

## ENVIRONMENT: The governments of the world agreed on...

"... (We) recognize the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for him(her)self and his(her) family, including adequate food, clothing and housing..."

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11, 1966.

"We resolve... to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world's people... who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water... By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers as proposed in the 'Cities Without Slums' initiative."

Millennium Declaration, Paragraph 19, 2000.

### HUMAN RIGHTS:

The right to an adequate environment is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 25 CEDAW - Art. 14  
CESCR - Art. 11

### INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Environment is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goal 7  
World Summit for Social Development - Commitment 12  
Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

	POPULATION WITH ACCESS TO SANITATION			POPULATION WITH ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCES				POPULATION WITH ACCESS TO SANITATION			POPULATION WITH ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCES				
	1990 (%)	2002 (%)	Progress or regression	1990 (%)	2000 (%)	Progress or regression		1990 (%)	2002 (%)	Progress or regression	1990 (%)	2000 (%)	Progress or regression		
<b>Countries in better situation</b>															
Albania		89		97	97	==	Netherlands	100	100	==	100	100	==		
Algeria	88	92	→	95	87	←	Niue	100	100	==	100	100	==		
Andorra	100	100	==	100	100	==	Northern Mariana Islands	84	94	→	98	98	==		
Antigua and Barbuda		95			91		Norway				100	100	==		
Aruba				100	100	==	Qatar	100	100	==	100	100	==		
Australia	100	100	==	100	100	==	Russian Federation	87	87	==	94	96	==		
Austria	100	100	==	100	100	==	Samoa	98	100	==	91	88	←		
Bahamas	100	100	==		97		Slovakia	100	100	==	100	100	==		
Barbados	100	99	==	100	100	==	St. Kitts and Nevis	96	96	==	99	99	==		
Belarus				100	100	==	St. Lucia		89		98	98	==		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		93		98	98	==	Suriname		93		92				
British Virgin Islands	100	100	==	98	98	==	Sweden	100	100	==	100	100	==		
Bulgaria	100	100	==	100	100	==	Switzerland	100	100	==	100	100	==		
Canada	100	100	==	100	100	==	Thailand	80	99	→	81	85	→		
Chile	85	92	→	90	95	→	Tonga	97	97	==	100	100	==		
Cook Islands	95	100	→	94	95	==	Trinidad and Tobago	100	100	==	92	91	==		
Costa Rica		92			97		Turks and Caicos Islands		96		100	100	==		
Cuba	98	98	==		91		Ukraine	99	99	==		98			
Cyprus	100	100	==	100	100	==	United Arab Emirates	100	100	==					
Denmark				100	100	==	United States of America	100	100	==	100	100	==		
Dominica		83			97		Uruguay		94			98			
Egypt	54	68	→	94	98	→	West Bank and Gaza		76			94			
Fiji	98	98	==				<b>Countries above average</b>								
Finland	100	100	==	100	100	==	Armenia		84			92			
French Polynesia	98	98	==	100	100	==	Botswana	38	41	→	93	95	==		
Germany				100	100	==	Brazil	70	75	→	83	89	→		
Grenada	97	97	==		95		Colombia	82	86	→	92	92	==		
Guam	99	99	==	100	100	==	Ecuador	56	72	→	69	86	→		
Hungary		95		99	99	==	Guadeloupe		64			98			
Iceland				100	100	==	Guatemala	50	61	→	77	95	→		
Israel				100	100	==	Guyana		70			83			
Japan	100	100	==	100	100	==	Honduras	49	68	→	83	90	→		
Jordan		93		98	91	←	Iran, Islamic Rep.	83	84	==	91	93	==		
Lebanon		98		100	100	==	Iraq	81	80	==	83	81	==		
Luxembourg				100	100	==	Jamaica	75	80	→	92	93	==		
Malaysia	96				95		Kazakhstan	72	72	==	86	86	==		
Malta				100	100	==	Korea, Dem. Rep.		59		100	100	==		
Mauritius	99	99	==	100	100	==	Korea, Rep.					92			
							Libya	97	97	==	71	72	==		

