YOUNG WATER SOLUTIONS
Empowering young water social entrepreneurs
...through the Young Water Fellowship
Young Water Solutions is an International NGO based in Brussels created by young and senior water professionals, that since 2015 empowers young people in low and middle income countries to implement solutions to water and sanitation issues in their communities.
The **Young Water Fellowship** provides young entrepreneurs from low and middle-income countries the **training, mentorship** and **seed funding** that they need to pilot and launch their social business ideas to solve water, sanitation or other water management issues in their communities.
Selection of Fellows

You can apply to the Young Water Fellowship for applications.

Mentor matching

2 weeks start-up training

Seed funding assigned

Start-up piloting

Connection with other enablers

Coaching & mentor matching
**IMPACT TO DATE**

**YWF**  
3 YWF global editions and one regional edition in East Africa implemented

- 10K+ young people reached through the call for applications
- €165K+ distributed in seed funding for 38 start-up pilots

- 39 Young Water Fellows from 22 countries
- 30,000+ people benefited as a result of the 38 pilots funded
Isabel (Guatemala) created a polymer made out of waste from shrimp shells that adsorbs dyes from the wastewater released to rivers by textile industries and artisans.

Beth (Kenya) provides air-to-water technology in water scarce areas. Her pilot involved supplying an orphanage with the machine and studying its performance.

Jonathan (Tanzania) provides affordable sanitation solutions by constructing toilets and latrines with an accessible loan scheme package with low-interest rates.
CHALLENGES

1. Finding revenue models that cover their operation costs, when the main customer segment is an impoverished community
2. Underestimating pilot and operational costs, and overestimating revenues
3. Initially falling short to consider government permits and other bureaucratic procedures to operate
4. Transitioning to operations once the pilot is complete
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