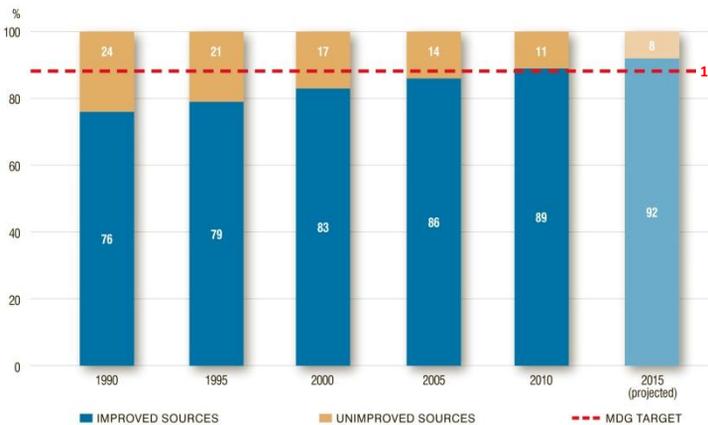
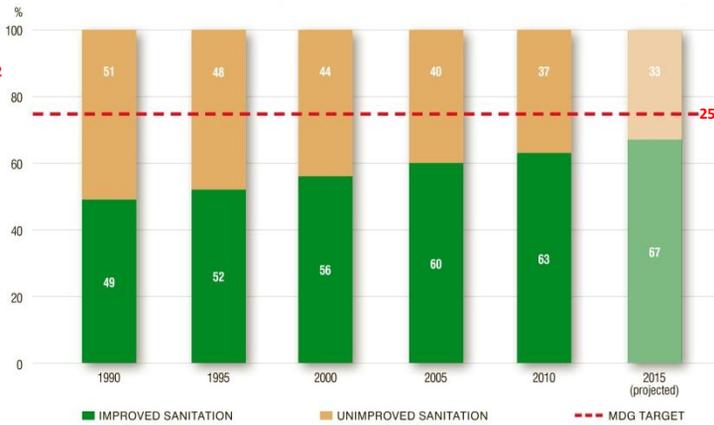


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The world has met the MDG drinking water target

