of your first five registrations. Simply share the promo code **“firstfive”** with five friends or family members!





## Grandma and granddaughter team up!

Susy and her granddaughter, Siachen, have done the Global 6K for Water for most of Siachen's life. It started in 2013 when Susy strapped her infant granddaughter to her chest and walked the 6K.

The next year, Susy pushed Siachen in a stroller. From the age of 4 on, Siachen walked the 6 kilometers on her own. "It's a fun time to be together to help people," says Susy.

The duo used to pass out flyers at Siachen's preschool. Now they send emails and talk to people in person. "Me and my nani have a lot of friends," Siachen says. "And our friends donate money."

Siachen was the top youth fundraiser in the U.S. in 2021 and 2022—and the pair were still going strong last time we talked in 2023. "For us it's a given," says Susy. "It's important to us and we both believe in it." In over 10 years of participation, they raised nearly \$50,000—helping empower nearly 1,000 people with access to clean water.





# PHASE 2 PLAN YOUR EVENT DAY

## Tips for smooth sailing

### Make it a party

- Treats help bring a community together. Reach out to local businesses that might supply snacks and drinks. Bananas, granola bars, doughnuts, and cookies are crowd favorites. And don't forget the water!
- Partner with others in your neighborhood and community to promote the event.
- Add music. Recruit someone to be the DJ and blast tunes out of the loudest speakers you can find. Check out our recommended playlists on the **Host Site Hub** ([hub.worldvision6k.org](http://hub.worldvision6k.org)) the week before your event.
- VIRTUAL TIP: Set up a Zoom call for before and after the event to connect with your community and celebrate together!

### Make it memorable

- Create a photo booth. It can be as simple as fun balloons, or go for a more elaborate backdrop.
- Encourage participants to go all out with World Vision orange gear like face paint or hair accessories.
- Assign someone to take photos of your event day.

### Make it a true community event

- Ask friends and family to help plan the details of your event day and to take the lead on specific tasks.
- Invite local businesses to participate by providing goods and services. Think snacks, awards, or community resources.

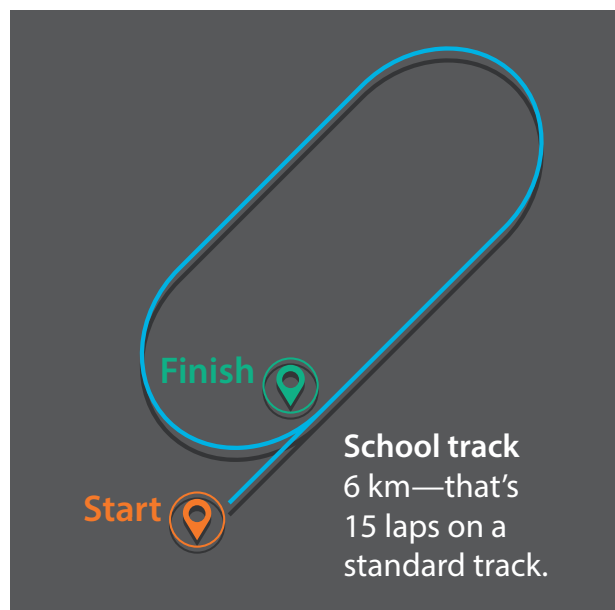
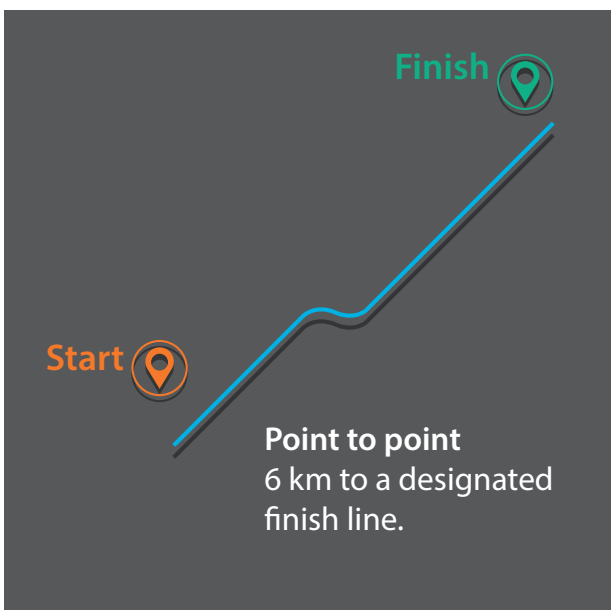
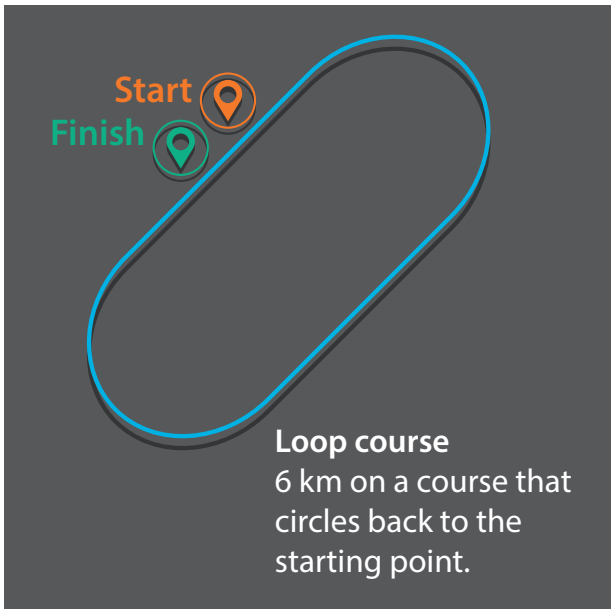
### Make it safe

