

Global engagement for World Water Day 2017

22 March, 2017



World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about taking action to tackle the water crisis. Today, 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking water contaminated with faeces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio.

The Sustainable Development Goals, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone has access to safe water by 2030, making water a key issue in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty.

In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly officially designated March 22 as World Water Day. World Water Day is coordinated by UN-Water in collaboration with governments and partners.

Learn more, get engaged in the campaign and inspired by the work of people around the world: Visit UN-Water's [World Water Day campaign site](#).

SUMMARY

World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about taking action to tackle the water crisis. In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly designated 22 March as the first World Water Day.

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