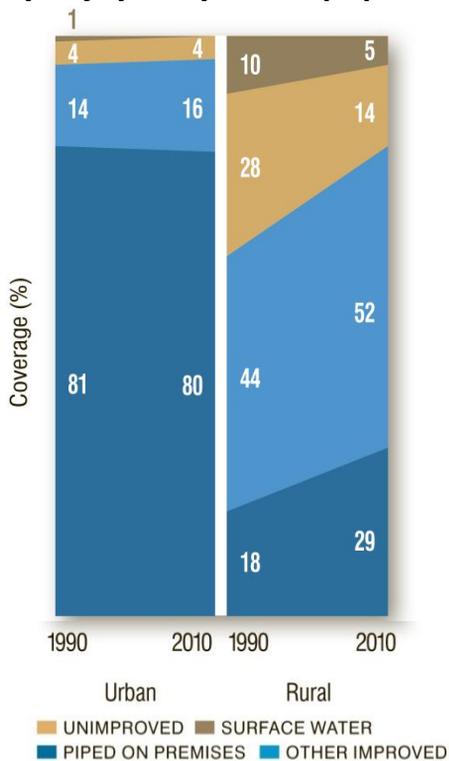


The world is unlikely to meet the MDG sanitation target

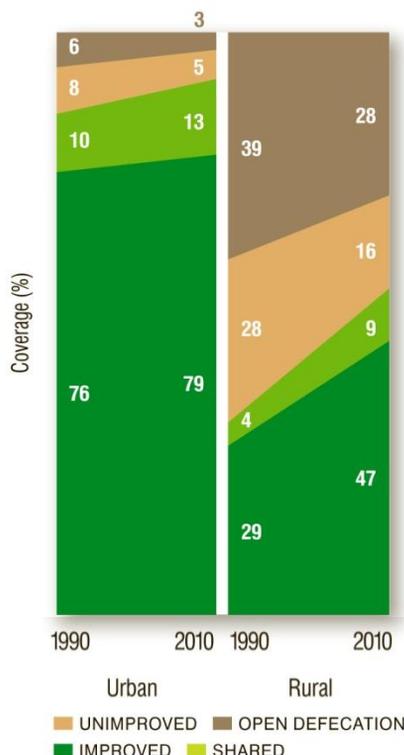


- The world has met the MDG drinking water target of halving the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water, five years ahead of the 2015 target.
- However, 783 million people still remain without access to an improved source of drinking water and huge inequities exist.
- Since the measurement of water quality is not possible globally, actual drinking water safety is not reflected in the current MDG indicator: 'use of an improved drinking water source' which is used as a proxy for access to safe drinking water. As a result, it is likely that the number of people with access to actually safe drinking water is over-estimated.
- In urban areas 8 out of 10 people use an improved sanitation facility, compared to only half of the rural population.

Piped water on premises is a convenience largely enjoyed by urban populations



More than a quarter of the population in rural areas still practise open defecation

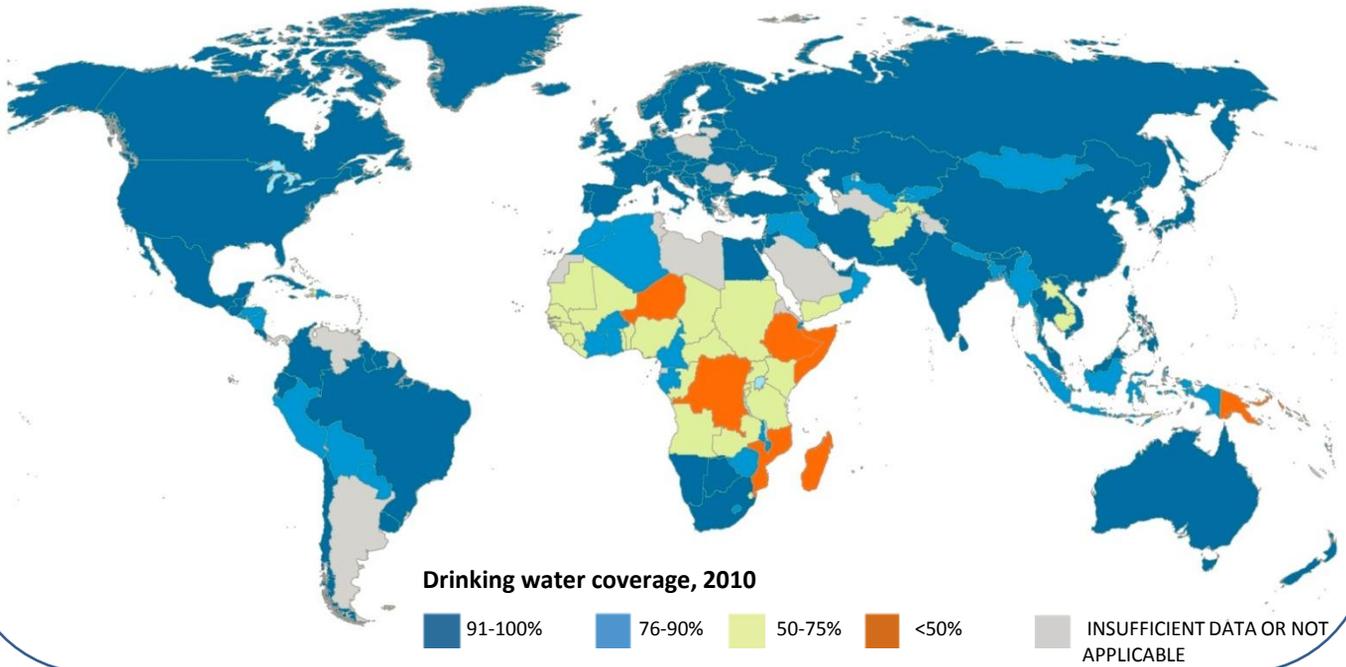


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89 per cent of the global population use an improved drinking water source

