

# Global WASH events

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## October 15: Global Handwashing Day:

- **FACT:** Hand-washing with soap can reduce the incidence of diarrhea by up to 47%. (UN Water)
- **FACT:** Around 700,000 children die every year from diarrhea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation – that's almost 2,000 children a day. (WaterAid 2012/WHO 2008/The Lancet 2012)
- To learn more visit:  
<http://www.globalhandwashingday.org/Index.asp>



## November 19: World Toilet Day

- **FACT:** 2.5 billion - 35% of the world's population - live without access to clean sanitation. (WHO/UNICEF)
- World Toilet Day also brings to the forefront the health, emotional and psychological consequences the poor endure as a result of inadequate sanitation.
- Previous year's events include a global 'world's longest toilet line' to raise awareness.
- Organized by the WTO, the World Toilet Organization. To learn more visit: <http://www.worldtoilet.org/WTD/>

## March 22: World Water Day

- **FACT:** 783 million people in the world do not have access to safe water. This is roughly 11% of the world's population. (WHO/UNICEF)
- **FACT:** The weight of water that women in Africa and Asia carry on their heads is commonly 40 pounds, the same as an airport luggage allowance.
- Past year's events include Advocacy Day and briefings on Capitol Hill - all are welcome!
- To learn more visit: <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/>