- Plan your route so it's doable for kids and people of all abilities.
- Follow all posted guidelines (crosswalks, stop signs, local ordinances around crowd size, etc.).
- Plan water stations if it's hot and have a first aid plan.



## Map your 6K course

6 KILOMETERS = 3.7 MILES





Order Global 6K signage, gear, and more via the **Global 6K store** ([store.worldvision6k.org](https://store.worldvision6k.org)).

Be sure to buy your items a month before your event so they'll arrive in time!



**SURPRISE!** To add some flair to your event, check out Global 6K gear at [store.worldvision6k.org](https://store.worldvision6k.org). See page 24 to learn how you can earn store credit!



# PHASE 3 KEEP ON INVITING

## Invite more people

Spread the word and encourage your participants to do the same. The more 6K-ers you have, the more kids will be equipped with access to clean water!

### HOW

- Send texts and emails and make phone calls to everyone you know.
- Invite family and friends who don't live near you to participate virtually.
- Set a big goal and push it until your voice is gone! Remind folks who can't participate that they can still donate to equip a person in need with clean water access.
- Create a sense of FOMO (fear of missing out) by promoting something special happening on your event day.

### WHO

- Invite youth groups, small groups, school clubs, Scout groups, and local colleges.
- Check with your local media: Nonprofit events can sometimes get free ads on local TV, radio, or in the newspaper.

### WHERE

- Partner with local businesses and restaurants to provide incentives for people to join your team or sponsorships for people to register.
- Promote at local running clubs, which often have weekly fun-run groups. See if they'll join your 6K and help spread the word.
- Set up a table at your local grocery store or drugstore to recruit participants.





Check out our Launching section on the **Host Site Hub** to learn how to get media attention for your 6K.



## Change more lives

The more people you can invite to participate in the Global 6K, the more kids and families get access to clean water. Use these tips to add some oomph to your fundraising!

### ☐ Check your heart

Pray for the kids and communities that will get access to clean water through the event. Pray for donors to surprise you with generosity, and ask God how many kids you should aim to equip.

### ☐ Set a donation example

Show people that you have skin in the game by donating \$50 to your personal or host site page.

### ☐ Get personal

Your story matters. Share WHY you're hosting a Global 6K and why kids getting clean water matters to you.

### ☐ Set goals (see below)

Everyone who signs up for your team is already equipping one person in need with lasting clean water. Imagine their impact doubled or even tripled. Set a big goal for your host site, and your team will follow. Set a goal with a visual like equipping two classrooms of children (about 60 to 70 kids) or a small church (about 75 to 100 people) with access to clean water.

### ☐ Be specific—and bold

Ask team members pointed questions, like “Will you equip another person in need with access to clean water by fundraising \$50 more?” Ask big. Ask boldly.

### ☐ Don't quit

Often folks need a friendly reminder, even after they've said “yes.” Remind your team of your goals and that they can be an even bigger part of the global movement by fundraising!

### ☐ Get social

Social media is a good way to celebrate and shout out your top fundraisers! Post a selfie video celebrating your current top fundraisers and incite some healthy competition.

### ☐ Get out there

Make a phone call, start a conversation, set up a lemonade stand, host a garage sale—there are plenty of ways to fundraise offline!

**Set a BIG goal** Use this equation to help set your team fundraising goal.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{_____} \\ \text{(# of people} \\ \text{on your team)} \end{array} \times \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{\$50} \\ \text{registration} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{\$100} \\ \text{fundraising per} \\ \text{team member} \end{array} \right] = \begin{array}{c} \text{_____} \\ \text{funds raised for lasting} \\ \text{access to clean water!} \end{array}$$

**Help your team achieve this goal and visualize your long-term impact!**

## Social circles

Here's a little exercise to help you think about all the people you can invite to 6K with you!



