WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO LIFE

2.2 billion
PEOPLE GLOBALLY
(30% of the world’s population)
LACK SAFE WATER AT HOME¹

144 million
PEOPLE DRINK WATER DIRECTLY FROM A RIVER, DAM, LAKE, POND, STREAM, CANAL, OR IRRIGATION CANAL¹

206 million
PEOPLE SPEND MORE THAN 30 MINUTES PER ROUND TRIP COLLECTING WATER¹

17 million
WOMEN IN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES GIVE BIRTH IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES WITH INADEQUATE WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE EVERY YEAR³

IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, 49% OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES DO NOT HAVE BASIC WATER SERVICES²

1.98 billion
PEOPLE GLOBALLY DO NOT HAVE BASIC WATER SERVICES AT THEIR HEALTH CARE FACILITY²
**Improving Hand Hygiene May Reduce Pathogen Transmission in Health Care by 50%**

Hygiene matters not only for health—good hygiene removes barriers to education, nutrition, economic opportunity, and equity.

55% of the world’s population have no toilets at home that safely manage excreta.

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**2 billion people globally (27% of the world’s population) do not have basic sanitation services. One quarter of them are in India.**

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Our mission—to ensure sustainable access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene for some of the world’s most vulnerable communities—is essential for global health, dignity and well-being.

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