

Understanding One ATTA Time's Charity Navigator Rating

Updated July 2026 — reflects our current Charity Navigator profile

At One ATTA Time, we are committed to transparency, financial responsibility, and measurable impact. Charity Navigator recently updated its evaluation model to a new four-beacon “Encompass” system, and our rating has improved as a result. Here is where we stand today, what moved, and what still needs context.

Our Current Rating: 81% - Three-Star Charity

This is a meaningful improvement from the 72% (Two-Star) rating referenced in our previous materials. All four beacons are now complete on our profile:

- Accountability & Finance
- Impact & Measurement
- Leadership & Planning
- Culture & Compensation

Where We've Improved:

Liabilities to Assets - dramatically improved

Our FY2025 Form 990 (e-filed and accepted by the IRS April 4, 2026) shows total assets grew from \$786,230 to \$1,912,999 over the year, while total liabilities dropped from \$655,832 to just \$36,729. That puts our liabilities-to-assets ratio at roughly 1.9% at year-end — down from the 99.23% figure cited in our original materials, and well within the range Charity Navigator rewards. This reflects our approach: we deploy donor funds into the field quickly, and this year that was paired with a major reduction in outstanding liabilities and a stronger balance sheet.

Charity Navigator Is Still Showing Last Year's Data

As of this writing, Charity Navigator's Accountability & Finance beacon still sources its figures to “Fiscal Year 2024,” even though our FY2025 Form 990 was e-filed and IRS-accepted on April 4, 2026 — nearly three months before this update. Their public profile has not yet reflected the improved liabilities-to-assets position above, or the other gains in this year's filing. This is a direct example of the “delayed data updates” limitation we've flagged previously: their ratings can lag an organization's actual, current financial position by a year or more.

Accountability fundamentals: strong

Under Charity Navigator's Accountability panel, we score 100% on three of five accountability metrics:

Website reported on tax form	100%	Our website is disclosed on our IRS Form 990.
No material diversion of assets	100%	No unauthorized use of funds reported on our 990.
Records retention policy	100%	We have a documented policy for handling and archiving records.

Where Charity Navigator Still Dings Us - and Why

Two accountability line items are still scored at 0% on our profile. Both are the same issues we flagged previously, and our reasoning hasn't changed:

Financial Statements (independent audit, review, or compilation): 0%

Charity Navigator wants to see financial statements compiled, reviewed, or audited by an independent accountant. We conduct independent audits every other year rather than annually — a full audit costs roughly \$10,000, and we believe those dollars are better spent funding clean water programs directly. This is a deliberate financial stewardship decision, not a transparency gap.

Tax Form (990) Disclosed on Website: 0%

Charity Navigator's system still shows this as unmet, even though our 990s are publicly posted at the link below. As before, this appears to be a case of their automated review not reflecting a real-time update on our site.

oneattatime.org/donate/990-filings

A Note on Methodology

Charity Navigator moved to a broader four-beacon “Encompass” rating model this year, adding Impact & Measurement, Leadership & Planning, and Culture & Compensation alongside Accountability & Finance. Our profile shows all four beacons complete, which is itself a sign of the added transparency work our team has put in. We're continuing to review the newer beacons in detail and will share more as we do.

Why One ATTA Time Remains a Highly Trustworthy Organization

- Deploying resources efficiently – prioritizing immediate clean water solutions over excessive financial reserves.
- Financial transparency – posting our 990s publicly and maintaining open accountability.
- Impact-driven programming – using third-party scientific research (Aquora) to track our success in reducing waterborne diseases.
- Smart financial stewardship – conducting audits every other year to ensure funds go where they are needed most.

We welcome any questions and are happy to provide additional financial or impact data upon request.