

WATER: OUR LIFELINE AT RISK

Around
50%
OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION

is experiencing **severe water scarcity** for at least a part of the year¹. This number is expected to increase, exacerbated by climate change².

1 IN 6
CHILDREN

(27.5 million) in Latin America and the Caribbean, reside in regions **facing high to very high water scarcity**, exacerbated by climate change, which poses an escalating threat.³

The global requirement is to invest an additional
\$140 B
ANNUALLY

to **ensure universal access to safe water and sanitation for all**⁶.

Only
0.5%
OF WATER ON EARTH

is **useable and available freshwater** – and climate change is dangerously affecting that supply⁷.

In Canada, where warming is occurring at more than

2X
THE GLOBAL RATE⁴,

Indigenous communities are being disproportionately affected by **the degradation of water resources, with health outcomes including both physical and mental impacts**⁵.

Climate change **intensifies**

HEALTH CONCERNS AND DISPARITIES

related to **lack of clean water access, heat-induced illnesses, and the spread of infectious diseases.**

Currently,
2.2 B
PEOPLE GLOBALLY
lack safe drinking water at home.
That's **1 in 4 people**⁸.

1.7 B
PEOPLE
globally **do not have basic**
water services at their health
care facility⁸.

It takes more than
30
MINUTES
for **292 M** people worldwide
to collect water. In **2 OUT OF 3**
households, **this burden primarily**
falls on women⁸.

16.6 M
WOMEN
in the lower-middle income countries
give birth in health care facilities
with inadequate water, sanitation
and hygiene every year⁸.

More than
1.5 B
PEOPLE GLOBALLY
lack basic sanitation services such
as toilets and latrines, disproportionately
affecting women and girls hindering
their safety, and ability to manage
their menstrual hygiene
with ease and dignity⁸.

**OUR MISSION IS TO UNITE PEOPLE AND EMPOWER COMMUNITIES TO SOLVE THE WATER
AND CLIMATE CRISIS THROUGH INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS.**

LEARN MORE

[ONEDROP.ORG](https://onedrop.org)



¹Source: IPCC, Sixth Assessment Report Working Group II, 2022. ²Source: WMO, United in Science 2023 - Sustainable development edition. ³Source: UNICEF, The Climate-Changes Child - A Children's Climate Risk Index Supplement, 2023. ⁴Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada. ⁵Source: Health Canada, Health of Canadians in a Changing Climate. ⁶Source: World Bank Group, Funding A Water-Secure Future, 2024. ⁷Source: WMO. ⁸Source: World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP), Progress on WASH in health care facilities 2000-2021: Special focus on WASH and infection prevention and control).
The ONE DROP name and logo are trademarks owned by One Drop Foundation. © 2024 One Drop Foundation. All rights reserved.