



DID YOU KNOW...

1.8 billion people

use a source of drinking water contaminated with feces, putting them at risk of contracting **cholera, dysentery, typhoid** and **polio**.



Since the **1990s**, water pollution has worsened in almost all rivers in **Africa, Asia** and **Latin America**.



It is estimated that only **26 percent** of urban and **34 percent** of rural sanitation and wastewater services effectively prevent human contact with excreta along the entire sanitation chain and can be considered safely managed.

783 million people

or **1 in 9** people



do not have access to **clean and safe water** worldwide.

90%

of the world's available fresh water is used for agriculture and industry.



Half of the world's hospital beds are filled with people suffering from a **water-related disease**.



It has been estimated that for some major rivers in the U.S., the water has been **used and reused over 20 times** before it reaches the sea.

By investing in clean water alone, young children around the world can gain more than **413 million days of health**.



Naturally occurring arsenic pollution in groundwater now affects nearly **140 million people** in **70 countries** on all continents.

140 million people

99%

Wastewater is roughly composed of **99 percent water** and **1 percent suspended, colloidal and dissolved solids**.

In 2012, an estimated **842,000** deaths in middle- and low-income countries were caused by **contaminated drinking water**, inadequate handwashing facilities and sanitation services.

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Less than 1 percent of the world's fresh water is actually available to us.

20%

It is estimated that **fewer than 20 percent** of the world's drainage basins exhibit nearly pristine water quality.

In Nigeria, less than **10 percent of industries** reportedly treat their effluents before discharging them into surface waters.

10%