

WATER

CONCERN
worldwide

ENDING
EXTREME POVERTY
WHATEVER
IT TAKES

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

Water scarcity affects more than 40 per cent of people around the world. Although 1.8 billion people have gained access to basic drinking water services since 2000, 785 million people globally – 1 in 9 – continue to lack access to safe water.



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



WATER CONSUMPTION LEVELS GLOBALLY



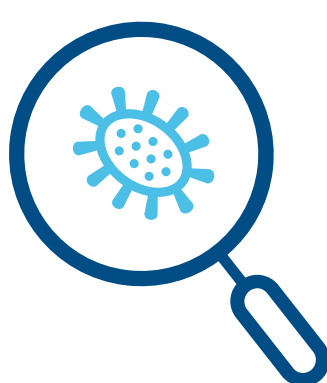
70% of the earth's surface is covered by water



1 in 3 people do not have access to clean water



3 in 10 people worldwide could not wash their hands with soap and water at home during the COVID-19 pandemic



297 000 children aged under 5 years die every year from avoidable water related diseases

IT TAKES:



14,500 litres of water to make a smartphone



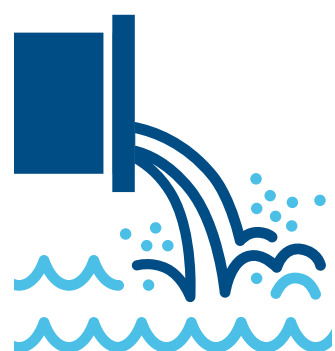
3,000 litres of water to make 1 hamburger



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



400,000 litres of water to build a car



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



In 2020, it was estimated that **1 in 4 people** did not have access to safely managed drinking water in their homes and nearly half the world's population lacked safely managed sanitation



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.