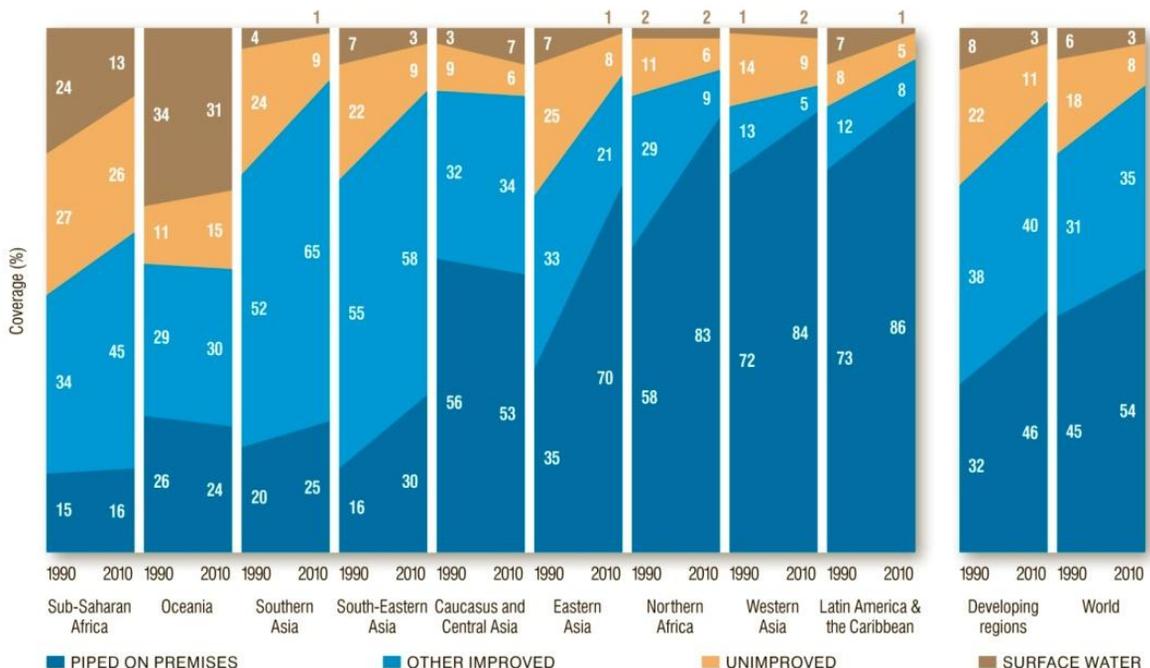
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Sub-Saharan Africa has the lowest drinking water coverage of any region



- Since 1990, over 2 billion people gained access to an improved drinking water source, bringing the total to 6.1 billion people with access, or about 89% of the global population.
- Global figures mask regional, national and sub-national disparities. Whereas in sub-Saharan Africa only 61% of the population has access to an improved drinking water source, in most other developing regions over 90% of the population has access.

