

We believe everyone has the right to clean, safe drinking water. Since 2006, charity: water has funded water projects around the world to help millions of people get access to water, hygiene education and improved sanitation.

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THE WATER CRISIS.

NEARLY 800 MILLION

PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD ARE LIVING WITH NO ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER.



MORE PEOPLE DIE FROM LACK OF CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

each year than are killed by all forms of violence, including war.

90%

of the deaths that result from diarrheal diseases occur in **CHILDREN UNDER FIVE.**



Diarrheal disease caused by unsafe water is the **SECOND LEADING KILLER OF CHILDREN WORLDWIDE,** *(It's the first in sub-Saharan Africa.)*



WOMEN ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO COLLECT WATER AS MEN.

Their long walks for water mean risk of rape, violence, and long-term wear and tear on the body.



In sub-Saharan Africa **16 MILLION HOURS EACH DAY** are spent by women collecting water. This takes time away from work, school, and family.

\$28 BILLION

IS LOST IN AFRICA EACH YEAR DUE TO LACK OF SAFE WATER AND SANITATION. *(That's about 5% of the GDP.)*

WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING.

10% OF DISEASE

COULD BE REDUCED WITH IMPROVED ACCESS to clean water, sanitation, hygiene education, and water resource management.



Women can use the time once spent walking for water to pursue other important opportunities like **EARNING AN EXTRA INCOME AND COMPLETING THEIR EDUCATION.**

\$1

invested in
WATER



\$4-12

for the
LOCAL ECONOMY



Communities choose a small group of people to oversee each completed charity: water project. We encourage them to include equal numbers of men and women. These Water Committees are often **THE FIRST CHANCE WOMEN HAVE TO TAKE ON ELECTED LEADERSHIP ROLES.**



At times, clean water projects mean families can start small subsistence gardens near their homes to provide **RELIABLE ACCESS TO FOOD.**



Clean water projects that are built near schools significantly **INCREASE CLASS ATTENDANCE,** especially in girls.

OUR WORK.



PROVING IT

We track every dollar you raise, and when your water projects are complete, we show you the lives you've changed. [Learn more here »](#)

100%

100% MODEL

All public donations go to clean water projects. Private donors cover our operating costs which means you don't have to.