WATER AND SANITATION
THE PATHWAY TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

6.1 SAFE DRINKING WATER
- Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a preventable water-borne disease.
- 200 million hours – the time women & girls spend fetching water every day.

6.2 SANITATION AND HYGIENE
- More than 1 in 3 people have no access to improved sanitation, 1 in 7 still practice open defecation.
- Some countries lose as much as 7% of GDP because of inadequate sanitation.

6.3 WATER QUALITY
- Over 80% of wastewater worldwide is dumped untreated into water supplies.
- 2 million tons = amount of human waste disposed in water courses every day.

6.4 WATER EFFICIENCY
- 70% = amount of total water consumption used for agriculture.
- 85% = increase in water demands caused by rising energy production by 2035.

6.5 INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
- 2/3 of the world’s population could face water stress by 2025.
- Access to water poses the biggest societal and economic risk over the next ten years.

6.6 WATER-RELATED ECOSYSTEMS
- Groundwater provides drinking water to at least 50% of the global population.
- The effects of climate change & urbanization will impact the water-cycle, including vital groundwater reserves.

THE NEGOTIATION OF A NEW SET OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN 2015 PROVIDES A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MAP A PATHWAY TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE PLANET AND ALL OF ITS PEOPLE.

GOAL 6 – ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL – IS CENTRAL TO REALISING THIS VISION.

SEE BELOW HOW MEETING INDIVIDUAL TARGETS IN GOAL 6 WILL DRIVE PROGRESS ACROSS THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC SDGS.