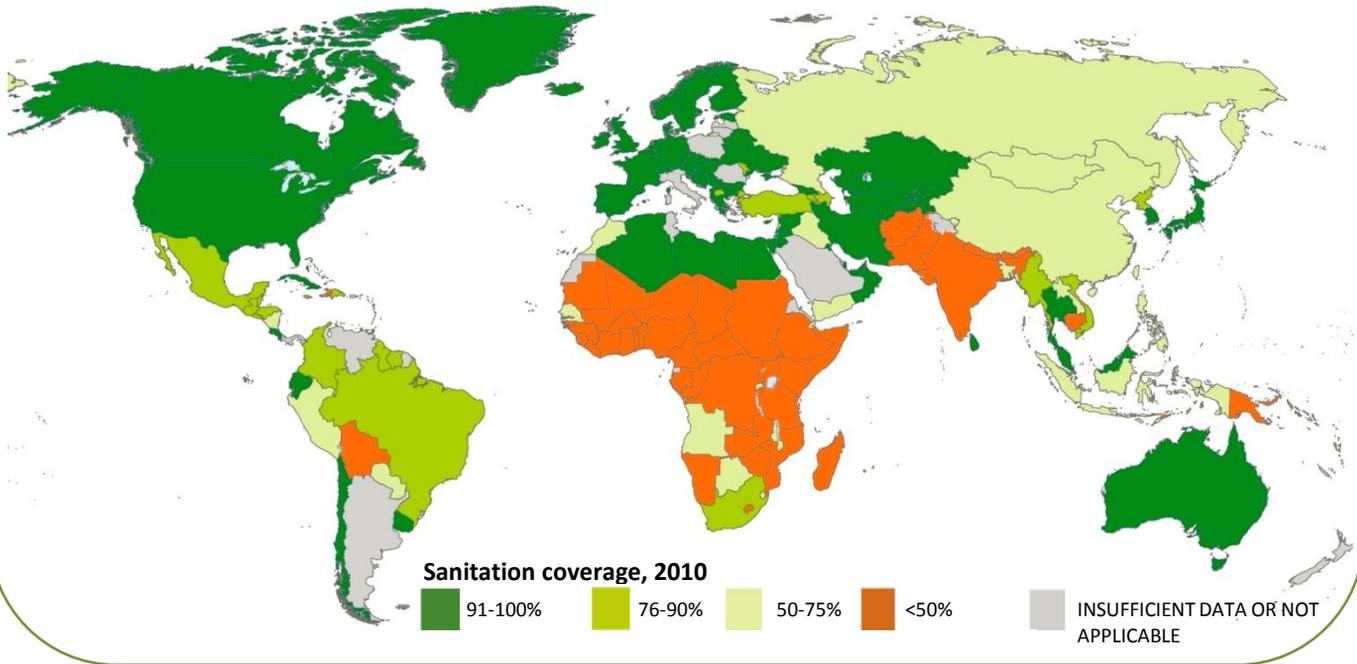
Access to piped water supplies on premises varies widely between regions



Only 63 per cent of the world population use an improved sanitation facility

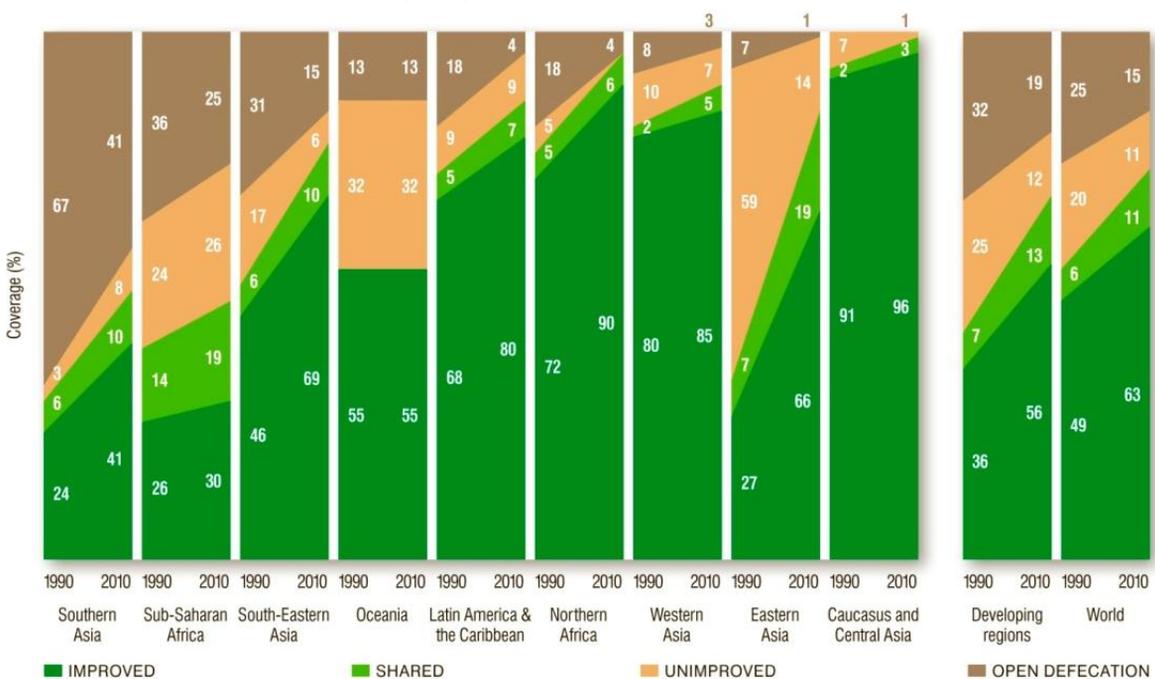
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In many countries sanitation coverage is still below 50 per cent



