

# THE FACTS

about **WATER,**  
**SANITATION,**  
and **HYGIENE**

World Vision®

## THE NEED



**663**  
MILLION  
PEOPLE

lack access to

**SAFE**  
**WATER**



**2.4**  
BILLION  
PEOPLE

lack access to

**ADEQUATE**  
**SANITATION**



There are major disparities  
in access between regions  
and economic classes.



### DIARRHEAL DISEASE

caused by a lack of safe water,  
sanitation, and basic hygiene is  
one of the **LEADING KILLERS**  
of children under age 5.



*Every day, UNSAFE WATER and POOR  
SANITATION AND HYGIENE claim the  
lives of nearly 1,000 CHILDREN.*



Approximately

**50% OF ALL CHILDHOOD  
MALNUTRITION**

is linked to diarrhea and worm infections caused  
by a lack of clean water and inadequate sanitation.

## THE HOPE



**CLEAN**  
**WATER**

reduces

**DIARRHEAL**  
**DEATHS**

by over

**20%**



**IMPROVED**  
**SANITATION**

reduces

**DIARRHEAL**  
**DEATHS**

by nearly

**40%**



Good hygiene can **halve**  
cases of pneumonia,  
another top child-killer.

## PROGRESS THROUGH ADVOCACY

Investments in water, sanitation, and hygiene programs  
have wide-reaching, long-term effects:

- » **2.6 billion** = number of people who have gained access  
to clean drinking water since 1990
- » **\$382 million** = U.S. government spending on global water,  
sanitation, and hygiene programs in FY15
- » **\$28** = potential economic gains from every \$1 invested in  
water and sanitation improvements

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**