

DIARRHOEA: FACT SHEET

- § 1.8 million people die every year from Diarrhoeal diseases (including cholera); 90% are children under 5 , mostly in developing countries
- § 88% of the Diarrhoeal diseases is attributed to unsafe water supply, inadequate sanitation and hygiene
- § 21% of diarrhea morbidity can be reduced by improved water supply
- § 37.5% reduction of diarrhea morbidity by improved sanitation
- § 35% of the number of Diarrhoeal cases can be reduced by simple act of hand washing at critical times
- § 45% of the Diarrhoea episodes can be reduced by additional improvement of drinking water quality ,such as use of disinfection
- § Because for a third of the world the real environment crisis is squalor ,smells and disease on the doorstep
- § Because at any given moment almost half of the developing world's people are sick from unsafe water and sanitation
- § Because lack of water supply and sanitation robs millions of women of dignity energy and time
- § Because frequent disease is the main cause of poor growth and early death
- § Because half o the developing world's hospital beds are occupied by victims of unsafe water and sanitation
- § Because hygiene related illness costs developing countries 5 billion working days a year
- § Because sustainable development starts with people's health and dignity