

Humans need water to survive, as do all the systems we rely on: sanitation, healthcare, education, business and industry. World Water Day is an annual UN observance day (22 March) that highlights the importance of freshwater. The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources, globally. Extreme weather events are making water more scarce, more unpredictable, and more polluted. Consequently, action plans to tackle climate change need to be integrated across different sectors and coordinated across borders. And they must have one thing in common: safe and sustainable water management. Everyone has a role to play. We cannot afford to wait. Climate policymakers must put water at the heart of the action plans. Individually, we can also conserve water usage at homes and offices to ensure that the clean water we have can be more available to everyone affordably. Always remember sustainable water actions anyone takes anywhere can address climate action.



Why care about clean water and sanitation?

- 1 in 10 people do not have clean water close to home which equals about 785 million people who don't have clean water close to home.
- 1 in 4 people do not have a decent toilet of their own meaning about 2 billion people don't have a decent toilet of their own.
- 31% of schools do not have clean water.

Learn more about how we can contribute to SDG 6, 13 and 14 here

- IOTSENS ([Learn more](#)).
- [What water utilities are doing to slow the spread of, and recovery from, hashtag#COVID19?](#)
- Cecilia Chatterjee Martinsen, Chair of WaterAid, at the Water and Climate Summit ([Learn more](#)).
- Helping people like Khisse & her pregnant niece in Malawi ([Learn more](#)).

