

## WATER FACTS

- 1.1 billion people (1/6 of the world) lack access to clean water
- 2.6 billion people (40% of the world) lack adequate sanitation (toilets)
- 1.5 billion people suffer from water borne parasites (worms, protozoa, bacteria)
- 6000 children die daily from water borne disease. In the last 10 years more kids have died from diarrhea diseases than all people killed in armed conflict since WW II
- 30 000 people die daily from drinking bad water
- 300 000 died in the Boxing Day Tsunami in 2004 (that is same number that die every 10 days from drinking bad water)
- Half of the hospital beds in the world are occupied with patients suffering from water borne disease
- 80% of world disease is due to inadequate water or sanitation
- In the Developing World, world women and children walk miles to get water. The UN estimates that the average is 40 pounds of water carried 4 miles (18 kg-6 km). This takes hours, can't attend school/work, deforms the spine and can leave women vulnerable to assault
- Sadly, much of the water they find to drink we wouldn't wash our car tires in it
- The first step in development is clean water.
- The first step in fighting HIV-AIDS is administering medications with disease free clean water