



REIMAGINING GROUNDWATER IS NEEDED NOW!

WORLD WATER DAY

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Water Day sheds light on the necessity to recognize sustainable development policy making.

Graduate Women International (GWI) observes this year's UN theme, 'groundwater', draws attention to the hidden water resource that has always been critically. Women in all corners of the globe are continuing to fight for inclusion in water resources management.

Sources: UN

DID YOU KNOW?

786 million

people worldwide **don't have access to safe water**



Over 1.7 billion people are currently **living in river basins** where water use exceeds recharge.



Water, sanitation, and hygiene has the potential to prevent at least 9% of the global disease burden and 6% of global deaths.

Since 1900, 64% of **natural wetlands** on the planet has been lost.



80 % of women and girls are responsible for **water collection** without access to water on premises.

Sources: UN

TIME FOR ACTION!

Way to women and girls Empowerment: Safe Water and Sanitation

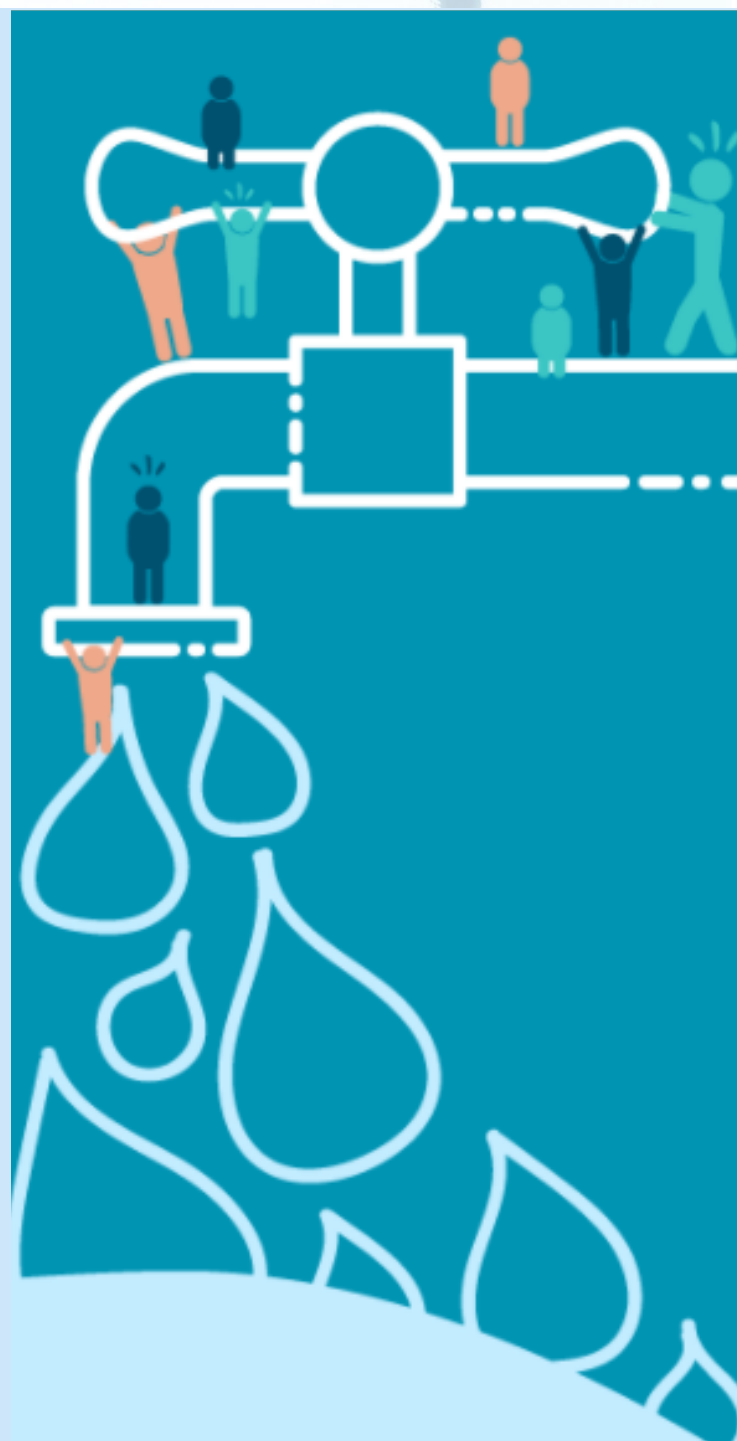
Access to safe drinking water and practice life-saving sanitation and hygiene habits in their homes, **more women and girls are able to go to school**



To allows women to maintain cleanliness, be healthier, and spend time **developing a trade, owning a business** rather than walking for water



Convenient access to water and sanitation facilities increase privacy and **reduce risk to women and girls of sexual harassment/assault** while gathering water



Addressing the needs of females in relation to water, sanitation and hygiene is a key driver in achieving gender equity and unlocking the potential of half of global society.

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GWJ RESOLUTIONS

Every three years the GWJ General Assembly passes new **resolutions** to guide the work of our **National Federations and Associations** (NFAs) towards women's education and empowerment.

Through their implementation, the GWJ resolutions **empower** women and girls to achieve higher levels of **education** and **access** adequate to safe water resources and facilities.

2019 - No. 3: **SRH Education as a Human Right for All**

2004 - No. 10: **Protection of Water**

2001 - No. 3: **Education for Establishing a Society of Gender Equality**

1998 - No. 1: **Right to Education**

1995 - No. 1: **Adolescents**
No. 5: **Health Education**

1992 - No. 4: **Girl's Self-Esteem**

GWJ ACTION



GET INVOLVE!

GWJ calls on States to recognise the right to adequate access to a high quality of education as a human right and to enable girls to stay in school by ensuring access to hygienic menstrual products, adequate toilets, water and disposal options.

Governments are responsible for the delivery of education on gender equality and sexual and reproductive health rights.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Access to clean water reduces the amount of time that women, who often help with chores at home, spend walking and waiting to collect water each day. **Clean water gives women a chance to attend school and build a better future.**

Taking into account the **gendered dimensions and addressing gender and water inequities** holds the potential to alleviate disease burden and have a significant impact on achieving the SDGs.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



The 2030 Agenda focuses on achieve universal and equitable access **to safe and affordable drinking water** for all by reducing pollution.

Community-based organizations for water management can **improve social capital of women** by giving them leadership and networking opportunities and building solidarity among them

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



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