

In order to take a **5 minute shower**,
you would need **3 times** the amount of
water that fits in one 5 gallon jerry can.



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Children spend **millions of hours** each year fetching water, a task that diverts their time or prohibits them from attending school.



70 percent of the world's 130 million
out-of-school children are **girls**.



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Among 13-24-year-old girls in the developing world, 33 percent said **household chores** were the main reason they were not in school.



Women spend **millions of hours** each year fetching water. This chore diverts their time from other important activities such as caring for children, participating in the economy and relaxing.



When women and girls earn income, they **reinvest 90 percent** of it into their families, whereas men reinvest only 30 to 40 percent.



783 million people in the world do not have access to safe water. This is roughly **11 percent** of the world's population.



Globally, **diarrhea** is the leading cause of illness and death. 88 percent of these deaths are due to a lack of access to sanitation facilities, inadequate water supply for hygiene, and unsafe drinking water.



2.5 billion people (35 percent of the world's population), including almost one billion children, **live without basic sanitation**. Every 20 seconds, a child dies as a result of poor sanitation. That's **1.5 million preventable deaths each year**.



In developing countries, 70 percent of industrial waste is dumped untreated into waters where they pollute the usable water supply.



863 million people live in slums, often lacking adequate drinking water and sanitation services.



**1 billion people practice
open defecation.**



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In Sub-Saharan Africa, treating
diarrhea consumes 12 percent
of the health budget.



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**A person needs at least 5 gallons of
water per day for basic needs.
(That is the same as a jerry can)**



**It takes an average of 800 gallons
of water to produce one person's
daily food.**



Every \$1 spent on water and sanitation
generates at least \$4 in **increased
economic opportunity.**