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Marshall Islands	75	82	→	96	85	←	Senegal	35	52	→	66	72	→	
Mexico	66	77	→	80	91	→	Syrian Arab Republic	76	77		79	79		
Moldova		68			92		Tanzania	47	46		38	73	→	
Nicaragua	47	66	→	69	81	→	Turkmenistan		62			71		
Palau	66	83	→	80	84	→	Uzbekistan	58	57		89	89		
Panama		72			91		Viet Nam	22	41	→	72	73		
Paraguay	58	78	→	62	83	→	Zimbabwe	49	57	→	77	83	→	
Philippines	54	73	→	87	85		<b>Countries in worse situation</b>							
Serbia and Montenegro	87	87		93	93		Afghanistan		8			13		
Seychelles					87		Angola	30	30		32	50	→	
South Africa	63	67	→	83	87	→	Benin	11	32	→	60	68	→	
Sri Lanka	70	91	→	68	78	→	Burkina Faso	13	12		39	51	→	
Tunisia	75	80	→	77	82	→	Burundi	44	36	←	69	79	→	
Turkey	84	83		81	93	→	Cambodia		16			34		
Tuvalu	78	88	→	91	93		Central African Republic	23	27	→	48	75	→	
Venezuela		68			83		Chad	6	8		20	34	→	
<b>Countries below average</b>							Congo, Dem. Rep.	18	29	→	43	46	→	
Azerbaijan		55		66	77	→	Congo, Rep.		9			46		
Bangladesh	23	48	→	71	75	→	Equatorial Guinea		53			44		
Belize		47			91		Eritrea	8	9		40	57	→	
Bhutan		70			62		Ethiopia	4	6		25	22	←	
Bolivia	33	45	→	72	85	→	Guinea	17	13	←	42	51	→	
Cameroon	21	48	→	50	63	→	Guinea-Bissau		34			59		
Cape Verde		42			80		Haiti	15	34	→	53	71	→	
China	23	44	→	70	77	→	Kiribati	25	39	→	48	64	→	
Comoros	23	23		89	94	→	Lao PDR		24			43		
Côte d'Ivoire	31	40	→	69	84	→	Lesotho	37	37			76		
Djibouti	48	50		78	80		Liberia	38	26	←	56	62	→	
Dominican Republic	48	57	→	86	93	→	Madagascar	12	33	→	40	45	→	
El Salvador	51	63	→	67	82	→	Mali	36	45	→	34	48	→	
Gabon		36			87		Mauritania	28	42	→	41	56	→	
Gambia		53			82		Mozambique		27			42		
Georgia		83			76		Namibia	24	30	→	58	80	→	
Ghana	43	58	→	54	79	→	Niger	7	12	→	40	46	→	
India	12	30	→	68	86	→	Nigeria	39	38		49	60	→	
Indonesia	46	52	→	71	78	→	Papua New Guinea	45	45		39	39		
Kenya	42	48	→	45	62	→	Romania		51			57		
Kyrgyzstan		60			76		São Tomé and Príncipe		24			79		
Malawi	36	46	→	41	67	→	Sierra Leone		39			57		
Maldives		58			99	←	Solomon Islands		31			70		
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	30	28		87	94	→	Somalia		25			29		
Mongolia		59			62		Sudan	33	34		64	69	→	
Morocco	57	61	→	75	80	→	Swaziland		52			52		
Myanmar	21	73	→	48	80	→	Tajikistan		53			58		
Nepal	12	27	→	69	84	→	Timor-Leste		33			52		
Oman	83	89	→	77	79		Togo	37	34	←	49	51		
Pakistan	38	54	→	83	90	→	Uganda	43	41		44	56	→	
Peru	52	62	→	74	81	→	Vanuatu		50			60	60	
Rwanda	37	41	→	58	73	→	Yemen	21	30	→	69	69		
							Zambia	41	45	→	50	55	→	

UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
CESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Sources:  
Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply & Sanitation, UNICEF and WHO. ([www.wssinfo.org/](http://www.wssinfo.org/)).

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