

# How can we make sure that safe water is accessible to everyone?

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## Water is life



*The government and private sector should invest in water infrastructures to expand water access to every person in our community.* — ANONYMOUS

## Everyone's right



**Both the public and private sector to encourage innovations in sustainable sanitation services, especially when it comes to the treatment of natural water sources.**

### Assessing Access to Water & Sanitation | Global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | Healthy Water | CDC

Education and information about global water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), including assessing access to safe drinking water and sanitation, improved drinking water sources, unimproved drinking water sources, and both improved and unimproved sanitation facilities.

CDC



Wonderful! — ANONYMOUS

**Government should empower and equip individuals with employments so that they are stable to purchase clean water.**

Steven

*Do you think Government is able to empower everyone? What will happen to those it can't empower?* — ANONYMOUS

**The government needs to work with local businesses to ensure that products related to water filtration ,hand washing or sanitation are easily accessible locally and available over the long term ..peace**

**implement rain waterl**

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Maybe the government can try to provide them with bore holes.  
— ANONYMOUS

For those places that are far from a water source , the government needs to dig canals and bores for such communities — ANONYMOUS

## **We need to find ways to have clean water without polluting i.e. we shouldn't have throw away plastic bottles - Debs**

Implement rain water harvesting systems in our villages.

Joshua



Who should be responsible for the implementation?  
— ANONYMOUS

Communities should take an initiative to clean water pipes within the villages.

What if they don't have the technical skills to clean the pipes without breaking them? — ANONYMOUS

Then they should be able to consult the responsible to do it the best way, i mean the team from national water can help in cleaning the pipes. — ANONYMOUS

ohhh.. Government may need now to employ more extensive workers with such skills of cleaning water pipes — ANONYMOUS

Water tanks should be provided to the vulnerable communities that can't be able to access tap water.

Phile

## **The government should give out free water treating tablets to people in the communities .kwagala Margret**

What should happen for the communities that are very far from a water source? — ANONYMOUS

Yes, the government should provide people with water guard tablets so their water is treated before it is drunk . — ANONYMOUS

Also replacing old household plumbing with copper pipes and install lead free plumbing .Amos Uganda — ANONYMOUS

By teaching people good sanitation and telling them that it is bad to throw garbage into water sources. — ANONYMOUS

## **Government should increase the budget the national water and sewage cooperation so they can buy more equipments to reach out in hard to reach areas.Nake**

Where should the government get this money from? — ANONYMOUS

Maybe it should cut the salary of the MPs who are eating a lot of money from the government — ANONYMOUS

GREAT IDEA . Institutional strengthening that enables better management and regulation of water infrastructures ..kaamu — ANONYMOUS

The government can get this through acquiring loan and grants from the world bank — ANONYMOUS

The government should force the national water and sewage cooperation to buy the equipments. Ogani ibrah – ANONYMOUS

Of course trees attract a lot of rainfall and people will harvest. – ANONYMOUS

## By addressing the health risks of chemical that are poured in our water resources .NABIRYE SHAKIR

Who should be addressing this health risk Shakir? – ANONYMOUS

Government should do community sensitization on how to access clean water. – ANONYMOUS

Local leaders and public health practitioners are supposed to address this issue – ANONYMOUS

## We need to clean and keep our water sources . Namugambo zuwana

Should everyone be cleaning the water or is it companies or government responsible? – ANONYMOUS

Everyone should boil water before drinking in order to kill germs or bacteria. – ANONYMOUS

We need to filter water before taking it .Mukaga – ANONYMOUS

## Promoting good hygiene in places such as wells and other water sources .Nakato Cynthia

Which bad hygiene practices have you seen Nakato? – ANONYMOUS

Disposing waste products into the sources of waters which is not a good idea – ANONYMOUS

Urinating in the water bodies – ANONYMOUS

Defecating in water bodies – ANONYMOUS

## Strong water pumps should be provided to hilly areas so safe water can easily reach to everyone.

Cissy

Who would be responsible to fix them if they broke? – ANONYMOUS

National water and sewage corporations is responsible for maintaining water pipes in Uganda – ANONYMOUS

