

UN warns world's water at risk

Overconsumption of water is leading the world towards shortages. The United Nations warns that unsustainable water use threatens the goal of “access to water and sanitation for all by 2030”

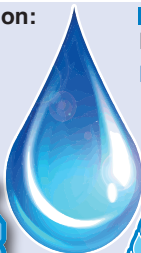
■ **World population:**
8.02 billion



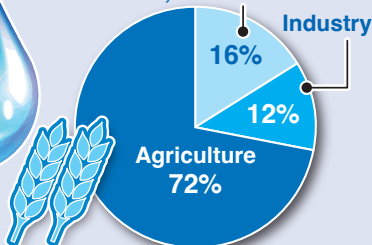
■ **Drinking water:**

One in four people worldwide does not have enough safe drinking water

2 billion



■ **Water use:** Agriculture is largest water-using sector
Households, services



■ **Sanitation:** One in three people has no hand-washing facilities at home, including three-quarters of people in poorest countries

2.3 billion

■ **Health:** Every day, over **2,300** people – including **700** children under age of five – die from diseases caused by unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene



■ **Water-use efficiency:**

Improved by **11.5%** between 2015 and 2019 – from **\$17.4** to **\$19.4** per cubic metre



■ **Climate change:** Extreme weather events are making water more scarce and polluted. **Almost three-quarters of global disasters in past 20 years have been water-related – causing \$700 billion in damage**

