

# Water is a Women's Empowerment Issue

March 2025 Featured Grant





# About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- capacity building



# The Global Issue:

## The impact of water access and water scarcity on women

- 1 in 3 children, 1 in 4 people worldwide live in water scarcity
- Increasing due to climate change, economic instability & population growth
- Women & girls bear burden, usually responsible for water
- Even when available, water quality may be poor

# March Featured Grantee: Save the Rain

Founded in 2005 - first project: water tank at school

Transforms communities: sustainable rainwater collection

20 years: 6,500 rainwater harvesting systems

96% improvement in students' health

# Life Challenges of Women in Tanzania

- Women & girls can spend average of 8 hours a day walking for water
- Economic inequality & limited opportunities
- Gender-based violence, including FGM/C
- Patriarchal roles: women have little say in decisions





# How Our Grant Will Be Used

**\$50,000 Project Grant**

**Women's Water Initiative**

- 100 female builders to construct
- 100 residential rainwater harvesting systems &
- 100 residential greenhouses for
- 100 families



# How Our Grant Will Be Used

- 3,500-liter residential rainwater harvesting system for family: women never have to walk for water again
- 100 tanks sustain four different communities
- Tanks have lifespan of 200 years, last for generations, require no electricity, pumping, or western additives for filtration
- Employ 100 women to build tanks = future work opportunities to build for other communities
- 100 greenhouses = abundant and consistent food crops

Direct impact: 3,588 women & girls; Indirect impact: 36,000 women & girls



# Budget

Item	Description	Cost
100 Rainwater Tanks	Materials and fittings for 100 residential rainwater tanks	\$25,045.00
Labor	Labor costs to build 100 residential rainwater tanks and 100 residential greenhouses	\$14,699.28
100 Greenhouses	Materials for 100 residential greenhouses	\$7,891.00
Transport	Transport <u>for</u> food and construction and greenhouse materials	\$2,364.72
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>



