

# SAMSON

## SAFAD MEMBERS' SOURCE OF NEWS

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Over 50 years of SAFAD!



### ABOUT SAFAD

Silsoe Aid for Appropriate Development (SAFAD) is a British charity run by students of Cranfield University. Since 1969, SAFAD has sent over 340 graduate and post-graduate volunteers to almost 40 different countries in the developing world. Each year, the student volunteers work with local organisations on existing and new projects. Every SAFAD volunteer has been a Cranfield graduate or post-graduate student in various disciplines such as water, soil and

environmental sciences, engineering management and health. SAFAD aims to help relieve poverty by promoting appropriate development, community participation and capacity building to create sustainable livelihoods. The volunteers, in turn, gain experience through their work.

SAFAD has been running for over 50 years, this was celebrated at an event in May 2019. Past and present SAFAD members gathered to commemorate past, present, and future of SAFAD.

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## SUMMARY OF REPORT FROM HONDURAS (PARTNER ORGANISATIONS: PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD)

PURE WATER: The organisation has been working in Honduras since 2009, PWW has mainly been working in the town of Trojes and its communities, covering nearly 150 communities with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects. Those projects are focused on providing safe water and sanitation to people living in rural areas. Projects mainly consist of bio-sand filters installation and latrine construction at a household level. There is education through training in communities on good health and hygiene practices. PWW also works on those projects with schools and provides piped water systems or rainwater harvesting systems.



"I was assigned to a variety of tasks during my placement with PWW Honduras. I worked on many fieldwork projects this included studies in the PWW's Menstrual Hygiene Management Program to evaluate the effectiveness of PWW's MHM program in schools. A study on bio-sand filters to create a strategy for the filters to be available in specific shops for potential clients. In addition providing health and hygiene training, supporting volunteer group's strategy and providing health and publicity work. There was laboratory work, this encompassed water quality analysis and looking at disinfectant efficiency.

I have been warmly welcomed and integrated quickly to the team. As the only one understanding and speaking fluently in English; this skill being essential for all communication work.

"Working with Pure Water for the World in Honduras was a great experience. I have been able to learn a lot and strengthen my skills in project management, team working and communication. I will always keep really good memories of my time in Trojes, even if it was sometimes challenging on a personal and professional point of view"



Experiencing living in a rural region of a developing country for 11 months was challenging on a professional and personal point of view. I have learnt how to adapt myself to a given environment, people, lifestyle. Strengthening my skills and knowledge was initially one of my main objectives with taking this placement. I have been able to learn a lot of theory during my MSc at Cranfield University and this placement was indeed a very good opportunity to apply this knowledge and learn even more over it. I have improved my technical skills and also my soft skills".

- Annette Butty (paraphrased report)



## SUMMARY OF REPORT FROM HAITI (PARTNER ORGANISATIONS: PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD)



PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD: Working in Haiti since 2008 serving communities, schools, orphanages and health clinics with water filters and sanitation, as well as providing education to schools and communities about appropriate hygiene practices. PWW implements Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs across the country. PWW also expanded its expertise in water quality testing through the WASH Training & Consulting Services (WTCS) center.

“My role included:

- Support the WTCS department
- Menstrual Hygiene Management - Research study
- Raising environmental awareness
- Filter efficiency - Research study

Thanks to this placement, I developed knowledge in low-cost water treatment technologies and water quality testing and I gained planning, communication, project management and analytical skills. As I spent most of my time here working on water quality testing, I strongly strengthened my water quality expertise. Strengthening my adaptation capacity and language.



I had the chance to organize a few workshops and train the staff in water quality testing, which helped me being more at ease when speaking orally to an audience

This first experience gave me a huge understanding on the development/NGO sector functioning, which will be very beneficial in the future for my job search process. Moreover, I also met a lot of people working in the WASH sector and expanded my professional network”.

- Lise Nousse (paraphrased report)



## SUMMARY OF REPORT FROM MEXICO (ONGOING) (PARTNER ORGANISATIONS: CAMINOS DE AGUA)

CAMINOS DE AGUA: Based in San Miguel de Allende. The main problem in the region is the water quality in the groundwater. One solution is using ceramic filters for drinking water. One of the two volunteers, Cristina, is working on a project to ensure that the new improved ceramic filters comply with requirements. Johanna's project involves developing a groundwater treatment system to make the water drinkable, instead of relying on rainwater.



**SAFAD President:  
Raphael Chukwuka Nnachi**

### WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT: RAPHAEL CHUKWUKA NNACHI

"For over five decades, SAFAD has assisted developing countries by recruiting and sending many volunteers with the appropriate skills to work in development projects such as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Through its humanitarian projects, SAFAD has made amazing impacts on the lives of beneficiaries in over 25 developing countries. After the adoption of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), SAFAD projects have been aligned in response to the call to action of poverty eradication, planetary protection and ensuring equitable peace.

Therefore, for the 2020/2021 project year, we wish to respond to the continual call to action and also solicit everyone to join us in our quest of contributing to the actualisation of the SDG target of 2030, through investment in appropriate development projects that can drive the actualisation of the SDGs, particularly in developing countries".

### SAFAD GETS NEW PATRON!

The new SAFAD Patron is Sir Graham Fry. Graham is a former British High Commissioner to Malaysia (1998-2001) and former British Ambassador to Japan (2004-2008). He is also the Chair, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust. He is looking forward to being involved in the work of SAFAD and attending future events.



**SAFAD Patron:  
Sir Graham Fry**

### PAST EVENTS: Discovering SAFAD NIGHT

"To create more awareness and introduce new students, SAFAD held the first event of the year in December 2019 which was a food and drinks night alongside a Karaoke night at the CSA. It was a great opportunity to make SAFAD more known among the students and recruit new members. It was a pleasure working with the dynamic team, a lot of fun was shared setting up the event and the team looks forward to the next events".

-Lucie Pideux

# SAFAD Week 2020 Schedule

24 – 28 Feb 2020.

All at CSA

Date	Time	Event
Throughout the week Prizes will be drawn on 28 Feb.		<b>Tombola</b> Many thanks to Cranfield fitness Centre, Campus Services Outlets, CSA Bar and CSA Shop for donating the prizes.
24 Feb	8pm-11pm 9pm-11pm	Snack booth Movie night - 'The Last Face'
27 Feb	7pm 7pm-10pm 9pm-10pm	Projects Placements Presentation Snack Booth Music Quiz
28 Feb	8-12pm 11pm	Food and Cocktails Booth Tombola Results and Prizes

**Buy tombola tickets at the SAFAD week events and from SAFAD members**

Special thanks to the CSA and their staff for their support of SAFAD promotion and events.

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