- Since 1990, 1.8 billion people gained access to an improved sanitation facility, bringing the total to 4.4 billion people with access or 63% of the global population.
- An estimated 2.5 billion people are still without improved sanitation, almost three quarters of them live in rural areas.
- Sanitation coverage has increased by 20 per cent in the developing regions, from 36 per cent in 1990 to 56 per cent in 2010.
- The number of people resorting to open defecation declined by 271 million since 1990. Still, open defecation is practised by 1.1 billion people - 15 per cent of the global population.

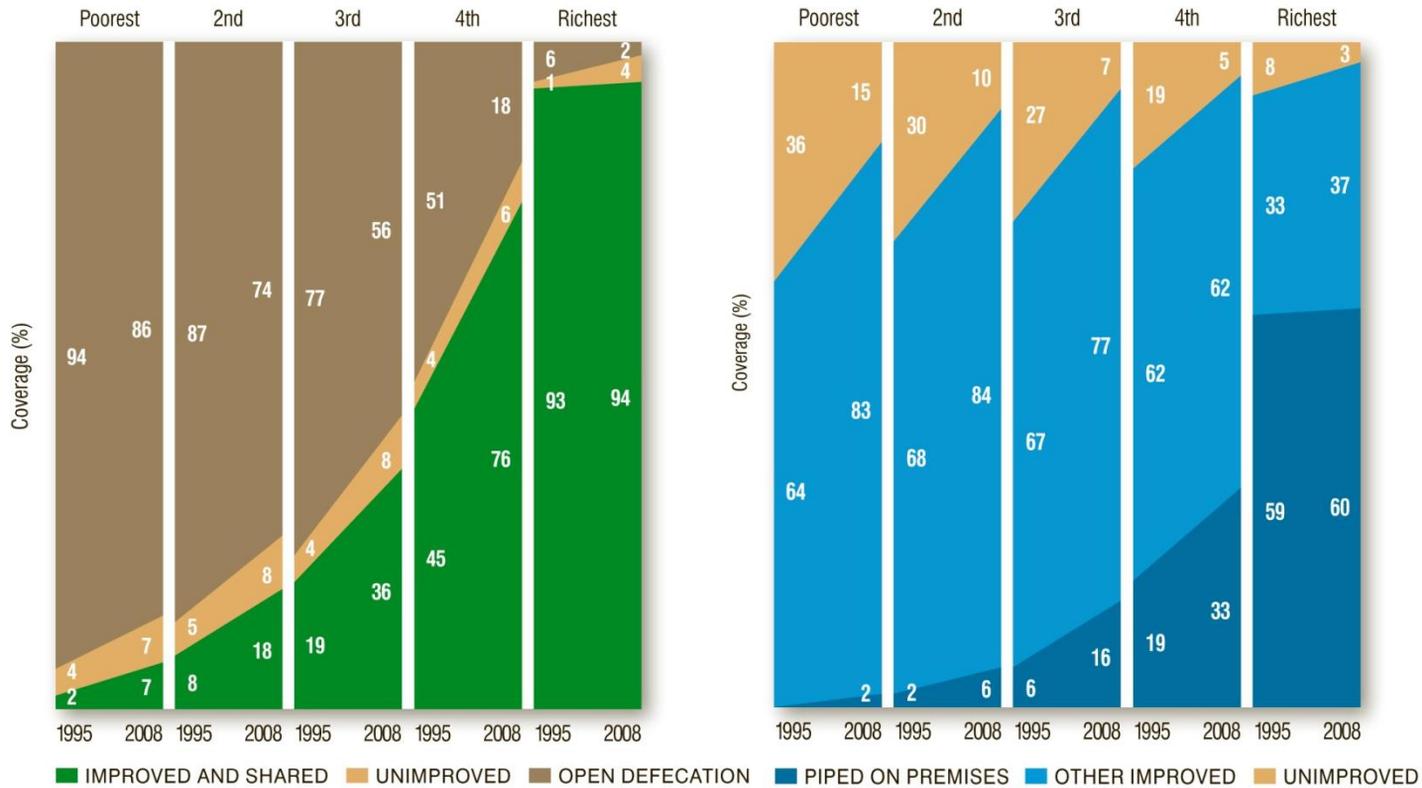
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The Equity Imperative - Looking Beyond Averages

