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Form 990



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Water First International

Doing business as

Water 1st

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

1904 3rd Avenue No 1012

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Seattle, WA 98101

F Name and address of principal officer

Marla Smith-Nilson

1904 3rd Avenue No 1012

Seattle, WA 98101

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes

☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

D Employer identification number

20-2601035

E Telephone number

(206) 297-3024

G Gross receipts \$ 2,794,870

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c) ( ) ▶ (insert no )

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website: ▶ www Water1st org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation

☐ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 2005

M State of legal domicile WA

Part I		Summary		
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Water 1st's mission is to unite people to end the global water and sanitation crisis		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	10	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	10	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	7	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	175	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0	
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,760,963	2,712,892
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7 d )	130	52
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-74,115	-75,002
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,686,978	2,637,942
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 )	1,318,523	1,756,214
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	318,603	343,388
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶218,093		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	255,975	235,456
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,893,101	2,335,058
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-206,123	302,884
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,245,076	2,101,487
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,118,368	1,671,895
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	126,708	429,592

Part II

Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Marla Smith-Nilson Executive Director

2016-07-29

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Susan Reilly

Firm's name ▶ Watson & McDonell PLLC

Firm's address ▶ 1325 4th Avenue Suite 1705

Seattle, WA 981012528

Preparer's signature

Susan Reilly

Firm's EIN ▶ 72-1607347

Phone no (206) 624-2380

Date

2016-07-29

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P00531805

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes

☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

Water 1st's mission is to enable the world's poorest people to implement and sustain community-managed projects integrating clean water supply, sanitation and hygiene education Water 1st unites people to fight the global water and sanitation crisis We believe this worldwide, silent catastrophe will be solved when we build a community of concerned individuals, and mobilize them to take simple, effective actions

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 2,069,856 including grants of \$ 1,756,214 ) (Revenue \$ )

In 2015, the Organization completed 357 projects serving 18,005 people Every project incorporates access to water and toilets, hygiene education, and community development In Oromia, Ethiopia, the Organization completed the funding of the Dawo Kara project, which will serve 3,750 people The project was scheduled to be completed by December, but equipment procurement issues delayed actual completion until February 2016 The Organization also initiated funding of the Dima Jeliwan project in 2015, which is scheduled to be completed in 2017 and will serve 3,800 people In Bangladesh, 350 water systems serving 15,991 people in urban slum settlements in Dhaka, Chittagong, and Khulna were completed In the rural Lempira communities of Los Limones, Valladolid, San Pedrito, Corral Piedra, San Miguel, Jagua, and San Sebastian, Honduras, 2,014 people have piped water and toilets at every household Additionally, the Organization's local Honduran partner initiated eight additional projects that will be completed in 2016 As of December 2015, the Water First community contributed over \$13 million to support 1,562 projects serving 141,270 people The Organization's goal is to maximize cost-effectiveness by leveraging local resources In the urban slums of Dhaka, Chittagong, and Khulna, Bangladesh, for example, beneficiaries pay 100 percent of the capital costs of their projects through two-year loans The loans are repaid to the local non-governmental organization, who is the recipient of Water First's grants Repaid loan funds are revolved and used for additional water and sanitation projects and create a sustainable source of funds for Water First's Bangladesh partner In Honduras and Ethiopia, beneficiaries and the local government contribute cash, labor, and local materials, which are valued at up to 25 percent of the total project cost The Organization's Honduras partner now has the capacity to provide assistance for water system construction, expansion, and repair on a loan basis, further leveraging local resources

4b

(Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4c

(Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )






















(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e

Total program service expenses ▶

2,069,856

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV 	14b Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV 	15 Yes	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV 	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) 	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II 	18 Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III 	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . . . .</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . .	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . .	24d		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>	35b		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	2	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	7	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		2b	Yes
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		3a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		3b	
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a	No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b	No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c	
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		7a	Yes
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b	Yes
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		7d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f	No
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8	
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a	
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders.		11a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		13a	
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a		No
b		
11a	Yes	
b		
12a	Yes	
b	Yes	
c	Yes	
13	Yes	
14	Yes	
15		
a	Yes	
b	Yes	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a		No
b		
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	WA , SC , CA , OR
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records	The Organization 1904 3rd Avenue No 1012 Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 297-3024

