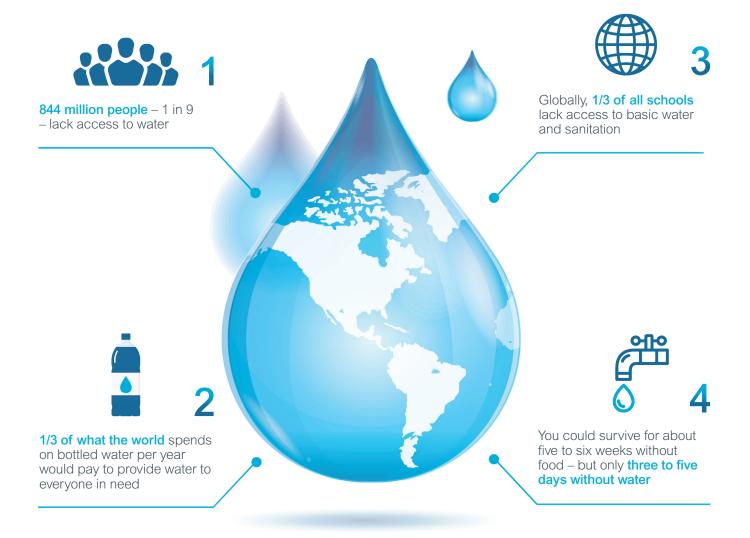


15 Facts about Water



- **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
- Half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering water borne diseases
- 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
- Women and children spend 258 million hours every day collecting water. This is time spent not working or attending school
- Involving women can make water projects 6 to 7 times more effective
- 1 dollar invested in water/sanitation returns in 8 dollars of **economic** growth

- The average container for water collection in Africa, the jerry can, weighs over 40lbs when full
- 90 percent of wastewater in developing countries is discharged into rivers and streams without any treatment
- Around 700,000 children die every year from diarrhea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation that's almost 2,000 children a day