



Global Water Crisis Fact Sheet

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- ◆ There are 1.1 billion people, or 18% of the world's population, who lack access to safe drinking water.
- ◆ In Africa alone, people spend 40 billion hours every year just walking for water
- ◆ Unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation cause 80% of diseases and kill more people every year than all forms of violence, including war.
- ◆ 50% of all schools in the world don't have access to clean, safe water
- ◆ The average person in a developing nation struggles to find 5 gallons of water a day.
- ◆ Each year 443 million school days are lost due to lack of clean water and sanitation
- ◆ 4,500 children will die today from water related diseases
- ◆ At any one time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-borne diseases.



Kenya's Water Crisis

Kenya is classified by the United Nations as a chronically water-scarce country.

A water-stressed nation has a per-capita freshwater supply of 1,000-1,700 m³; a water-scarce country on the other hand, has less than 1,000 m³ per capita. Kenya's natural water endowment is 647 m³ per capita.

Shortage of Clean Water

- ◆ The 2006 drought in Kenya was declared a national disaster, as 3.5 million people faced starvation and food shortages.
- ◆ 41% of 39.8 million Kenyans do not have access to clean water.
- ◆ Droughts continue to plague the region. Beyond the threat of drought-induced food scarcity, 10% of deaths in Kenya occur from water-borne or sanitation-related diseases.

Insufficient Household Drinking Water

- ◆ In 49% of all Kenyan households, women are in charge of water collection.
- ◆ In 58% of rural Kenyan households, women are in charge of water collection.
- ◆ 46% of rural households get water from non-improved sources (mainly surface water from lakes, streams, rivers).
- ◆ Only 45% Kenyans treat their drinking water.

How You Can Help

Quiet Way can ensure accessible and sustainable clean water for people with the generous support of donors like you. Donations of all sizes are used to improve the lives of millions of Kenyans, and to build a successful water resource management model that can spread across the developing world.

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