

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



IPA Commitment

We Presentation People will respond to the cry of the Earth and to people made poor by embracing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a human rights framework, addressing the issues of women and children, care of Earth and indigenous peoples, as is relevant to our local regions.



How do we implement Goal 6?

Access to safe water and sanitation and sound management of freshwater ecosystems are essential to human health and to environmental sustainability and economic prosperity.

Following the 1998 tsunami on the north coast of PNG, the village of Arop where our Presentation Sisters had a community, was destroyed. The village was rebuilt inland where there was no fresh water supply. Following community discussion and fundraising by the global Presentation community, water tanks were installed in August 2016. They now have the gift of water restored close to their homes.

Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' 30

The global water crisis is the result of policy failures that allow for the unsustainable use, unjust distribution and inequitable access in favour of powerful private interests and to the detriment of human rights and the common good.

Water and Sanitation – UN Mining Working Group

Facts:

- 3 out of 10 people lack access to safely managed drinking water services and 6 in 10 people lack access to safely managed sanitation facilities.
- Water scarcity affects more than 40% of the global population and is projected to rise.
- 4 billion people lack access to basic sanitation services.
- Each day, nearly 1000 children die due to preventable water and sanitation-related diseases. UN.org

What can we be doing?

- Capturing and recycling water – put a bucket in the shower.
- Garden using mulch and efficient irrigation systems, grey water and appropriate plants.
- Make tap water a priority for drinking.
- Sweep hard surfaces outside instead of hosing.

