





A Discussion on SDG 6, Global Water Challenges, and Innovation in Developing Countries

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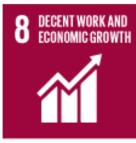
































SDG 6 Ladder for Drinking Water Services



SERVICE LEVEL	DEFINITION
SAFELY MANAGED	Drinking water from an improved source that is accessible on premises, available when needed and free from faecal and priority chemical contamination
BASIC	Drinking water from an improved source, provided collection time is not more than 30 minutes for a round trip, including queuing
LIMITED	Drinking water from an improved source, for which collection time exceeds 30 minutes for a round trip, including queuing
UNIMPROVED	Drinking water from an unprotected dug well or unprotected spring
SURFACE WATER	Drinking water directly from a river, dam, lake, pond, stream, canal or irrigation canal

2 billion people who still lacked safely managed drinking water in 2020 included

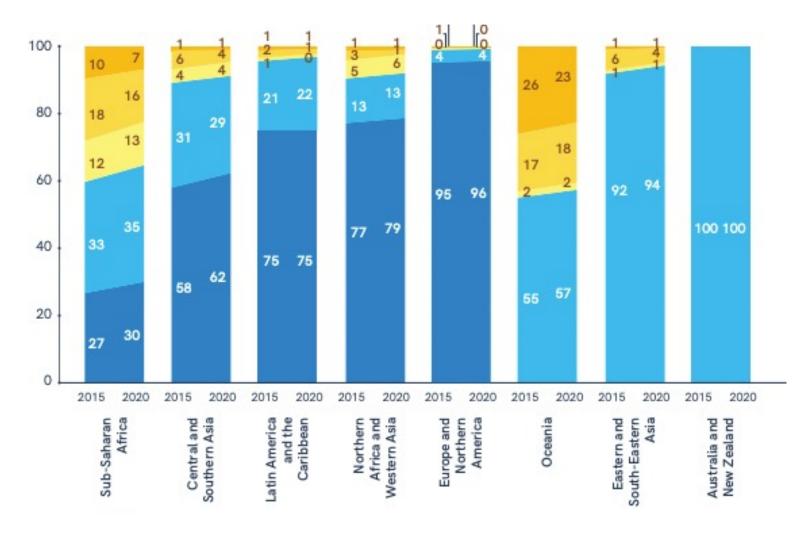
1.2 billion people using basic services

282 million using limited services

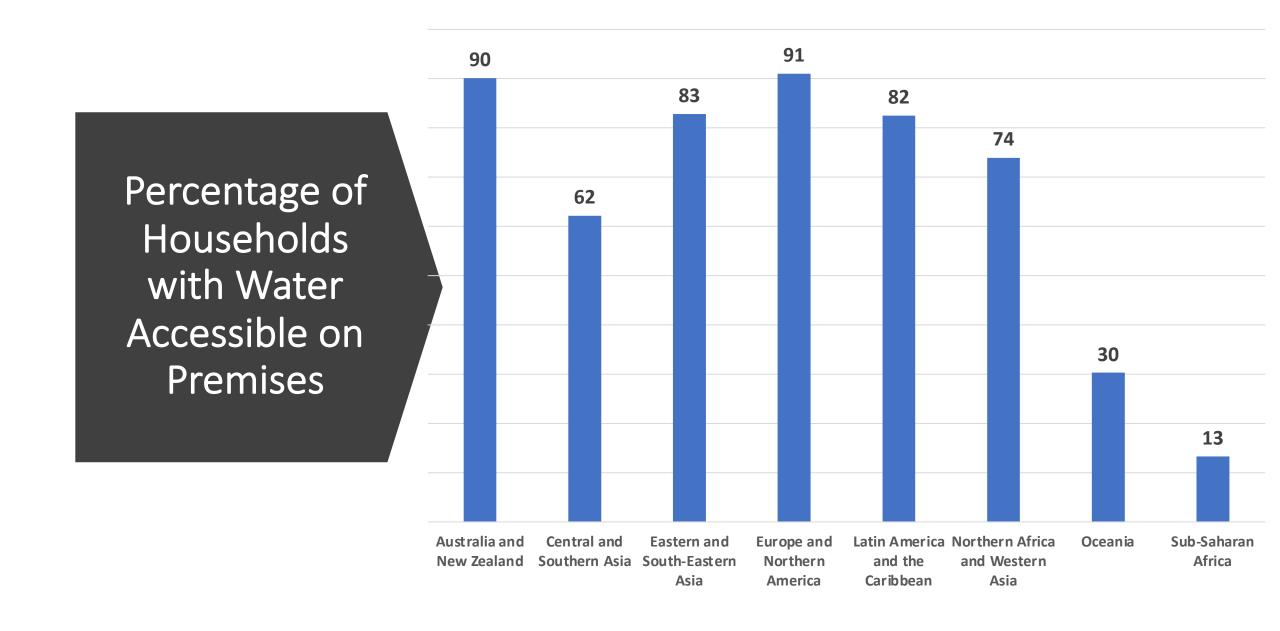
367 million using unimproved sources

122 million using untreated surface water

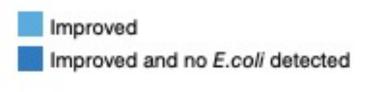
Half of the
771 million people
still lacking basic
drinking water
in 2020
lived in
sub-Saharan Africa

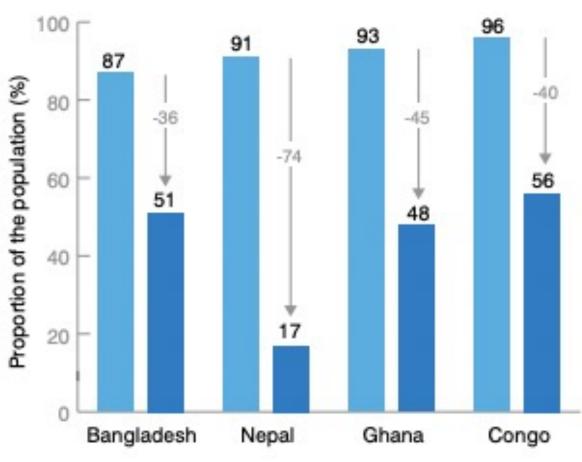


Regional drinking water coverage (%)



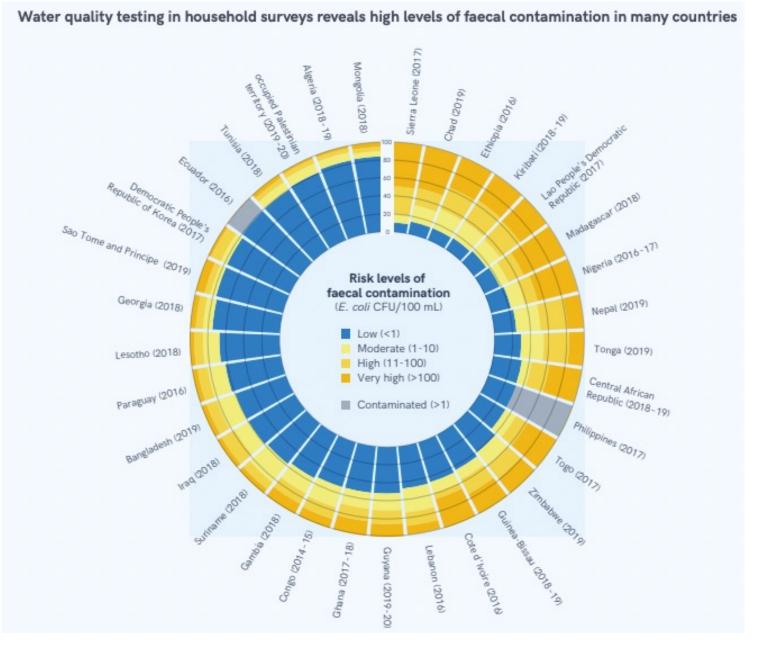
Large numbers of people use improved water sources that do not meet water quality standards





Proportion of the population who have access to "improved" water sources and "improved" water sources without any E. coli detected

56 % of people are estimated to use improved sources that are free from contamination



Percentage of population using drinking water sources by risk of faecal contamination, 2014-2020