



Assisting vulnerable communities
in Pakistan

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Hello everyone, Christmas will soon be here and we at *Shine Like Stars* are excited about being able to give to the very needy this Christmas and into the New Year!

Clean water, changed lives

As you may have read in our last newsletter *Shine Like Stars* is now working with Community Link Programme (CLiP). Over the past 15 years CLiP have been providing disadvantaged Pakistanis with bio-sand water filters which can provide safe drinking water to communities of up to 500 people. This remarkable filter lasts for 50-60 years and is free to maintain, yet costs only \$AU2 per person to install.

Shine Like Stars has a vision to support installations at a number of villages in 2020. CLiP projects are currently being supplied to Cholistan - a desert region in the south of the state of Punjab. There, the underground water is not potable because of high salt levels. People are only able to drink rainwater from waterholes which they share with their animals. This results in continuous illness for many in the community due to water-borne diseases, increasing child mortality and greatly reducing productivity. CLiP provide bio-sand water filters to communities but require them to contribute 20-40% of the cost, help with installation and learn maintenance. As a result, there is a high level of commitment to caring for the water filter leading better long-term health outcomes for the whole community - a truly life-changing solution!

Workers at CLiP and *Shine Like Stars* are all volunteers, so all funds go directly to the people who need it most. [Please support this water-filter project this Christmas by clicking here](#), email us at admin@shinelikestars.org.au or phone 0405 575940.

- Janet Legg, President



“Many people in Cholistan are suffering from water-borne diseases from consuming contaminated water.”

- Kenneth Shakeel
President,
Community Link Programme
(CLiP)



Cholistan - people and their livestock drink from the same place



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