5 years into the race to the 2030 Targets

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to
5x faster in rural areas globally
10x faster in least developed countries
23x faster in fragile contexts
25x faster in urban areas globally

World Health Organization

unicef
In 2020, 3.6 billion people lacked safely managed sanitation services.

In 2020, 115 million people gained access to safe sanitation services at home.

By 2030, at this rate, 2.8 billion people will still lack safe sanitation at home.

To close the global gap, the rate of progress must move:
- 4x faster globally
- 5x faster in rural areas globally
- 9x faster in urban areas globally
- 15x faster in least developed countries

World Health Organization
UNICEF
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In 2020 2.3 billion people lacked basic hygiene services, including soap and water at home.

Between 2015 and 2020 547 million gained access to basic hygiene services at home.

By 2030, at this rate, 1.9 billion people will still lack basic hygiene services at home.

To close the global gap, the rate of progress must move:

- 4x faster in rural areas globally
- 5x faster in fragile contexts
- 7x faster in least developed countries

World Health Organization
UNICEF
Progress towards universal household drinking water, sanitation and hygiene is still very uneven.

Regional progress is uneven:
- 70% of people in sub-Saharan Africa lack safe drinking water.

Country progress is uneven:
- Many people lacking WASH services live in least developed countries.
- Only 8 countries are on track to reach universal access to safe sanitation by 2030.

Progress within countries is uneven:
- Wealthier households have better WASH services than poorer ones.

Of the population living in rural areas:
- 34% lack even basic sanitation.
- 20% still lack even basic water services.

People living in fragile contexts are 3x more likely to lack safe drinking water.
Globally, there is still a lack of handwashing facilities despite the pandemic.

In 2020, only 7 out of 10 people had access to basic handwashing facilities with soap and water.

In 28 countries at least 1 in 4 people had no handwashing facility at home.

In fragile contexts, people are less likely to be able to wash their hands.

In least developed countries, only 1 in 3 people had access to basic hygiene services making them especially vulnerable.
At the current rates of progress, by 2030, the world will only reach:

- **81% coverage** leaving 1.6 billion people without safely managed drinking water
- **78% coverage** leaving 1.9 billion people without basic handwashing facilities
- **67% coverage** leaving 2.8 billion people without safely managed sanitation services