

# 1 in 6 deaths caused by pollution

A report from *Lancet Planetary Health* journal says pollution kills as many people globally as smoking – around nine million per year.

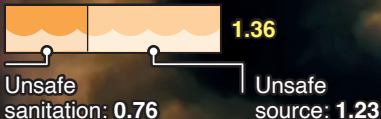
By comparison, Covid-19 has killed 6.7 million since 2020

## GLOBAL DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO POLLUTION (millions)

### AIR



### WATER



### WORKPLACE



**66%**

Increase in deaths since year 2000 from modern pollutants like **heavy metals**, **agrochemicals** and **fossil fuels**

Deaths per year, 2015-2019: **9 million**

Note: Totals do not add up to sum of individual risk factors because some causes of death overlap

Sources: Reuters, Washington Post, Lancet Picture: Chris LeBoutillier (Unsplash) © GRAPHIC NEWS