Reducing the health risks of climate change like cutting down trees.Steven

Good idea - how will this help to ensure there is water? – ANONYMOUS

Promoting safely managed rain water harvesting in the communities, schools and health care facilities. Esther

Can these be enough in dry season? – ANONYMOUS

Maybe such facilities need big reserve water tanks that would be able to sustain them in dry season. – ANONYMOUS

## Other countries should support member states in developing plans to increase access to clean water.

Shamim

Why should each country not be responsible for its own water? Is it not a global responsibility? – ANONYMOUS

We understand that sub-Saharan countries are very much corrupt and most of the money that would be used for extension of clean water to rural vulnerable areas. – ANONYMOUS

Reducing the health burden of air pollution in the world so as to save our water. Ogani ibrah

We need to convince everyone that clean and safe water should be freely available for everyone. The government should help to provide this so it doesn't matter if you are rich or poor you can access water. Since water is life. – Nicola

How about if the government is incapable of giving out free water to everyone? – ANONYMOUS

## There has to be investment in infrastructure and technology to produce it.

Education in the benefit of clean water too – ANONYMOUS

## Everyone is entitled to safe water

Emma





*The government should sensitize the people on how to keep water clean and safe .mutaasa – ANONYMOUS*

*we need to keep jerry cans and water tanks clean before putting in clean water . kayo zaina – ANONYMOUS*

## Water access

Water access should be a basic right of all individuals and families. Sometimes communities need a little help setting supplies up. It is great that organisations like The Busoga Trust work in Uganda and our government should better fund such initiatives . Ross Rochdale UK

*In addition to this the government needs to collaborate with more private organisations in order to make sure that piped water is in every village...phil ug – ANONYMOUS*

*Do you think everyone would benefit from such initiatives? – ANONYMOUS*

*National water should reduce / lower it tax rate to water uses so it can be accessible by everyone .Stella – ANONYMOUS*

*I believe that national water should reduce the tax so that everyone get safe water. Ogani ibrah – ANONYMOUS*

By limiting water usage if there isn't enough so that everyone gets some and not that some people get too much and others none.

*We also need to conserve and preserve the existing water bodies .kyotalimye ug – ANONYMOUS*

By having community water sources rather than individual water sources for households.

*World governments should increase their national budgets inorder to properly construct and invest in more communal water sources like bore holes and taps. Onyango Ibrah uganda – ANONYMOUS*

Clean water should be a human right for drinking and bathing. Local councils should be responsible to make sure all their members can get safe water since they know their local area well.



*Everyone should boil water to make it safe for drinking. wilber – ANONYMOUS*

## By making the dangerous animals like crocodiles go away.



*We only have otters and ducks to worry about in the UK! – ANONYMOUS*

*I don't believe in extincting crocodiles, we still need a proper eco system..nakatu – ANONYMOUS*

*Very true, local community experts train others on how to avoid crocs maybe and to stay safe? – ANONYMOUS*

We can make sure safe water is available to everyone by introducing laws to prevent dumping into water bodies and polluting them.

Joe

*Good idea! – ANONYMOUS*

*Laws are there place but not properly implemented by the government. Also some people are still ignorant on the dangers of dumping garbage in water sources..waiswa George – ANONYMOUS*

*controlling of water products that are disposed in water sources such as lakes and rivers – ANONYMOUS*

Cleaning-bushes-around-all-water-sources-so-water-can-remain-clean-for-use – ANONYMOUS

Yusuf Mukisa – ANONYMOUS

## Increased funding support for clean water by Western countries

Why only western countries? Why should not every government invest in this? – ANONYMOUS

some African states have a low tax income which might not support facilitating other projects – ANONYMOUS

Mukisa Yusuf – ANONYMOUS

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/making-water-safe.html>

# Make Water Safe

**After a natural disaster, water may not be safe to drink. Listen to local officials to find out if your water is safe.**

**Adding some bleach helps make water safe to use.**

**If tap water is clear:**

- Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon).
- For 5-6% household liquid chlorine bleach - add a little less than 1/8 teaspoon (8 drops or about 0.5 milliliters) to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water.
- For 8.25% household liquid chlorine bleach - add a little less than 1/8 teaspoon (6 drops or about 0.5 milliliters) of to 1 gallon (16 cups of water).
- Mix well and wait at least 30 minutes or more before using.

