

# WATER

CONCERN  
worldwide



## SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

Water scarcity affects more than 40 per cent of people around the world. Although 2.1 billion people have gained access to improved water sanitation since 1990, dwindling supplies of safe drinking water is a major problem impacting every continent.

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## WATER CONSUMPTION LEVELS GLOBALLY



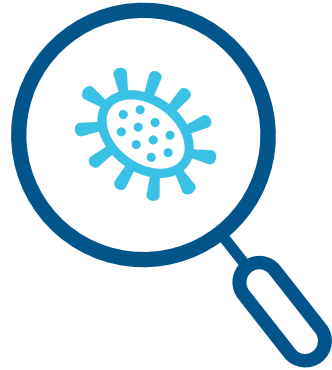
**70%** of the earth's surface is covered by water



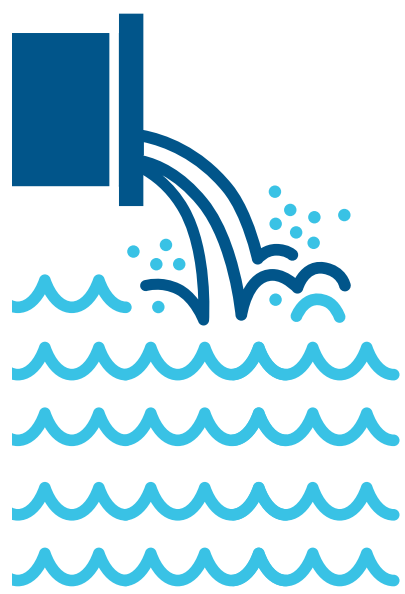
**884 million people globally** do not have access to clean water



**2.4 billion people** do not have access to basic sanitation or a clean toilet



**Every 90 seconds** a child dies due to preventable water and sanitation related diseases



**80% of waste water** from human activities is discharged into waterways without any pollution removal

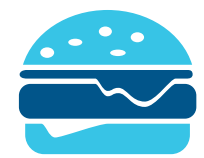


**Less than 1%** of the earth's water is available for human consumption

### IT TAKES:



**140 litres** of water to grow coffee beans to make one cup of black coffee



**2,400 litres** of water to make a single hamburger



**11,000 litres** to produce a pair of jeans



**400,000 litres** to build a car



### Water Insecurity

- By 2025, **1.8 billion people** are expected to live in areas where they have little or no access to water.
- Sub-Saharan Africa** has the largest number of water-stressed countries of any region



### How much water is used in Ireland every day?

- Estimated that we use about **230 litres** of water a day, per person, per household.
- By comparison, in Ethiopia, the average person uses only **10 litres** of water per day.

## Countries where Concern works

- Democratic Republic of Congo** – less than 50% of the population has access to clean water, and only 30% has access to adequate sanitation.
- Bangladesh** – extremely poor people travel 3-4 hours each day to fetch water and at times have to resort to drinking saline and arsenic contaminated water from tube wells.
- Afghanistan** – the water table has dropped by 10 billion cubic meters in recent years putting thousands of settlements and farms at risk of a severe water crisis