**My list of people:**

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# Earn more gear

## Host site incentives

Incentives add flair! They can include directional signage, cowbells, face paint, jerrycans, start/finish banners, and more. Go to [store.worldvision6k.org](https://store.worldvision6k.org) to find everything you need. Look for an email from the Global 6K team with information about how to use your credit after March 1, April 1, and May 1.

Raise \$1,000 or recruit 20 team members	<b>\$25 store credit</b>
Raise \$2,500 or recruit 50 team members	<b>\$50 store credit</b>
Raise \$5,000 or recruit 100 team members	<b>\$75 store credit</b>
Raise \$10,000 or recruit 200 team members	<b>\$100 store credit</b>
Raise \$25,000 or recruit 300 team members	<b>\$125 store credit</b>
Raise \$50,000 or recruit 1,000 team members	<b>\$150 store credit</b>





## Participant fundraising rewards

Hit these goals. Earn sweet gear. Share these fundraising rewards with your team to encourage them to raise even more money for kids and families! (Note: Participants can opt out of rewards during registration, if they prefer.)



Rewards will come your way in the weeks following the Global 6K.

\$100 raised	Clean water for 2 people	<b>Frisbee</b>
\$250 raised	Clean water for 5 people	<b>Baseball cap</b>
\$500 raised	Clean water for 10 people	<b>Camp mug</b>
\$750 raised	Clean water for 15 people	<b>Quarter-zip pullover</b>

# Hub scavenger hunt

Send us a picture of your completed scavenger hunt by May 1, and we'll send you a mystery prize. (We're working on the honor system here!) Head to the **Host Site Hub** ([hub.worldvision6k.org](http://hub.worldvision6k.org)) to find each of these items.







# PHASE 4 CELEBRATE YOUR IMPACT

## It's event day!

Since you'll be busy with activities on event day as a host site leader, be sure to walk, run, or roll your 6K ahead of time!

### Pre-event items checklist

- Course markers**
- Medals** (remind your participants to bring them!)
- Temporary bibs** (print from Host Site Hub)
- Extra shirts**
- Sign-in sheet and roster of participants**
- Fun flair** (food and drinks, decorations, printed course maps and signage, a megaphone, cowbells)

### Day-of checklist

- Gather your team**
  - Take a group photo and post it online with the hashtag [#6KforWater](#).
  - Remind everyone to sign in and out. It's a great way to keep everyone safe.
- Explain the route**
  - Announce what type of route you're using, and let participants know where the course is marked.



On the morning of your Global 6K, go out early and mark the course with balloons or signage at the turnaround.



Alumni advice: Have fun activities for kids like face-painting, balloon animals, or a scavenger hunt.

## Day-of checklist (continued)

### Highlight their impact

- Tell everyone to look down at the face of the boy or girl on their bib. Remind them that this is a real child who is benefiting from clean water.
- Thank everyone for coming and announce how many lives are being changed through your Global 6K (quick math: Divide the total amount raised by 50!).
- Share about the day on social media using [#6KforWater](#).

### For churches

- Invite everyone—whether they go to your church or not—to come to your service on Sunday to celebrate and be recognized for their awesome efforts.

## Post-event checklist

### Celebrate!

- As the leader, since you already did your 6K before your event, cheer, high-five, and thank everyone who participated as they cross the finish line!
- Check out the [Host Site Hub](#) ([hub.worldvision6k.org](http://hub.worldvision6k.org)) to learn what to do with any event-day donations. Plus, keep any extra event materials for next year!

### For churches

- Encourage everyone to wear their Global 6K shirt (or the color orange), medal, and/or bib to services the next day so you can recognize their incredible impact.





## Meet the team

We're here to help! Reach out to us at [ask6k@worldvision.org](mailto:ask6k@worldvision.org) to let us know about your progress, how we can assist you along the way, or any other questions you might have.



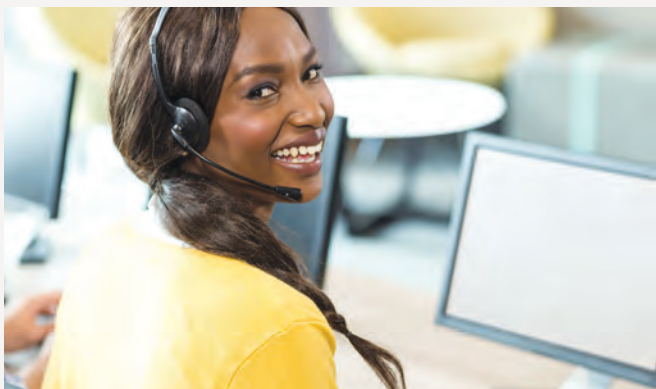
### CRYSTAL O'ROURKE

Crystal has been a host site leader for as long as the Global 6K has been a thing! As race director, she loves encouraging, building up, and equipping people to make the biggest impact for clean water in their community and around the globe. If you need inspiration, support, ideas, or direction, she's your girl!