**If tap water is cloudy:**


- Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon).
- For 5-6% household liquid chlorine bleach - add a little less than 1/4 teaspoon (16 drops or about 1 milliliter) of household liquid bleach to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water.
- For 8.25% household liquid chlorine bleach - add 12 drops (or about 1 milliliter) to each 1 gallon (16 cups or water).
- Mix well and wait at least 30 minutes or more before using.

**Remember that containers may need to be cleaned and sanitized before using them to store safe water:**

- Clean the container and rinse it out.
- Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon).
- Add 1 teaspoon (64 drops or 5 milliliters) of household liquid bleach to 1 quart (32oz, 4 cups, or about 1 liter) of water.
- Pour this into a clean storage container, cover tightly, and shake well. Make sure the solution coats the entire inside of the container.
- Let sit at least 30 seconds, and then pour out solution.
- Let air dry OR rinse with clean water that has already been made safe, if available.
- Pour clean water into the sanitized container and cover with a tight lid.

**Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.**  
**Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.**

For more information on making water safe after a natural disaster, please visit [www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/making-water-safe.html](https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/making-water-safe.html)

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention


Great 💡 – ANONYMOUS

By extending clean water-or pipe water-to rural areas – ANONYMOUS

## Promote good hygiene habits through education.

## NO WATER, NO LIFE

- Water is important to sustain all forms of life
- Drinking water must be free from impurities
- Nearly 30 percent of Indians lack access to **safe drinking water**



Water is life! – ANONYMOUS

Good idea, I think mass sensitisation on water hygiene would save many lives that are put down by Bilharzia. – ANONYMOUS

By going to the radio tell people about good hygiene – ANONYMOUS

We should implement rain water harvesting systems to collect and store rain water for drinking or recharging underground aquifers.  
David

Who should finance this? – ANONYMOUS

The government and other community stakeholders – ANONYMOUS

## Water is life

We can also run campaigns on hygiene and organise clean up projects for rivers, lakes and oceans

## FACTS ABOUT SAFE DRINKING WATER

**OVER 783 MILLION PEOPLE ON THE PLANET DO NOT HAVE CLEAN DRINKING WATER!**  
**= ONE IN TEN OF WORLD'S POPULATION**

**OVER 700,000 CHILDREN IN AFRICA DIE ANNUALLY DUE TO UNSAFE DRINKING WATER**

**ONLY THREE TENTH PERCENT OF WATER ON EARTH IS USABLE**





Great ideas! – ANONYMOUS

We should provide home water treatment capability through the use of filters, solar disinfection or flocculants to make drinking water safe. Sarah

Sounds great - who should provide these? – ANONYMOUS

Treating water from the well and lakes is ideal for it to be used at our homes .kaamu kulash uganda – ANONYMOUS

Working along side families, leaders and churches in overcoming all forms of water contaminations as communities themselves take steps towards better health and sanitation. – ANONYMOUS

Brilliant idea! – ANONYMOUS

We can also promote low cost solutions, such as chlorine tablets or plastic bottles that can be exposed to sunlight to improve water quality. – ANONYMOUS

Great idea except the chlorine doesnt taste nice – ANONYMOUS

Government should help people and fumigate places where water is being got – ANONYMOUS

Chlorine may not taste we but its far better than taking untreated water. – ANONYMOUS

**I think we need to make sure that sewage isn't being spilt into natural water sources. Water companies need to be held to account!**

**Clean water should be very affordable or even free to those who cannot afford it. Water should be about keeping people healthy, clean and safe - not making profit!**



I agree! Once a water source is dirtied and unsafe to drink it takes lots of time, effort and money to restore. This is a problem created by companies but solved by other people – ANONYMOUS

What can we do to stop this happening? – ANONYMOUS

By establishing proper disposal sites because water pipe breakages are caused by gabbages – ANONYMOUS

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