

SUMMARY PROGRESS 2021: SDG 6 INDICATORS



UN WATER

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6.1.1 DRINKING WATER

2 billion people



lacked safely managed drinking water services in 2020



6.2.1a SANITATION



3.6 billion people



lacked safely managed sanitation services, and 494 million people practised open defecation, in 2020

6.2.1b HYGIENE

2.3 billion people



lacked a basic handwashing facility with soap and water at home in 2020



WASTEWATER

6.3.1 WASTEWATER

Globally **44%** of household wastewater is not safely treated



6.3.2 WATER QUALITY

The lack of water quality data for **over 3** billion people

means that they are at significant risk because the health of their rivers, lakes and groundwater is unknown



WATER-USE EFFICIENCY--- WATER STRESS

6.4.1 WATER-USE EFFICIENCY

Since 2015 water-use efficiency has increased by



10%

globally

6.4.2 WATER STRESS



2.3 billion people

live in water-stressed countries

of which **733 million** live in high and critically water-stressed countries

TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

6.5.1 INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT



107 countries are **not on track** to have sustainably managed water resources by 2030

Globally, the current rate of progress needs to be doubled

6.5.2 TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Only **24** countries



reported that all the rivers, lakes and aquifers that they share with their neighbours are covered by operational arrangements for cooperation



ECOSYSTEMS

6.6.1 ECOSYSTEMS

 **1/5** of the world's river basins

are experiencing rapid changes in the area covered by surface waters



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION -PARTICIPATION

6.a.1 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



Official development assistance (ODA) commitments to the water sector increased

9%

from 2015 to 2019, but disbursements showed little change

6.b.1 PARTICIPATION



Only **14** countries out of **109**

report having high levels of participation by communities in water and sanitation decision-making

