

# 15 Facts about Water



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844 million people – 1 in 9  
– lack access to water



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Globally, 1/3 of all schools  
lack access to basic water  
and sanitation



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1/3 of what the world spends  
on bottled water per year  
would pay to provide water to  
everyone in need



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You could survive for about  
five to six weeks without  
food – but only **three to five  
days without water**



- 5 2.3 billion people – 1 in 3 – lack access to a toilet
- 6 Every 15 seconds a child dies from a lack of clean water
- 7 Half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering water borne diseases
- 8 More than 3.4 million people die each year from water, sanitation, and hygiene-related causes
- 9 Nearly all deaths, 99% of water-related deaths, occur in the developing world
- 10 Women and children spend 258 million hours every day collecting water. This is time spent not working or attending school
- 11 Involving women can make water projects 6 to 7 times more effective
- 12 1 dollar invested in water/sanitation returns in 8 dollars of economic growth
- 13 The average container for water collection in Africa, the jerry can, weighs over 40lbs when full
- 14 90 percent of wastewater in developing countries is discharged into rivers and streams without any treatment
- 15 Around 700,000 children die every year from diarrhea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation – that's almost 2,000 children a day