

GOAL 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



30 MINUTES

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Ensure access and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

PURPOSE

To recognise that safe drinking water is a precious resource and not easily accessed by all.

PLACE

Outdoors on a surface that won't get slippery when wet.

MATERIALS

Water, plastic cups/containers the same size, buckets, obstacles, measuring jugs

ACTIVITY (20 MINUTES)

Set up an obstacle course and divide the young people into teams. Place a full bucket of water in front of each team at the start and an empty bucket each at the opposite end.

Ask the young people to imagine that they are living in a rural village in Malawi and the buckets of water represent a well. They need to collect water for themselves and their family from the well and take it back to their

village (the empty bucket). Between them and their village is a series of obstacles.

One person from each team fills a container with water, carries it round the obstacle course before emptying it into their team's empty bucket. They then run back to their team and pass the container to the next person.

At the end, inform them that the winning team is not the fastest team. The team that has the most water in their bucket is the winner.

DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

How did they feel about the activity?

How would they feel if they had to do this every day?

If it was more difficult to get clean water would it affect the way you used water?

What obstacles do people living in extreme poverty face to access safe water? It is often women and girls who fetch and carry water, how might this impact their lives?

SUMMARY



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It's hard to imagine life without clean tap water and flushing toilets, yet millions of people worldwide face challenges on a daily basis to collect clean water, access a toilet and deal with basic hygiene. Proper water and sanitation is a key foundation for achieving the SDGs, including good health and gender equality.

TARGETS

- Ensure access to clean water for all.
- Ensure all have access to sanitation (safe sewage disposal and good waste management) and public health education on healthy hygiene habits.
- Monitor water quality to reduce contamination. Prevent chemicals or contaminants from being thrown into the water.
- Improve water use, developing greater resources for it's reutilisation.
- Raise awareness among communities to ensure they play an active part in improving their water management and sanitation.
- Protect and restore water-related eco-systems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes.

ACTIVITY

Outdoor simulation game which encourages thinking about the importance of clean water and the challenges some people face in accessing this.

TAKE IT FURTHER

- > Watch this video and use the notes to prompt a discussion: <http://water.org/water-crisis/womens-crisis>
- > Discuss: How does lack of access to adequate clean water and sanitation affect women around the world? What solutions are being developed?

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