

Save the Rain

SAVE A RAINDROP. SAVE A LIFE.

LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU REMEMBER...

1. Approximately how many people on the planet lack access to a safe supply of drinking water and appropriate sanitation?
2. At about what percentage rate do water system projects fail?
3. What crisis claims more lives than any war?
4. How much water does a person need each day to survive?
5. What is the average amount of gallons of water used per day by an American individual?
6. What is the average amount of gallons of water used per day by an African family?
7. Worldwide, how many children die from water-related diseases each day?
8. Which interventions have the greatest overall impact on national development and public health?
9. What percent of the world's fresh water is readily accessible for direct human use?
10. Who pays more for water? The poor people living in the slum areas? Or the wealthy living in a large city? And how much more are they paying?
11. Why do people in developed countries not have to worry about collecting their own water for daily use?
12. Approximately how much water does the average North American family use per day?
13. What is the most likely explanation for why women and girls in third world settings are disproportionately burdened with the task of finding and collecting water for their families?
14. In what ways are adequate water supply and good health likely to be linked?
15. What are the "costs" associated with women and girls collecting water as a daily ritual?

Answers

1. 1 in 10 lack access to drinking water and 1 in 3 lack access to sanitation
2. 50%
3. Water-related diseases
4. 4 to 5 gallons
5. 100 to 176 gallons
6. 5 gallons
7. 4,900
8. Providing safe drinking water and properly disposing of human waste
9. Less than 1%
10. 5-10 times more
11. Infrastructures such as water treatment systems, pipelines and taps have been put into place to create safe and accessible water.
12. Between 100 to 176 gallons of water
13. Answers will vary. (Men may have other jobs to support the family. It is a tradition...[it has always been done that way]. Women and girls are the only family members available to do the work, etc.)
14. Humans need safe drinking water to survive. Many diseases are linked to polluted and otherwise contaminated water sources.
15. Less time is available for other activities necessary for survival or generating additional income. The personal safety of the women and children who travel may be at risk. Girls are not available to attend school, perpetuating a cycle of illiteracy and poverty.