IMPACTS OF WATER & SANITATION

The average person in the United States uses between 100 and 175 gallons every day at home. [UN]

783 million people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water. That is roughly one-eighth of the world’s population. [WHO]

The average person in the developing world uses 2.64 gallons of water a day. [UN]

More than half of Africa’s people lack access to safe drinking water. [UN]

2.2 million people in developing countries, most of them children, die every year from diseases associated with lack of access to safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene. [WHO]

If all the world’s water could fit into a one gallon jug, water available for drinking would be the equivalent to only one tablespoon. [UN/FAO]

More people in the world own a cell phone than have access to a toilet. [UNICEF/WHO]

It takes 5 liters of water to make 1 liter of bottled water.

Each flush of the toilet uses the same amount of water that one person in the Third World uses all day for washing, cleaning, cooking and drinking. [UN/FAO]

It takes 2,800 gallons of water to produce one quarter pound hamburger (just the meat) [WATER联盟]

An estimated 5.3 billion people, two-thirds of the world’s population, will suffer from water shortages by 2025. [UNICEF/WHO]

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