

FACTS ON DRINKING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- 11% of the global population, or 783 million people, are still without access improved sources of drinking water.

Source: JMP 2012

- Globally, diarrhoea is the leading cause of illness and death, and 88 per cent of diarrhoeal deaths are due to a lack of access to sanitation facilities, together with inadequate availability of water for hygiene and unsafe drinking water.

Source: JMP

- Today 2.5 billion people, including almost one billion children, live without even basic sanitation. Every 20 seconds, a child dies as a result of poor sanitation. That's 1.5 million preventable deaths each year.

Source: WWDR

- In Sub-Saharan Africa, treating diarrhoea consumes 12 percent of the health budget. On a typical day, more than half the hospital beds in are occupied by patients suffering from faecal-related disease.

Source: WSSCC

- Overall, the number of cholera cases for the decade 2000–2010 increased by 130 %.

Source: WHO, 2010

