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I have recently joined Hope College's new student organization, Engineers Without Borders (EWB), a group that focuses its efforts on providing non-profit, humanitarian aid for developing communities in order to improve their quality of life. The ultimate goal of the national organization (EWB-USA) is to implement environmentally and economically sustainable engineering projects abroad and to develop international partnerships.

Recently, our chapter was selected for a project in Africa dealing with contaminated water in Nkuv, Cameroon, a village of approximately 300 people. Currently the members of this community are plagued with diseases such as cholera, typhoid, yellow fever and malaria as a result from exposure to this water. There are so many victims of these diseases that their local health clinic cannot handle the enormous numbers of patients.

In March, several of our members, will be traveling to Nkuv to perform a site assessment and evaluate the feasibility of the instillation of shallow wells or a filtration system in the area. At this time, a health survey will be performed which will result in the execution of a health program on our second trip in May. During our second trip, approximately 15 students are planning to return to the community to implement the solution to the problem. The ultimate goal of these trips is to find a sustainable water solution for the community that will curb the diseases that so tremendously affect the residents of Nkuv.

Typically, EWB projects range from \$10,000 to \$20,000, with additional costs of travel. EWB-Hope is hoping to accelerate the fundraising in order to focus our efforts on the design and implementation phases without enormous financial burdens. EWB-Hope receives little or no money from the national organization or Hope College.

We have been working diligently for the past year to form our own student chapter in anticipation that we could use our knowledge and interpersonal skills to aid a community in need. If this is something that interests you, I ask that you help us with a monetary contribution. If you would like more information please email us at [ewb@hope.edu](mailto:ewb@hope.edu), or visit our website at [www.hope.edu/student/organizations/ewb/](http://www.hope.edu/student/organizations/ewb/). Regardless of your financial support, I will keep you well informed on our progress as necessary.

Sincerely,

How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.  
~Anne Frank

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