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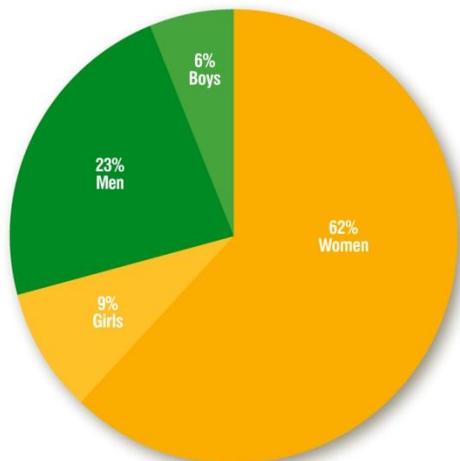
The poorest 40 per cent of the population in Southern Asia have barely benefited from improvements in sanitation, whereas improvements in drinking water supply have been equitably distributed



Southern Asia: Sanitation and drinking water coverage trends by wealth quintiles, based on population weighted averages from three countries, 1995-2008

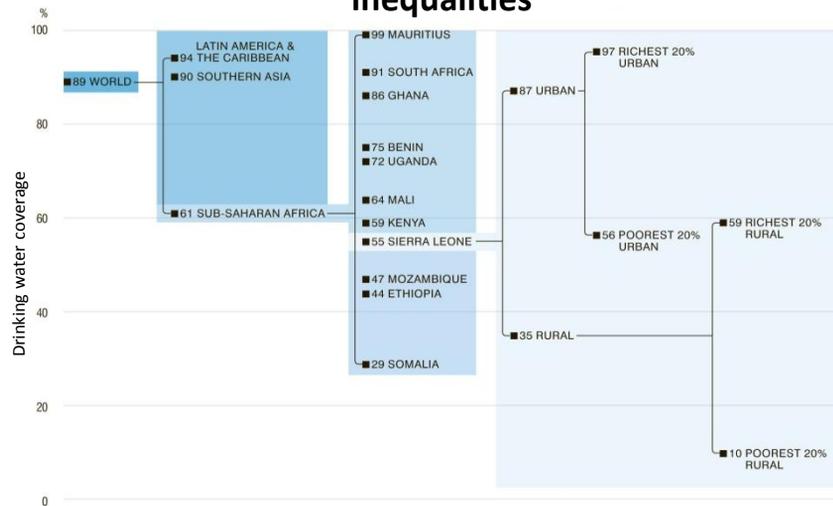
Source: India: National Family Health Survey 1993, 1999, 2006; Bangladesh: DHS 1993, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2007; Nepal: DHS 1996, 2001, 2006

Women bear the main responsibility for collecting water in sub-Saharan Africa



Main person responsible for collecting drinking water when water is not available on premises; based on MICS and DHS surveys from 25 countries in sub-Saharan Africa

Regional and national averages mask huge inequalities



Drinking water coverage in selected countries in sub-Saharan Africa and urban/rural coverage among poorest and richest households in Sierra Leone (per cent)
 Source: JMP 2012, and Sierra Leone DHS, 2008