

Clean Water is the Gift of Life!!

Water ... worth more than gold and more crucial for survival above all other resources on earth.

And yet, **over one billion men, women, and children do not have enough safe water to drink** and therefore will never live a healthy life.

Who are these people?

They are the innocent children and desperate families living in overcrowded urban slums, in refugee camps, and in poverty-stricken towns and villages too numerous to count in rural areas of developing countries around the world.



Here, less than 50% of the population has access to safe drinking water and only 25% have access to sanitary systems. They are unfortunate victims of drought and changing global weather patterns.

These precious people do not have enough water to grow and harvest food, enough water to keep their livestock alive, enough clean water to protect themselves and their children from hunger and disease.

They do not have enough water to survive

Water ... can feed the hungry

Worldwide hunger problems are really water problems.

Without water, crops and livestock wither and die. People go hungry and become weak. Weakness allows disease to run its course and finally the “Quiet Killer” – hunger, takes its toll.

At this moment, many communities throughout the world are suffering needlessly because water is either scarce or polluted or may not exist at all. A sad irony is that often there is life-saving water just 100 feet away! Directly underground - so near, yet too far for people lacking the tools and knowledge to reach it.



But with technologies ranging from simple and inexpensive to state-of-the-art, Global Water is helping poor communities in developing countries find new supplies of clean, life-sustaining water. And when clean, fresh water begins to flow in a community, a whole new life begins – free from the threat of food shortages and the myriad of health-related problems associated with hunger. That’s the power of water.

Simply put - Global Water helps people help themselves

Water ... can prevent disease

Daily, tens of thousands of men, women, and children die from diseases directly related to drinking polluted water.

Waterborne parasites, received from drinking contaminated water, multiply continuously in already weakened bodies -- robbing their hosts of the nourishment and energy they need to grow and develop normally.



As much as 80% of fatal childhood diseases that kill children and destroy families worldwide are caused -- not by shortages of food and medicine - - but by drinking contaminated water.

You can actually stop hunger, heal disease and save many thousands of precious lives with the simple gift of water. And long after a humanitarian relief effort has ended and temporary medical teams have gone -- the gift of water continues to heal.

It’s the solution that lasts a lifetime

Water ... can overcome poverty

Water is the lifeblood of a community. When water is unsafe to drink, the entire community suffers.

Sick children lack the energy to go to school and learn. Weak young men lack the drive to work hard – and so poverty continues. In rural communities, it is women and children who are responsible for locating and transporting water. Fulfilling this daily responsibility often leaves little or no time for women to pursue developmental opportunities and for the young to get an education – and so poverty continues.



Nothing changes a community like providing a source of clean water for the first time. It creates a complete transformation. It has the power to actually stop the cycle of poverty. The entire community becomes healthier. For the first time, children become eager to learn while young men and women are able to work harder to produce an income and more food. Everyone can envision better futures and begin working towards them. Giving clean water to a poverty stricken community is like giving a blood transfusion to a dying man.

Water means new potential, new hope for a better tomorrow and a new life.

Global Water is based upon the belief that the lack of access to safe drinking water is the primary cause of disease, hunger and poverty throughout the world. Founded in 1982, Global Water is an international, non-profit humanitarian organization focused on providing safe water supplies, sanitation facilities and related health programs for rural villagers in developing countries. Our program is designed to create safe water supplies in rural villages to enable the rural poor to help themselves.

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