

# The Water Crisis

The water crisis, which is the scarcity and poor cleanliness of water, is a serious global issue, which affects billions of people in the world.



## HOW CRUCIAL IS FRESHWATER?

3% of water in the world is freshwater. More than 2% of that freshwater is in glaciers and unavailable to us. That means that we have less than 1% freshwater for our use. Water is a basic essential of life, and gives every living thing life, and if we don't have that, then the world will be facing serious issues.

## WHAT DOES THIS LEAD TO?

- Water shortages can lead to
  - Dehydration
  - Poverty
  - Death
- Water contamination can lead to
  - Viruses
  - Bacteria
  - Parasites
  - Harder and more serious diseases to get, such as Cholera and Typhoid
- The problem is also affecting land
  - Many places will dry up
  - Wetlands are already disappearing
  - Lakes are starting to dry up

## WHY WE NEED TO STOP THE WATER CRISIS

According to WorldWildlife, In 2025,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the world population will face water issues

## BIG SOLUTIONS

- Desalination
  - Turns saltwater into freshwater
- Rainwater harvesting
  - Stores rainwater for use
- Ecological restoration
  - Restores ecosystems that have been disturbed

## How can one person help in their homes?

- Turning off the sink when you don't need it
- Take shorter showers
- Try to eat less meat or eat more sustainable meat
- Always do the loads for laundry and dishes when they're full unless it's necessary
- Donate to water charities

## HOW TO RAISE AWARENESS



- Start/join a collective action, such as a campaign, or a protest
- Put flyers up in a place you go to a lot
- Start a fundraiser
- Post about it on social media

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