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Water and Human Development

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The 2006 Human Development Report will focus on water and human development.

Water is central to the realization of human potential. It is a source of life for people and the planet.

Clean water and sanitation have profound bearing on health and human dignity.

Inequalities in access to clean water for drinking and to water as a productive input reinforce wider inequalities in opportunity.

With competition for water intensifying, there is a danger that poor and vulnerable communities will become increasingly marginalized. The twin challenges facing governments and donors are: to accelerate progress towards universal access to water and sanitation; and to ensure that water management policies strengthen the rights of poor households to water.

The Human Development Report 2006 will be launched in November 2006.

Human Development puts people at the center of development. It is about realizing human potential, increasing choice, and expanding the scope for people to lead lives that they value.

Created in 1990, the Human Development Report has played an important role in broadening the debate on development, exploring themes including gender equality, democracy, human rights globalization and cultural diversity.