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Margie Duckstad Chair	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Cecilia Whatley Vice Chair	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Terry Gibbons Treasurer	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) John Crossman Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(5) Heather Leach Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(6) Kate Schneider Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(7) Kyle Sontgerath Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(8) Darryl Swenson Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(9) Dan Temkin Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(10) Scott Wolf Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(11) Marla Smith-Nilson Executive Director	40 00			X				84,000	0	2,520



## Part VII

<b>1b</b>	<b>Sub-Total . . . . .</b>			
<b>c</b>	<b>Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . .</b>			
<b>d</b>	<b>Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .</b>	84,000	0	2,520

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 0

		Yes	No
<b>3</b>	Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	No
<b>4</b>	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	<b>4</b>	No
<b>5</b>	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> . . . . .	<b>5</b>	No

## Section B. Independent Contractors

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 0

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues . . . . .	1b				
	c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c	1,873,747			
	d	Related organizations . . . . .	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	839,145			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		2,712,892			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		52			52
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .					
	5	Royalties . . . . .					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		b	Less rental expenses				
		c	Rental income or (loss)				
		d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c	Gain or (loss)				
		d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .				
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,873,747 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	a	83,731			
	b	Less direct expenses . . . . .	b	147,106			
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .		-63,375			-63,375
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	a				
	b	Less direct expenses . . . . .	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	a	1,100			
	b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	b	9,822			
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .		-8,722	-8,722		
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
	11a	Educational Trips	900099	-2,905	-2,905		
	b						
c							
d	All other revenue . . . . .						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		-2,905				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions . . . . .		2,637,942	-11,627	0	-63,323	

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	1,756,214	1,756,214		
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	84,000	58,800	8,400	16,800
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	212,166	113,626	14,881	83,659
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	17,691	10,128	631	6,932
10	Payroll taxes	29,531	17,570	2,255	9,706
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	10,000		10,000	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	51,632	28,485	1,327	21,820
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	36,612	8,856	3,464	24,292
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	38,213	33,628	764	3,821
17	Travel	12,540	8,472		4,068
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,628	1,827	1,179	1,622
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	456	332	36	88
23	Insurance	2,458	416	1,625	417
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a	Printing and Copying	30,301	5,936	2,547	21,818
b	Project Monitoring Visi	25,566	25,566		
c	Credit Card Discount,	23,050			23,050
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,335,058	2,069,856	47,109	218,093
26	Joint costs.Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

					(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			658,796	1	1,525,646
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			514,778	2	515,774
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			67,979	4	57,000
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L.					
						5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L.					
						6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			2,650	9	2,650
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a	5,621			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	5,204	873	10c	417
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11.				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11.				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11.				15	
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34).			1,245,076	16	2,101,487
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			21,744	17	15,851
	18	Grants payable			1,095,624	18	1,641,144
	19	Deferred revenue			1,000	19	14,900
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.				21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L.				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D.				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25.			1,118,368	26	1,671,895
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			126,708	27	392,592
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets				28	37,000
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			126,708	33	429,592
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			1,245,076	34	2,101,487

Part XI

Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . . ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	1	2,637,942
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	2	2,335,058
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	3	302,884
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	4	126,708
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	6	
7	Investment expenses . . . . .	7	
8	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	429,592

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	Yes
2c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c	Yes
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	No
3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b	

SCHEDULE A  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization Water First International	Employer identification number 20-2601035
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Part I

Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box )

1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state \_\_\_\_\_

5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II )

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

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An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II )

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )

9

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See**section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III )

10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11

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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

☐

**Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

☐

**Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

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**Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

☐

**Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

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Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants )	1,100,425	1,271,611	1,635,169	1,761,258	2,712,892	8,481,355
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,100,425	1,271,611	1,635,169	1,761,258	2,712,892	8,481,355
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						944,026
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						7,537,329

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,100,425	1,271,611	1,635,169	1,761,258	2,712,892	8,481,355
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	93	137	184	130	52	596
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI )						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						8,481,951
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	42,774
13 First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here . . . . . ▶						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	88 860 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	90 170 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	




Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage						
15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15					
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16					

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17	Investment income percentage for <b>2015</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17
18	Investment income percentage from <b>2014</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a	<b>33 1/3% support tests—2015.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
b	<b>33 1/3% support tests—2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
20	<b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	



