

# World Plumbing Day Mar.11

## WHAT IS WORLD PLUMBING DAY?

World Plumbing Day is an initiative by the World Plumbing Council and is celebrated around the world every year on March 11. The day aims to spread awareness of the importance of plumbing and plumbers in protecting public health and improving amenity.

## WHY CELEBRATE WORLD PLUMBING DAY?

Plumbing is a major part of everyday routine such as having a shower, getting a glass of water from a tap and flushing the toilet. All of these tasks are possible thanks to trained plumbers and advances in plumbing.

## Plumbing improves the world



### SUPPLY

Over 1 billion people gained access to piped water supplies between 2000 and 2015



### SANITATION

The global population of people who used safely managed sanitation services increased from 28% in 2000 to 39% in 2015



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Between 2000 and 2015 the number of people defecating in the open declined from 1229 to 892 million, an average of 22 million people per year



### DUAL FLUSH

The dual system toilet flush, created in a small town in South Australia in 1980, now uses as little as 4.5 litres of water



### EFFICIENCY

A 4-minute shower can now use as little as 24 litres of water

## THE HARD FACTS

INFORMATION SOURCED FROM UNICEF + WHO 2017 UPDATE AND SDG BASELINE

900 MILLION SCHOOL CHILDREN ACROSS THE WORLD HAVE NO HANDWASHING FACILITIES - A CRITICAL BARRIER IN THE SPREAD OF DEADLY DISEASES

361,000 CHILDREN PER YEAR (ALMOST 1000 PER DAY) UNDER 5 DIE DUE TO WATER BORN DIARRHOEAL DISEASES CAUSED BY OPEN DEFECATION NEAR WATERWAYS

6 IN 10 PEOPLE (4.5 BILLION) LACK SAFELY MANAGED SANITATION

3 IN 10 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE (2.1 BILLION) LACK ACCESS TO SAFE, READILY AVAILABLE WATER AT HOME



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