

## Key Water + Sanitation Facts | for use in 2018

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- 844 million people — 1 in 9 — lack access to water.
- 2.3 billion people — 1 in 3 — lack access to a toilet.
- Almost 6x the population of the United States lives without a household water connection.
- More people have a mobile phone than a toilet.
- Every 90 seconds a child dies from a water-related disease.
- Diarrhea is one of the top 3 leading cause of child death, a majority of which are water-related.
- Water, sanitation and hygiene-related disease kills nearly 1 million people each year.
- Women and children bear the primary responsibility for water collection.
- Women and children spend 258 million hours every day collecting water. This is time spent not working, caring for family members or attending school.
- Women and girls spend up to 6 hours every day collecting water.
- Women and girls living without a toilet spend 266 million hours every day finding a place to go.
- Reductions in time spent collecting water increase school attendance.
- Globally, 1/3 of all schools lack access to basic water and sanitation.
- Involving women can make water projects 6 to 7 times more effective.
- Every \$1 invested in water and sanitation provides a \$4 economic return.
- Every \$1 invested in water and sanitation provides a \$5 return in health benefits.
- \$260 billion is lost globally each year due to lack of basic water and sanitation.
- Universal access to basic water and sanitation would result in \$32 billion in economic benefits each year from reductions in health care costs and increased productivity from reduced illness.
- Annual aid for water and sanitation amounts to only US \$8 billion – far short of the \$1 trillion needed to solve this crisis and maintain access long term.
- Access to credit plays a significant role in triggering household sanitation investments, increasing health and providing families the dignity of a toilet.
- The water crisis is the #1 global risk based on impact to society as a measure of devastation, announced by the World Economic Forum in January 2015.