### ERIN ASH

Erin's goal is that every Global 6K participant has everything they need to make a big impact and have a blast while doing it! As project manager, Erin ensures everything runs smoothly, from registration to event day.



### OUR FANTASTIC DONOR CONTACT SERVICES TEAM

These folks are the friendly voices who connect you with the answers you need! They're some of the nicest people we know and they're passionate about ending extreme poverty—including the global water crisis—in Jesus' name.



## FAQs

### Who do I contact with questions?

We're here for you! Email our team at [ask6k@worldvision.org](mailto:ask6k@worldvision.org) and they'll answer within two business days. We can troubleshoot by phone and email—or if your question is more in-depth, we can set up a time to talk via Zoom.

### When is the last day to register as a Global 6K participant?

Participants can register all the way up to (and on) event day. Participants who register after Monday, May 13, will likely receive their kits after the Global 6K, but host site leaders can give them temporary race bibs. (Instructions for printing these are on your [Host Site Hub](https://hub.worldvision6k.org) [hub.worldvision6k.org](https://hub.worldvision6k.org).)

### When will participants get their bibs?

Starting in early March, participants in the U.S. will receive their T-shirts, bibs, and medals within seven to 10 business days after registering. Their participant kit will be shipped to the address they provide when they register.

### Why does this event cost \$50 and where does the money go?

Every registration fee will equip one person with lasting access to clean water through World Vision's water projects. Invite people to visit [worldvision.org/our-work/clean-water](https://worldvision.org/our-work/clean-water) to learn more about our sustainable, life-changing water projects.

### What about medals?

This year, every participant who signs up will get their medal in the mail. Host site leaders at physical and hybrid sites will receive a few extra for event-day signups and for anyone who forgets to bring their medal.

### Can kids participate?

Yes! We want families and children of all ages to participate in this event. Youth 18 and under can register for \$25.

### Is it a timed event? Do I have to turn in my time?

We won't be collecting times, but you can encourage participants who want to time themselves to use a running app. You can also encourage people to share photos from their day on social media!

### Can registration fees be refunded?

No, once someone has registered for the Global 6K, they've equipped one person in need with clean water! So whether they can come to the event or not, they've helped change a life.

### Can I accept checks for registration fees?

Sure! If you have a participant who needs to register using a check, see the instructions in the FAQ section of the Host Site Hub at [hub.worldvision6k.org](https://hub.worldvision6k.org) or contact us.



For more helpful FAQs, visit the Host Site Hub! [hub.worldvision6k.org](https://hub.worldvision6k.org)





## Guatemala


### APPRECIATING THE TURN OF THE TAP IN GUATEMALA

For too long, people in the community of La Unión, Guatemala, suffered from dirty water. “Before, our children used to get sick in their stomachs or have parasites or even have high fevers from drinking the unhealthy water,” says Oscar Lopez, president of La Unión’s community development committee.

Before this new system was installed, Santos, a 26-year-old mother of two, and her husband searched for water at a higher elevation than their house. They’d dig a well next to the stream, put a hose into that well, and guide the water to their house. But the hoses often got clogged, so she’d have to spend nearly an hour fixing them. She did this every other day.

Santos remembers when she heard about the new water project, saying, “I felt happy because I knew it was going to be a project that would benefit not only me, but the community.”

In October 2022, the dream of nearby access to clean water became a reality. The 45 cisterns each hold around 200 gallons of water. Families can turn on a tap and fill up their cistern—helping their children stay healthier and giving them more time to reach their goals.



Thanks to access to clean water, Santos now has more time to spend with her children, Yaneli (left) and Lester (on her lap), in Guatemala.

# Resources

## Host Site Hub

[hub.worldvision6k.org](http://hub.worldvision6k.org)



The Hub includes resources mentioned in this handbook and more. You can find images and videos to share on social media, an expanded list of FAQs, and customizable forms to print out and spread the word about the Global 6K!

## Host site online community

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6kleaders/>



Join other host site leaders for support and encouragement. Did you think you were in this alone? No way! Join our online community and connect with a network of hundreds of leaders to give and get advice. Your best interactive planning tool, guaranteed! Reach out to us at [ask6k@worldvision.org](mailto:ask6k@worldvision.org) for even more support.

## Global 6K store

[store.worldvision6k.org](http://store.worldvision6k.org)



The goodies in your awesome launch kit should help you get moving. For more resources to invite others or extra flair for event day (go you!), visit our supply store for essentials like printed postcards, posters, event day signage, and banners. And pick up some fun incentives—like World Vision bracelets and water bottles—for your top fundraisers!



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