In 2010 the UN declared access to clean water and sanitation a Human Right.

Millennium Development Goal 7 calls to “Halve, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.”

2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation (3)

884 million people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water (3)

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The Human Right to Water

Between 50 and 100 liters of water per person per day are needed to ensure most basic needs (1).

The water source has to be within 1,000 meters from home (1).

Water cost should not exceed 3 percent of household income (2).

Collection time should not exceed 30 minutes (1).

(1) According to the World Health Organization (WHO)
(2) According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
(3) According to the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP)