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WORLD WATER DAY





DID YOU KNOW?

In 70% of households where drinking water must be collected away from home, this work is done by women and girls, limiting their time for school and learning. Across 53 countries with available data, women and girls spend more than three times as much time collecting water as men and boys, reducing their opportunities for education, safety, and participation in decision-making. This World Water Day, we're reminded that the global water crisis is also a women's crisis. Safe water and sanitation are human rights and key to gender equality and education. At GWI, we know that centering women and girls in water solutions, we can unlock time and opportunities for education, protect their health and safety, and help equality grow where water flows.

SOURCE: UNITED NATIONS, UN-WATER



INTERESTING READ



Explore UNICEF's report "Adolescent Girls' Access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene" for deeper insights into this critical intersection. You can find the link in this post's description. World Water Day reminds us that billions of people lack safe water and sanitation, with serious consequences for their daily lives and futures. Graduate Women International highlights the UN's theme of 2026, "WHERE WATER FLOWS, EQUALITY GROWS", to draw attention to how gender inequalities are reinforced by the unpaid work of fetching water, caring for those who fall ill from unsafe water, and the hours women and girls lose each day that could be spent in school. To better understand how water scarcity and inadequate WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) services deepen gender gaps in education and development.

SOURCE: UNICEF, WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION





ADVOCACY IDEAS

BUILD KNOWLEDGE

by reading UN-Water reports and stories that link water with gender - you can find reports and articles on their website.

RAISE AWARENESS

by posting on social media - UN-Water provides material, such as posters, that can be shared together with the #WorldWaterDay.

SUPPORT INITIATIVES

through donations and petitions and sharing their activity within your community.

PARTICIPATION AND DONATION

GWl programs, such as the Bina Roy Partners in Development program, which funds projects empowering women & girls via education.



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