FIELDWATER introduces a new Columbus-based nonprofit focused on restoring broken water systems

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COLUMBUS, Ind., October 20, 2026 - FIELDWATER, a new Columbus-based nonprofit working to restore broken water systems in hard-to-reach communities, will mark its public launch on Friday, October 23. Founded by Andrew Cunningham, the organization brings a focus on practical restoration and local partnerships to the challenge of reliable water access.

FIELDWATER starts with water systems that already exist but are no longer working as they should. Its approach is to work with organizations in the communities they serve around the world to understand what has failed, agree on the work needed and raise support for restoration. The work extends beyond a repair to testing, local oversight, community training and follow-up.

Cunningham spent fifteen years helping build and operate a local filtration manufacturing company. Following the sale of the company he helped build, he stayed for a year to support the transition before choosing a different direction. He founded Cunningham Venture Company, a privately held company with a portfolio of consumer brands and technology businesses, and launched FIELDWATER alongside that work.

The launch introduces FIELDWATER's first featured partnership with Basic Services Development Agency (BASEDA), a Malawian organization. BASEDA will lead local delivery and community relationships, while FIELDWATER raises support for its work and develops agreed water-restoration plans with local partners.

The BASEDA partnership showcases eight proposed water systems across Malawi's Chikwawa and Dedza districts. Individual scopes and costs are still being agreed. BASEDA requests $100,000 for the proposed programme. This is a partner funding aim, not money received or a final project budget. Donations through the website support FIELDWATER's work flexibly across partners and necessary operations.

"BASEDA brings the local knowledge and relationships. Our job is to help fund the agreed work and show supporters what happens next," said Cunningham. "We want people here at home to understand the work they are supporting, from the first assessment through the repairs and follow-up."

FIELDWATER also works with Water for Cambodia, which has proposed 200 household biosand filters, two school water systems and WASH support, with an estimated funding request of $15,000-$29,999. The final joint scope and budget are still to be agreed.

The proposed restoration work is at the scope-development stage. No completed FIELDWATER-funded repairs, verified beneficiary totals or site completion dates are being announced. Photographs supplied by BASEDA show proposed sites.

FIELDWATER's introduction and ways to get involved are at fieldwater.org. The BASEDA partnership and general FIELDWATER giving are available at fieldwater.org/partners/baseda. Cunningham is available for further information or conversation at andrew@fieldwater.org.

About FIELDWATER

FIELDWATER, INC is a Columbus-based Indiana nonprofit and IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) public charity. It works with local partners to restore broken water systems in hard-to-reach communities. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.