

Water and Cities

Every second, the urban population grows by

2 people

5 million city residents are joining the urban population in the developing world each month

27 % of the urban population in the developing world does not have piped water in its house

827.6 million

people live in slums, often lacking adequate drinking water and sanitation facilities

250 to 500 million m³ of drinking water **leaks** from the supply systems in many mega cities each year

The poor pay more

A slum dweller in Nairobi pays **5 to 7 times** more for a litre of water than an average North American citizen

493 million people in cities share their sanitation facilities.

In 1990 this number was 259 million

In Africa and Asia the urban population will **double** between 2000 and 2030

One of four city residents worldwide, **794 million** in total, lives without access to improved sanitation facilities

95 % of the urban population growth in the next decades will take place in the developing world

A lack of safe water and sanitation in cities leads to cholera, malaria and diarrhoea

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