



Top 10 Facts on Water and Sanitation¹

1. 650 million people in the world do not have access to safe water. This is roughly one out of every 10 people on the planet.
2. Twice the population of the United States does not have access to safe water.
3. 2.4 billion people have no safe sanitation facilities or latrines. That's one out of every three people worldwide.
4. Only 3 percent of the world's water is fresh water, and two-thirds of that is tucked away in frozen glaciers or otherwise unavailable for our use.
5. By 2025, two-thirds of the world's population may face water shortages.
6. In September 2015, world leaders committed to 17 Global Development Goals for Sustainable Development. Goal #6 aims to provide everyone in the world with clean water and proper toilets by the year 2030.
7. Water stress is the impact that lack of water has on a society, affecting nutrition, public health, environmental services, housing and urban growth, and national security. Today, a third of the world's population lives under water-stressed conditions that affect socio-economic development.
8. Every minute, a newborn baby dies from infection caused by a lack of safe water and an unclean environment.
9. 42% of healthcare facilities in Africa do not have access to safe water.
10. Water in Accra, Ghana, costs three times as much as in New York City.

The Food for the Hungry Solution

Food for the Hungry partners with impoverished communities to bring drinking and irrigation water close to home. We help communities to form water committees and work alongside them to complete various water and sanitation projects, including digging wells, capping water sources to keep animals out, building water catchment systems, building latrines and teaching good sanitation habits. Committees are trained on the upkeep of water systems, so future generations can enjoy clean, drinkable water as well as water for agriculture. The result is a sustainable source of water that increases good health, along with economic development.

Read about the difference Food for the Hungry [water](#) and [sanitation](#) programs make in the lives of some of the individuals and communities we serve.

¹ Sources:

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