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CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION: WHY IT MATTERS

What's the goal here?

To ensure access to safe, affordable and sustainable water for all.

Why?

The demand for water has increased due to rapid population growth, and half the world's population is already experiencing severe water scarcity at least one month a year. Access to water, sanitation and hygiene is a human right, and 1 billion

are still faced with daily challenges accessing even the most basic of services.

3 in 10 people lack access to safely managed drinking water services. About 3 billion people lack access to basic sanitation services, which is a major barrier to development.

More than 80 per cent of wastewater is being discharged into rivers or seas, which has an adverse impact on the environment, leading to pollution.

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What are the effects of this?

Water and sanitation-related diarrhoea remain among the major causes of death in children. Under-five; more than 800 children die every day from diarrhoeal diseases.