



Who was Paul Van Beers?

Paul Van Beers was the Founder of the Bluepump and Co-Founder of the Fairwater Foundation.

In 2003, Paul had an idea to develop a handpump with low-cost maintenance. With this idea, Paul hoped to provide African communities with a durable water pumping system that African communities could sustain locally.

As Project Manager of the Rural Water Development (RWD) project in Kenya, Paul had the opportunity to suggest improvements, given his long-term practical experience in both Burkina Faso and Mozambique, towards the Volanta Pump, considered the most reliable handpump at the time.

Based on this experience, Paul decided to develop and trial a new, simple, and reliable handpump, utilizing the same advantages of the Volanta Pump but avoiding many of the Pumps disadvantages.

In 2008, Paul Van Beers Co-Founded the Fairwater Foundation with Syrayya Gok, aimed at beginning rehabilitation projects in Africa and coordinating Research and Development (R&D) towards developing his new handpump.

In 2020, Paul Van Beers tragically passed away, at the age of 70, due to cancer-related illnesses. Since 2020, Geraldo Vallen, has acquired the Fairwater Foundation and has continued to distribute Bluepumps in Sub-Saharan Africa via its partners like SORIM HOLDING Ltd.