THE BLUE THREAD How water is central to all SDGs

SDG 1, NO POVERTY

Access to clean water and sanitation has profound socio-economic impacts and is a key factor in reducing poverty.

SDG 2, ZERO HUNGER

A clean, regular water supply is essential for livestock rearing and agriculture, for sustainable food production.

SDG 3, HEALTH & WELLBEING

There is a strong link between water and human health, which could be dramatically improved with universal access to clean water and sanitation.

SDG 4, QUALITY EDUCATION

If fewer children get sick from dirty water, or have to spend time collecting water, school attendence will be much improved.

SDG 5, GENDER EQUALITY

Lack of water and sanitation limits the lives of women and girls disproportionately and is a barrier to gender equality.

SDGS 7, 8 AND 9

Access to a consistent water source is essential to all economic activity, including affordable and clean energy production (SDG 7), job creation (SDG 8), and industry and infrastructure (SDG 9). CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

SDG 10, REDUCED INEQUALITY

Universal access to WASH would be one of the fastest ways to promote inclusion of otherwise marginalized groups in society.

SDG 11, SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

Water must be a key part of planning for sustainable cities and communities.

SDG 12, RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION

With growing water scarcity globally, water will be the key constraining factor for responsible consumption and production.

SDG 13, CLIMATE ACTION

Climate change is experienced through changes in the water cycle. SDG6 and SDG 13 are inextricably linked.

SDG 14, LIFE BELOW WATER

To restore and protect ocean health, we must start on land, ensuring that water flowing into the ocean is free from pollutants and supports marine ecosystems.

SDG 15, LIFE ON LAND

Clean water and effective sanitation is essential for resilient landscapes, to allow all life on land to flourish and thrive.

SDG 16, PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Cooperation over shared waters can help countries become more resilient to the impact of climate change and is a potential catalyst for peace.



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