



# ExquisiteWater Update

December 2016

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2015 WRAP-UP

## It's Been Two Years?

ExquisiteWater Inc. Team

It has been almost two years since our first meeting at the **University of North Texas** with our professional mentors. We have accomplished and grown so much since then with your help. In our last update it was the end of 2015 and we had completed our first set of testing in three water sources in the state of **Anambra, Nigeria**. We tested a baseline (results with no sanitation added) for comparison to the results of several different filters in each location. The baseline results showed a slew of harmful chemicals, varied in each location, whose levels were high above that deemed safe by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. Our director, Amanda Sunny, also attended the annual Anambra State World Medical Mission and Health Summit and spoke to a variety of government leaders as well as a local news station about the effects of chemicals at high levels. It was a very successful start!

### Moving Forward

We are now at the end of our second year. Some of the things we have done this year, and will be discussed further in the update, are as follows:

- **Completed** a second trip to Anambra State in April 2016 and tested in seven more villages.
- **Began to develop** relationships with liaisons of the villages within Anambra and the zonal WASH office of UNICEF in Enugu, Anambra State.
- **Strengthened** our partnership with the University of North Texas Chapter of **A Future Without Poverty** in fundraising efforts.
- **Holding** our first Holiday Fundraiser Benefit this December.
- **Established** a solid team of professionals in Lagos, Nigeria and Anambra State.



### Health Summit

Amanda Sunny presenting at the annual Anambra State Health Summit on the dangers of chemicals in water in Nigeria.



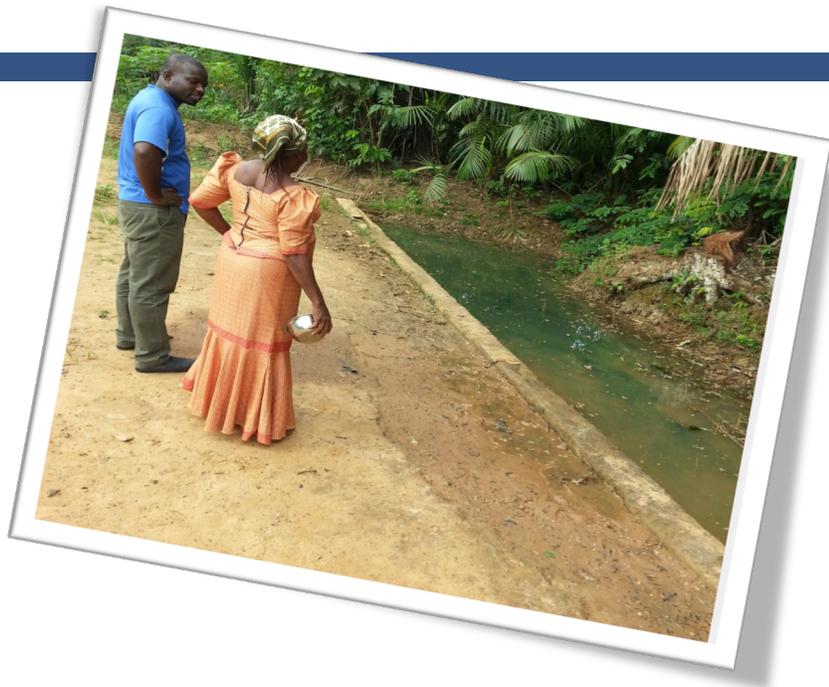
### Water Testing 2015

Amanda Sunny testing the DEW water filter from **Rorus Inc.** with water from a riverbed water source.

## Second Trip

April 2016

We completed our second testing trip to Eastern Nigeria to continue water testing in other areas and evaluate a scope of locations to begin an intervention. We were pleasantly surprised to meet so many people concerned and ready to help us at every turn. We were able to get a larger evaluation and understanding of different types of water sources used directly by the villages. During our time we successfully found the village that seemed most fit to start an intervention. The village of **Isu, Anambra State, Nigeria** depends mostly on a small spring to fill a cement pond for their water source (image to the right). The town liaison showed us how people gather their water and the systems they have in place currently to filter the water.



### PICTURE CAPTION

Village liaison with woman who lives within Isu Village talking about their current water source.

