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Water to Thrive (W2T) is a faith-based non-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to the mission of bringing clean, safe water to those who need it in rural Africa. They work with donors in the United States and implementing partners in Africa to bring lasting change. Founded in 2008, W2T is headquartered in Austin, Texas. Since its founding in 2008, W2T has funded, managed and constructed over 1000 fresh-water sites, 864 of which are in Ethiopia, benefiting 550,000+ individuals in the countries of Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Uganda. W2T works closely with NGOs in the countries where the projects are located. The partnerships of W2T with local NGOs provide local jobs, supporting the economies and supporting capacity building. The area being targeted in this grant is already part of the working region for W2T.

There is a history of success with W2T working with the Host club and the International club, as well as the other partner, EECMY-DASSC. When the NW Austin Rotary Club became interested in providing fresh water to rural Ethiopia, they contacted the RC Addis Ababa- Central Mela and W2T. This team then completed a global grant for 12 water sites in Ethiopia. The success of this project has led to this next project for twenty-three water sites with the same team, but in a different region.

DASSC-SCES office operates out of its office located in Awasa. DASSC-SCES has implemented 130 projects providing safe water and improved sanitation for people.

EECMY-DASSC in general and DASSC- SCES office in particular has significant experience and capacity to implement WASH programs. This religious organization is very active in this part of Ethiopia. It is trusted and well respected for its religious and health, and social work enabling it to effectively bring services to both city and rural communities. T

he Host Rotary club will be working with EECMY-DASSC as the implementing partner in the local water site communities to develop the wells or springs, to organize the Water Committee and conduct the WASH training program, the sustainability components and the monitoring and evaluation process.
