



Water Crisis Facts

The global water and sanitation crisis impacts the lives of more than 2 billion people worldwide.

- 844 million people on earth live without clean water. That's roughly 1 in 10 people on earth or about twice the population of the United States.
- 100 million families are stuck in a cycle of poverty and disease because they don't have access to safe water. (1)
- 2.4 billion people, 1 in 3, lack access to a toilet. (2)
- Every 60 seconds a child under the age of five dies from illnesses related to dirty water. (3)
- Women and girls spend up to 6 hours every day walking to get water for their families.
- The average distance that women in Africa and Asia walk to collect water is 3.7 miles. (4) That is 19,500 steps, every day, just to get water that is making them sick.
- A full 5-gallon Jerry-can weighs about 40 pounds. Many women carry two as they retrieve water for their family.
- 443 million school days are lost each year due to water-related diseases. (5)
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, women and girls spend 40 billion hours a year collecting water, equivalent to a year's worth of labor by the entire workforce in France.
- Every dollar invested in safe water and improved hygiene and sanitation results in eight dollars of increased economic activity. (6)