Part IV

Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
<b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b>.</i>		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer b below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).</i>		
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization’s directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization’s activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i></div>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Were a majority of the organization’s directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization’s supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i></div>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
<div>1</div> <div>Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization’s tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization’s governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?</div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Were any of the organization’s officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i></div>		
<div>3</div> <div>By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization’s supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization’s investment policies and in directing the use of the organization’s income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role the organization’s supported organizations played in this regard.</i></div>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

<div>1</div> <div>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (<b>see instructions</b>)</div> <div><div>a</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.</div><div>b</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.</div><div>c</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</div></div>		
<div>2</div> <div>Activities Test <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b></div> <div><div>a</div><div>Did substantially all of the organization’s activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain</b> how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i></div><div>b</div><div>Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization’s involvement, one or more of the organization’s supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization’s position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization’s involvement.</i></div></div>	Yes	No
<div>3</div> <div>Parent of Supported Organizations <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b></div> <div><div>a</div><div>Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i></div><div>b</div><div>Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i></div></div>		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1

Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

☐

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
d From 2013. . . . .			
e From 2014. . . . .			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
c Excess from 2013. . . . .			
d From 2014. . . . .			
e From 2015. . . . .			

**Part VI**   **Supplemental Information.**

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**Facts And Circumstances Test**

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
Water First International

Employer identification number  
20-2601035

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area  
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure  
☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► \_\_\_\_\_

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► \_\_\_\_\_

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year  
► \_\_\_\_\_

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year  
► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1  
► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X  
► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1  
► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X  
► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a.See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c)Accumulated depreciation	(d)Book value
1a	Land			
b	Buildings			
c	Leasehold improvements			
d	Equipment	5,621	5,204	417
e	Other			
Total.	Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)			417





<b>Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return</b> Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.				
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	1	2,647,764	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	2d	9,822	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .	2e	9,822	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .	3	2,637,942	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .	4c	0	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	5	2,637,942	

<b>Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.</b> Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.				
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	1	2,344,880	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	2b		
c	Other losses . . . . .	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	2d	9,822	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .	2e	9,822	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .	3	2,335,058	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .	4c	0	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	5	2,335,058	

<b>Part XIII Supplemental Information</b>
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Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	The Organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Association qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1). The Organization's income tax filings are subject to examination by various taxing authorities. The Organization follows the provisions of uncertain tax positions as addressed in FASB Codification Subtopic 740-10, Income Taxes. The Organization believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.
Part XI, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	Cost of goods sold 9,822
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	Cost of goods sold 9,822

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SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

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► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
Water First International

Employer identification number  
20-2601035

Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees’ eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization’s procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activites per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed )

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
( 1 ) Bangladesh	0	0	Program Services	Water First International provides grants to a non-governmental organization (NGO ) based in Dhaka, Bangladesh in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of convenient, safe water, hygiene education, and sanitary toilets In the urban slums of Dhaka (the capital city), Chittagong and Khulna (the country's 2nd and 3rd largest cities, respectively) beneficiaries pay 100 percent of the capital costs of their projects through one or two-year loans The loans are repaid to the local non-governmental organization, who is the recipient of Water First's grants Repaid loan funds are revolved and used for additional water and sanitation projects and create a sustainable source of funds for Water First's Bangladesh partner In 2015, Water First supported the construction of 350 small-scale water systems serving 15,991 people, 91 toilets serving 2,690 people, and 3 school toilets serving 2,841 students and staff	504,477
( 2 ) Honduras	0	0	Program Services	Water 1st provides grants to a non-governmental organization (NGO ) based in the Department Lempira, Honduras in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of convenient, safe water at household taps, hygiene education, sanitary toilets, & watershed protection In Water First's Honduras program, beneficiaries contribute labor & local materials, which are valued at up to 25 percent of the total project cost In 2015, piped water networks with household taps and household toilets projects were completed in the rural Lempira communities of Los Limones, Valladolid, San Pedrito, Corral Piedra, San Miguel, Jagua, and San Sebastian, Honduras serving 2,014 people Additionally, the Organization's local Honduran partner initiated eight additional projects that will be completed in 2016 Water First continued to provide capital for a loan program enabling our partner to implement water and sanitation projects with full or partial loans	956,618
( 3 ) Nicaragua	0	0	Program Services	Water1st was asked to conduct an independent audit of water, sanitation and hygiene education programs conducted in rural Nicaragua by another organization Water1st staff and two local consultants conducted the evaluation in May 2015 The results of the evaluation are available at wflrating org	13,100
( 4 ) India	0	0	Program Services	Water 1st decided not to fund the construction of new projects through our partner in the Sundarbans Our decision to end funding was based upon our conclusion that the program was at capacity & was not likely to evolve further through our participation However, our loan program continues & new water points and toilets are being constructed using revolving loan funds Repaid loan funds from previous water projects has allowed our local partner organization to drill two new wells and install handpumps to serve 2 additional rural communities in the Sundarbans region of West Bengal since our grant funding was discontinued In 2015, Water First kept in contact with our India partner via email and they reported that all systems are functioning	
( 5 ) Ethiopia	0	0	Program Service	Water First International provides grants to a non-governmental organization (NGO ) based in Ethiopia in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of convenient, safe water, hygiene education, and sanitary latrines In Oromia, Ethiopia, the Organization completed the funding of the Dawo Kara project, which will serve 3,750 people The project was scheduled to be completed by December, but equipment procurement issues delayed actual completion until February 2016 The Organization also initiated funding of the Dima Jeliwan project in 2015, which is scheduled to be completed in 2017 and will serve 3,800 people	320,934
3a Sub-total	0	0			1,795,129
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			1,795,129

