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More than 1.5 billion people do not have access to a safe and adequate water supply. Unless action is stepped up, this number could increase to 2.3 billion by 2025.

Additional Facts...

- On average, a human uses 70 gallons of water per day.
- A person needs 4 to 5 gallons of water per day to survive.
- A person can live about a month without food, but only about a week without water.
- Water systems fail at a rate of 50% or higher.
- More than 200 million hours are spent each day by women and female children to collect water from distant, often polluted sources.

Every living thing needs water and every living thing is made of at least some water; e.g., a chicken is about 75% water and a pineapple is about 80% water.

The United States uses 100 billion gallons of water for irrigation of crops per day.

If all the earth's water fit in a gallon jug, available fresh water would equal just over a tablespoon.

It is estimated that 50% of the world's population lacks access to adequate sanitation.
The average African family uses about 5 gallons of water each day.

The average American individual uses 100 to 176 gallons of water at home each day.

According to the UN, 20% of the world’s population in 30 countries face water shortages. This number is expected to rise to 30% of the world’s population in 50 countries in 2025.

Poor people in the developing world pay on average 12 times more per liter of water than fellow citizens connected to municipal systems; these poverty-stricken people use less water, much of which is dirty and contaminated.

More Interesting Facts...

- Some of the world’s largest cities, including Beijing, Buenos Aires, Dhaka, Lima, and Mexico City, depend heavily on groundwater for their water supply. It is unlikely that dependence on aquifers, which take many years to recharge, will be sustainable.

- Every $1 invested in children, including money to improve access to clean water and sanitation, saved $7 in the cost of long-term public services.