Of all the people in the world, 39.8% of us do not have access to basic sanitation. This means living within walking distance of private or shared (not public) latrines or toilets that effectively prevent human and animal contact with excreta.

In Indonesia 98 million people, or 45% of the population, do not have access to good latrines. More people in Indonesia live without access to good toilets than in the whole of South America. Of the South American population, 22% live without good sanitation.

In Southern Asia and Central Africa, 65% of people live without access to basic sanitation.

... none of us should tolerate a world in which over 1 million children are, in a perversely literal sense, dying for a glass of water and a toilet.”

Kevin Watkins, 2006

*Data are from the United Nations Development Programme’s 2004 Human Development Report.

*In 50 territories fewer than 2% of people did not have access to improved sanitation.

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