

Discussion Guide: Intro to the Water Crisis

Currently, 780 million people lack access to an improved water source and 2.5 billion lack access to improved sanitation (which includes toilets, hand washing, etc.). These two statistics translate into the deaths of 3.41 million people each year from water, sanitation and hygiene-related causes. In order to start thinking about how to be part of the solution, it is important to consider these issues at the most basic level. We encourage you to have a thoughtful conversation about this global crisis with the help of the questions below:



1. **What would you do if you had to live with no running water?**
2. **What are all the things that you do in a day that require water? How much water do you need to use for a day?**
3. **If you had no running water at your house where would you go to get water? Where would you take a shower?**
4. **Does anyone own water?**
5. **Is access to water a human right? What about access to a toilet?**
6. **Whose responsibility is it to provide people with resources like water?**

About Water.org:

The water and sanitation problem in the developing world is far too big for charity alone. We are driving the water sector for new solutions, new financing models, greater transparency, and real partnerships to create lasting change. Our vision: the day when everyone in the world can take a safe drink of water.

Co-founded by Matt Damon and Gary White, Water.org is a nonprofit organization that has transformed hundreds of communities in Africa, South Asia, and Central America by providing access to safe water and sanitation.

Water.org works with local partners to deliver innovative solutions for long-term success. Its microfinance-based WaterCredit Initiative is pioneering sustainable giving in the sector.



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