Picture taken April 2016



*A village woman from Isu, Nigeria being shown how a Rorus Inc. DEW filter is used to create large amounts of clean water.*

## Creating New Relationships

One of our main goals is to always forge meaningful, lasting relationships with the people we intend to impact. We want all of their input and an investment into what we are doing. Last year we were able to get connected with the Ministry of Public Utilities and Water Management in Awka, Nigeria. This year was also a great year for relationships. In our April 2016 trip we met with the town liaison for **Isu village** where we plan to start our intervention. We also met with several villagers that live there and talked to them about

the water source and their thoughts on bringing in something different. We showed them some possible new temporary, sustainable technologies that could be available to them, such as the **DEW filter by Rorus Inc.** and emphasized for now using the old boiling water method to make sure the water is sanitary. Many people in the village and elsewhere in Nigeria purchase bottles of water, but it can be very expensive and not always available.

## HEADING 4



To find out more about FWOP or the UNT Chapter of FWOP go to:

[WWW.FWOP.ORG](http://WWW.FWOP.ORG)

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UNTFWOP](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UNTFWOP)



*The Fall 2015 UNT FWOP group attending a conference with students from Jalisco Province, Mexico.*

## Partnership With UNT FWOP

Our partnership with a **Future Without Poverty** has always been a strong one. Our founder, Amanda Sunny, and our Executive Program Director, Whitney Carr, are both members of the national organization. Amanda received her Master's of Public Health from the University of North Texas Health Science Center and Whitney is a current UNT undergraduate student.

We have utilized the UNT on-campus chapter of A Future Without Poverty to market our goals and aspirations to the student body as well as gain volunteers and innovative minds to further our organization.

This next year we plan on creating a co-fundraising effort to start our initiative in Isu village. The students of the UNT FWOP chapter will promote our initiative on campus and raise funds through various fundraisers. We also plan on using ideas from students in the **UNT Department of Engineering** to start building onto a sustainable water filtering solution using solar panels.

We are so excited about the endless possibilities that the student body at UNT and other college campuses can bring to our organization. Our team, being from a younger age group, understands the way innovative ideas flow from young people and we want to utilize that to it's full capacity. We also want to harness the energy and compassion of many of these students who crave to create a better world.



This year we mostly raised money through our CrowdRise.com page, which was quite successful!

### FUNDS RAISED

\$4,500

Over the last year with the help of many amazing supporters we were able to raise over \$4,500 on our CrowdRise.com fundraising page.

\$10,000

This next year we have a goal of raising over \$10,000 to begin our intervention in Isu village.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more donation information see our website at:

[WWW.EXQUISITEWATERINC.ORG](http://WWW.EXQUISITEWATERINC.ORG)

## Meet The Team:

This last two years we have created an awesome group of individuals who have poured so much of their time and effort into the organization. We are so happy to have all of these people involved and hope to add more and more to our team.

Amanda Sunny  
**Founder and Director**

Whitney Carr  
**Executive Program Director**

Raluchuku Odimegwu  
**Nigeria Program Director**

Kenchuku Odimegwu  
**Nigeria Logistics Directo**



*From Left to Right:*  
 Amanda Sunny, Raluchuku Odimegwu,  
 Kenchuku Odimegwu, and Okoye  
 Nnajofofor (Town Liaison)

## Holiday Benefit

December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

We are having our first annual Holiday Benefit this year! We hope this can be a yearly tradition to bring our supporters together in one venue and get to know us better as well as give an opportunity to donate in person.



***When: December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5pm***

***Where: Noah's Event Venue in Las Colinas, Texas***

***Entry Donation: \$10 Donation***

***Hope to see you there!***

## A Note From the ExquisiteWater Team:

*Dear Friends/Family/Supporters,*

We truly cannot thank you enough for all the outpouring of love and support you have given us this past year. We have seen so many people step up and give so much to make this thing that we believe in tremendously happen. We look forward to working with all our supporters and friends collectively to help people that are less fortunate than ourselves. We do this because we have a love for people and a passion for a human being's right to be able to fulfill the best life possible. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The ExquisiteWater Team

