

15 Facts about Water



1

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



3

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



2

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



4

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