

The Water Crisis

Imagine a long dirt road with several women and girls trudging along it, carrying heavy buckets on their heads. Their destination is a small, muddy pond, full of dirty, brownish water. They know it is a risk to drink this, but it is all they have to drink, so it's not an option.

This is the capital city of Jakarta, Indonesia. If I were a foreign news correspondent, I would go to Jakarta.

Once I get to Jakarta, the way that I will gather information is to interview women and girls who collect the water and also interview the families that drink the water and ask how it tastes.

My first reason that I should go to Jakarta is that more than half their population lacks safe water to drink. Many people are dying from water related problems, and it is having the biggest impact on children. If children keep dying, then they won't be able to have more children, and then the world's population will keep going down. Also, did you know that every minute a child dies from a water-related disease?

My second reason that I should go to Jakarta is that over 41% of Jakarta's population does not have a clean, reliable, or close water source. For example, most families have to walk several miles to reach their water source, and even when they get there it may still be dirty, contaminated, or unsafe.

My third reason that I should go to Jakarta is that women and girls collect most of the water for their families, and that takes up a lot of their time. For example, many girls have had to drop out of school to collect water for their families. In addition, they have to get up early in the morning to collect water, and much of their time that they spend

collecting water could have spent sleeping, spending time with their families, or doing schoolwork.

In conclusion, having clean water is a very big deal. If you don't have clean water, you will die. Many people in Jakarta are dying, so it is our job to find out what we can do to help. As a foreign news correspondent, I would go to Jakarta to inform the world about the water crisis that is happening.

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