



**Women, Water & Leadership**  
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# Water is Life

- Safe, accessible *water* is crucial to preserving life
- Women suffer most due to *water* scarcity
- Investments in safe drinking water & sanitation US\$1 returns US\$ 3-34
- Access to clean *water* provides food security and poverty reduction
- Access to *water* determines how communities plan for the future
- Women's expertise is needed throughout the whole *water* chain
- Educating women to work in the *water* sector will empower them to lead



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💧 Contributes to SDG 4 (Education)

💧 SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and

💧 SDG 6 (Clean *Water* and Sanitation)

💧 Water can be linked to almost all of the seventeen SDGs - touching so many aspects of life



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# Water is the entry point for women's empowerment

- 💧 Women and girls are burdened with the responsibility of fetching *water*
- 💧 Time spent fetching *water* results in lost income for women and lost schooling for girls
- 💧 Only 17% of jobs in the *water* sector filled by women
- 💧 Women, Water & Leadership will Educate, Empower and Enable women and girls to lead in the *water* sector



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## Our Goal

- 💧 £350,000/€400,000/US\$500,000 over two years through donations
- 💧 A minimum of 5 projects on 5 continents
- 💧 500 women will receive vocational training, and 100 leaders will be trained

## Our Method

- 💧 Capacity building, involving women in all phases of the project
- 💧 Vocational and leadership training
- 💧 Public awareness regarding the importance of women as decision-makers in the *water* sector



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# How can you help?

- 💧 Projects may be proposed by Soroptimists
- 💧 Make a *donation* to the President's Appeal,
- 💧 Hold a fundraiser or special event
- 💧 Use *social media* and websites to create awareness
- 💧 Possible *site visits* or study tour!



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- Improving access to agricultural Information, clean energy and water, to achieve better food security for 500 women farmers in the Nakuru, Kilifi, Kisumu and Machakos counties in Kenya.

First Project

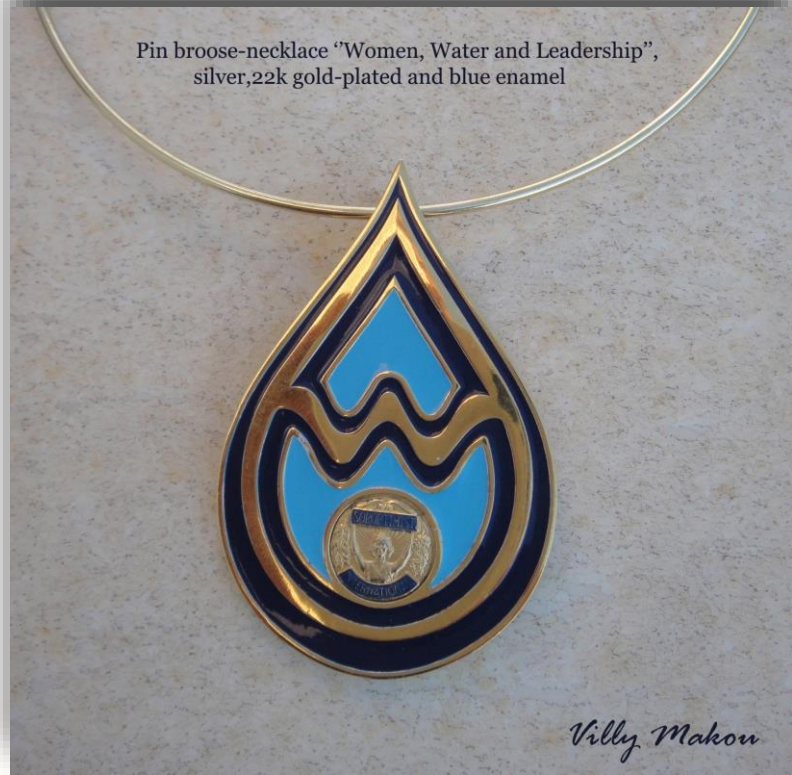


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