

This provides an update on World Vision water efforts to address the global water crisis.

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World Vision Water Update: September 2017



New Report by UNICEF and World Health Organization Updates Numbers of People without Access

More than 1 of every 10 people on the planet have no access to clean water – that’s 844 million people who lack basic drinking water access. This is according to the 2017 World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) report which is the first to report numbers under the new UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For the first time, people who have access to an improved water source but travel more than 30-minutes round-trip to collect water are not considered to have basic access to water (263 million people). This, and some updated data, resulted in the number of people without basic access increasing from 663 million people in the previous report to the new estimate of 844 million people.

Because the new SDGs include a goal for moving to higher standards of service, specifically safely managed drinking water services at home - accessible, available, and safe – the new estimate is 29% of the global population (2.1 billion people) who lack safely managed drinking water services. In addition, 61% of the global population (4.5 billion people) lack safely managed sanitation services – meaning use of a toilet or latrine where excreta is safely disposed on site or treated off-site.

Clearly, we have much more work to do in order to end the global water and sanitation crisis. World Vision and our partners are confident that we can provide basic water and sanitation access to everyone, everywhere we work by 2030.



New Video on Work in Healthcare Facilities Launched at Stockholm World Water Week

World Vision is proud to work with WHO, UNICEF, CDC, WaterAid, and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to provide water, sanitation, and hygiene in healthcare facilities (HCF's). This is critical work because the WHO estimates that the lives of 400,000 babies each year could be saved by simply improving hygiene practices in HCF's.

World Vision, along with our donors and partners are working to pilot and scale-up an approach to ensure that we can effectively and sustainably provide safe water,

sanitation, and hygiene services in more than 3,000 HCF's by 2020 (from 2016 to 2020). The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation has funded initial work in 40 HCF's in Mali and we're using a systems approach to ensure alignment, support, and ownership among key stakeholders including local government staff, HCF workers, and community members.

At the recent Stockholm Water Week, we led a session with our partners on the lessons learned in Mali, and released a new video to help capture the impact of our work. Visiting HCF's with no clean water access, no way to sterilize instruments, no hand washing for healthcare personnel, and no way to handle infectious waste breaks your heart. It means the miracle of birth becomes a dangerous experience for mothers and their babies. In our three-minute video, you can see and hear about the need and impact of using a phased approach that is allowing us to respond rapidly to improve the water and hygiene situation in health clinics.

Watch the [video here!](#)

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the safety of mothers who have to give birth in healthcare facilities with no safe water, hand-washing stations, or latrines.
 - Pray that World Vision has the resources to reach our goals for providing a safe and clean place for mothers to deliver their babies in healthcare facilities.
 - Pray that World Vision and our partners can continue to make significant impacts so that no person is without clean water and safe sanitation.
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