



PlayPumps International Water / Sanitation Facts:

- *Half the people in developing countries are suffering from water-related diseases.*
- *Unless we act now, by 2025 the number of people who lack access to clean water could increase to 2.3 billion.*
- *Unsafe water and lack of sanitation is now the single largest cause of illness worldwide.*
- *Water-related diseases are responsible for 80% of all sickness in the world.*
- *About 4 billion cases of diarrhea per year cause 2.2 million deaths.*
- *1.7 million children under the age of five die from diarrhea each year.*
- *40 billion hours are lost annually to hauling water, a chore primarily undertaken by women and girls.*
- *More than one billion people worldwide do not have access to clean water.*
- *Although a person can live without food for more than a month, a person can only live without water for approximately one week.*
- *A child dies every 15 seconds from diseases related to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene.*
- *1.1 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water.*
- *443 million school days are lost each year due to water-related illnesses that keep children out of school and compromise their ability to learn when they do attend.*
- *When you flush the toilet, you are using the same water amount that one person in a developing country uses all day to wash, clean, cook and drink.*
- *40 billion hours each year are spent collecting water in sub-Saharan Africa, equal to over 19 million full-time employees.*
- *Every \$1 invested in water yields an economic return worth \$8 in saved time, increased productivity and reduced healthcare costs. (UNDP)*
- *In many areas of sub-Saharan Africa women and girls often walk an average of five miles to the nearest water source every day. If a woman only had to carry water for one hour a day, she could earn an additional US \$100 a year.*
- *The weight of the water container that women in Asia and Africa carry on their heads is equivalent to the baggage weight allowed by airlines (20 kg/44 lbs).*
- *It takes 630 gallons of water to produce one hamburger and 2,900 gallons of water go into producing a single pair of blue jeans!*