

The Global Water Crisis

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We shall not finally defeat AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, or any of the other infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have also won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation and basic health care.”
United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan



Overview

Access to safe water is a global problem that has been called a “silent tsunami.” Approximately 230,000 people were killed tragically in the tsunami that struck off the coast of Indonesia in 2004. That is also the number of children that die *every nine days* from water-related illnesses.

An estimated 80% of the world’s diseases are a result of contaminated or insufficient water supplies, inadequate sanitation facilities, and poor hygiene practices. More than a *billion* people have no access to safe water, and as a result they suffer from sickness, squalor, and enduring poverty.



Statistics

- 1.1 billion people — 20% of the world’s population — lack access to safe water.
- Every day 25,000 people die from having an inadequate or contaminated water supply.
- Every 15 seconds, a child under age 5 dies from a water-related illness.
- Women and girls in developing countries walk an average of four miles per day carrying five gallons of water.

Sources: World Health Organization, UNICEF

Solutions

Water Missions International’s safe-water solutions bring immediate and lasting benefits in health, dignity, education, productivity, and income generation to some of the world’s most marginalized and forgotten people.

Water is key to saving lives, improving the quality of life, and breaking the poverty cycle.



Changing Lives Through Sustainable Water Systems