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
( 1 )			Bangladesh	Community based water supply & sanitation project targeting urban slums in Bangladesh	503,470	Wire transfer			
( 2 )			Honduras	Water & sanitation system for small communities in Lempira	948,109	Wire transfer			
( 3 )			Ethiopia	Dawo Communities water supply, sanitation & hygiene promotion project	304,635	Wire transfer			
( 4 )									

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Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter . . . . ▶

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Enter total number of other organizations or entities . . . . . ▶

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Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
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( 2 )							
( 3 )							
( 4 )							
( 5 )							
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( 14 )							
( 15 )							
( 16 )							
( 17 )							
( 18 )							

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

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Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

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Yes

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No
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Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

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No
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Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

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Yes

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No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

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Yes

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No
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Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

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Yes

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No
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Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

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No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

**990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2	<p>When Water 1st makes a grant to a recipient organization, these procedures are followed. A grant agreement is signed between Water 1st and each recipient organization describing the project for which the grant from Water 1st is being given in support of water, sanitation, and health projects in specific communities, or group of specific communities. The agreement will specify the purposes for which the grant is being made, requiring a final narrative and financial reporting during project implementation, requiring a final narrative and financial report, and acknowledging Water 1st's authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused. Grant agreements are endorsed by financing by the members of the International Programs team (currently staff members Kirk Anderson, Marla Smith-Nilson, and Steve Deem and board member John Crossman) within the annual budget allowances approved by the Board of Directors. After projects have been endorsed by the International Programs team, the Executive Director has the authority to sign on behalf of Water 1st. The grant agreement will specify quarterly progress payments to the grantee. The Executive Director or anyone with check signing authority will transfer the quarterly progress payment to the partner organizations according to the schedule specified in the grant agreement. Water 1st staff will then notify our local partner organization of transfer and ask them to complete a wire transfer confirmation form or provide other confirmation that the funds were received. After funds have been transferred, our local partner organizations will be required to submit quarterly financial reports and will also be required to have an annual independent audit of their accounts. Water 1st is aware of the U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. In selecting and monitoring our local partner organizations, we will work to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws, by monitoring the distributions we make to our local partner organizations and also cross-checking with the U.S. Department of State's Current List of Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Water 1st also conducts site inspections and requires access to all invoices, financial records and accounts for the projects we support through our local partner organizations. Water 1st reserves the right to have an audit conducted if any questions cannot be resolved during our site inspections.</p>

