Portrait of Hasina drinking clean water at the taps of the sanitation block. Primary school of Manakasina village, Sabotsy Anjiro commune, Moramanga district, Alaotra Mangoro region, Madagascar. WaterAid/Ernest Randriarimalala
Right now, the world’s poorest people do not have access to clean water, decent toilets or good hygiene. This crisis is ruining lives and holding back development.

Finiavana, nine years old with a bucket full of dirty water on his head on his way back home from the dirty water source. Tsarafangitra village, Belavabary commune, Moramanga district, Alaotra Mangoro region, Madagascar.

WaterAid/ Ernest Randriarimalala
1 in 10 people live without access to clean water – about 844m people

Nearly 800 children under five die every day from water related diseases

42% of healthcare facilities in Africa do not have access to clean water

Mulu Debela, 10, collects water from a nearby river. Gajjo, Babich, West Shoa, Ethiopia
WaterAid/ Behailu Shiferaw
Living without a toilet

2.3bn people with no decent toilet

892 million people open defecating

Poor sanitation deprivess women of privacy and exposes them to the risk of attack


WaterAid/ Tom Saater
Hand-washing with soap can reduce the incidence of diarrhoea by up to 47%.

Hygiene promotion is the most cost-effective health intervention according to the World Bank

One gram of human faeces can contain 10,000,000 viruses, 1,000,000 bacteria, 1,000 parasite cysts, 100 parasite eggs.

Sham Shania, 5, a pupil at Kabowa Church of Uganda Primary School, happy to show her clean hands, Rubaga Municipality, Uganda. WaterAid/James Kiyimba
Our vision is a world where everyone everywhere has clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. Children play in clean water from the new handpump, Hambale, Chipenbele, Zambia. WaterAid/Anna Kari
Where we work

Southern Africa
1. Madagascar
2. Malawi
3. Mozambique
4. Zambia
5. Lesotho
6. Swaziland

West Africa
7. Burkina Faso
8. Ghana
9. Mali
10. Nigeria
11. Liberia
12. Niger
13. Sierra Leone

East Africa
14. Ethiopia
15. Tanzania
16. Uganda
17. Kenya
18. Rwanda

Asia
19. India
20. Nepal
21. Bangladesh
22. Pakistan

Pacific region
23. Cambodia
24. Timor-Leste
25. Papua New Guinea

Central America
26. Nicaragua
Our approach

To transform lives, we deliver taps and toilets, campaign for change and build the skills of local people.

We work with partners and influence decision-makers to maximise our impact.

Group photo of people of Chinika village, happy to own a source of clean water, Monze, Zambia, Nov 16. WaterAid/Chileshe Chanda
Our success

In 2014-15, we reached 1.9 million people with safe water and 3 million people with sanitation.

With your help we can reach everyone everywhere by 2030.

Moffat Chibwe and Elizabeth Musonda and grandchildren, Mukopo Village, Lubunda. WaterAid/Chilieshe Chanda
Thank you

Solo and Ze holding a thank you message. Water arriving in Ambohimatsinjo village, Antohobe commune, Vakinankaratra region, Madagascar. WaterAid/ Ernest Randriazimalala