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World Toilet Day 19 November

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Sanitation is a global development priority. The Sustainable Development Goals, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone everywhere has access to toilets by 2030.

Toilets play a crucial role in creating a strong economy, as well as improving health and protecting people's safety and dignity, particularly women's and girls'.

The UN and its partners are getting the message out that toilets save lives, increase productivity, create jobs and grow economies.

Top facts :

- * 2.4 billion People live without improved sanitation (World Health Organization (WHO)/UNICEF 2015).
- * One in ten people has no choice but to defecate in the open (WHO/UNICEF 2015).
- * Diarrhoea caused by poor sanitation and unsafe water kills 315,000 children every year (WAS-Hwatch 2016).
- * Disease transmission at work mostly caused by poor sanitation and hygiene practices, causes 17% of all workplace deaths (International Labour Organization (ILO) 2003).
- * Loss of productivity due to illnesses caused by lack of sanitation and poor hygiene practices is estimated to cost many countries up to 5% of GDP (Hutton 2012)

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