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, line 3	<p>Water 1st has ongoing monitoring of each grant and each local partner organization. According to our grant agreements, each of our local partner organizations will be required to Submit quarterly financial reports as well as final financial report after expenditure of the entire grant to Water 1st describing in detail how the grant was spent, Submit quarterly narrative progress reports as well as a final report after expenditure of the entire grant to Water 1st describing the extent to which the goals and purposes of the project or program for which the grant was obtained were accomplished, Provide the most recent copy of an annual independent audit of the local partner organization's financial records, Provide, as part of their financial report to Water 1st, complete records of each receipt and expenditure made in connection with the grant, Use the entire grant only for the purposes stated in the agreement between Water 1st and the local partner organization, and Repay any portion of the grant not used for the purposes stated in the Grantee's grant proposal. Water 1st staff makes periodic visits, no less than annually, to our local partner organizations and the projects supported by Water 1st, to conduct our own inspection of the ongoing or completed water, sanitation and health projects funded by Water 1st. Water 1st has a written evaluation that we complete which involves interviews with the staff of the local partner organization, the water committees and individual households. Observations will also be made of the use and construction of the water and sanitation systems. As part of each visit, Water 1st meets with the staff of the local partner organization to share the evaluation results so that the local partner organization can further improve its efforts in the communities we support. These meetings cover such topics as health education, project operation and maintenance, finance, watershed protection, sanitation, and community organization. These meetings also allow the staff of Water 1st to provide some cross-fertilization of ideas and experience sharing between local partner organizations. While conducting oversight of the grants, if Water 1st determines that any portion of a grant has been used for a purpose other than stated in the agreement, Water 1st will take all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover such wrongfully diverted funds and, at the discretion of Water 1st staff, will immediately terminate the grant arrangement without any obligation to make further disbursements of the grant. If Water 1st determines that a local partner organization has otherwise violated the agreement (by, for example, failing to submit required reports), Water 1st will either, at the discretion of the staff, (a) withhold any future installments of the grant until Grantee corrects the violation, or (b) immediately terminate the arrangement without any obligation to make further disbursements of the grant.</p>



SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization  
Water First International

Employer identification number  
20-2601035

Part I Fundraising Activities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.  
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☐ Mail solicitations

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

c ☐ Phone solicitations

d ☐ In-person solicitations

e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

g ☐ Special fundraising events
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.
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Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a)Event #1 Give Water Give Life Benefit (event type)	(b)Event #2 Carry 5 - Seattle (event type)	(c)Other events 3 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))	
	1	Gross receipts . . . . .	1,777,231	129,251	50,996	1,957,478
	2	Less Contributions . . . . .	1,714,407	121,974	37,366	1,873,747
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	62,824	7,277	13,630	83,731
	4	Cash prizes . . . . .				
Direct Expenses	5	Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	6	Rent/facility costs . . . . .	23,863	6,236	6,076	36,175
	7	Food and beverages . . . . .	56,336		21,308	77,644
	8	Entertainment . . . . .	500			500
	9	Other direct expenses . . . . .	30,038		2,749	32,787
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				147,106
	11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				-63,375

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
	1	Gross revenue . . . . .			
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes . . . . .			
	3	Noncash prizes . . . . .			
	4	Rent/facility costs . . . . .			
	5	Other direct expenses . . . . .			
	6	Volunteer labor . . . . . <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶			
	8	Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). . . . . ▶			

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility	13a	%
b	An outside facility	13b	%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16

Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.**

**▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
[www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

**2015**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization  
Water First International

**Employer identification number**

20-2601035

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	It is reviewed first by the Executive Director, then by the Board Treasurer and by the finance committee of the board via email
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	All Water 1st employees and board members are covered under our conflict of interest policy. We must not only avoid actual conflicts of interest, but also avoid situations that may create any appearance that a conflict exists. Conflicts are determined at the board level and are reviewed by the board. Employees and board members have a duty to disclose any possible conflicts. After disclosure, the remaining Board shall decide by majority vote if a conflict of interest exists. These discussions and votes are recorded in written meeting minutes. We also have procedures if we find violations of our policy.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	The Executive Director is currently the only compensated officer in our organization. The Board governance committee undertakes an annual performance review, interviewing board and staff members for input. Compensation is partly based on this review. At the board's annual November meeting, the budget for the year is approved, including the compensation for the Executive Director. The Executive Director is not present for this discussion, nor does the Executive Director have a vote on this topic or any other board vote.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	Our audited financial statements are available on our website for download and upon request. All other documents, such as our governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and other documents of interest to our supporters are available upon request.