

# Lifewater Canada



***Seeking gender equality through safe, accessible water!***



# The developing world's water carriers

- Due to cultural traditions, it is girls and women who do most of the water-gathering in the developing world
- This is harmful for them in several important ways





# Physical harm

- Water is heavy! Carrying it is tiring!
- Carrying it can cause potentially life-long neck and back problems





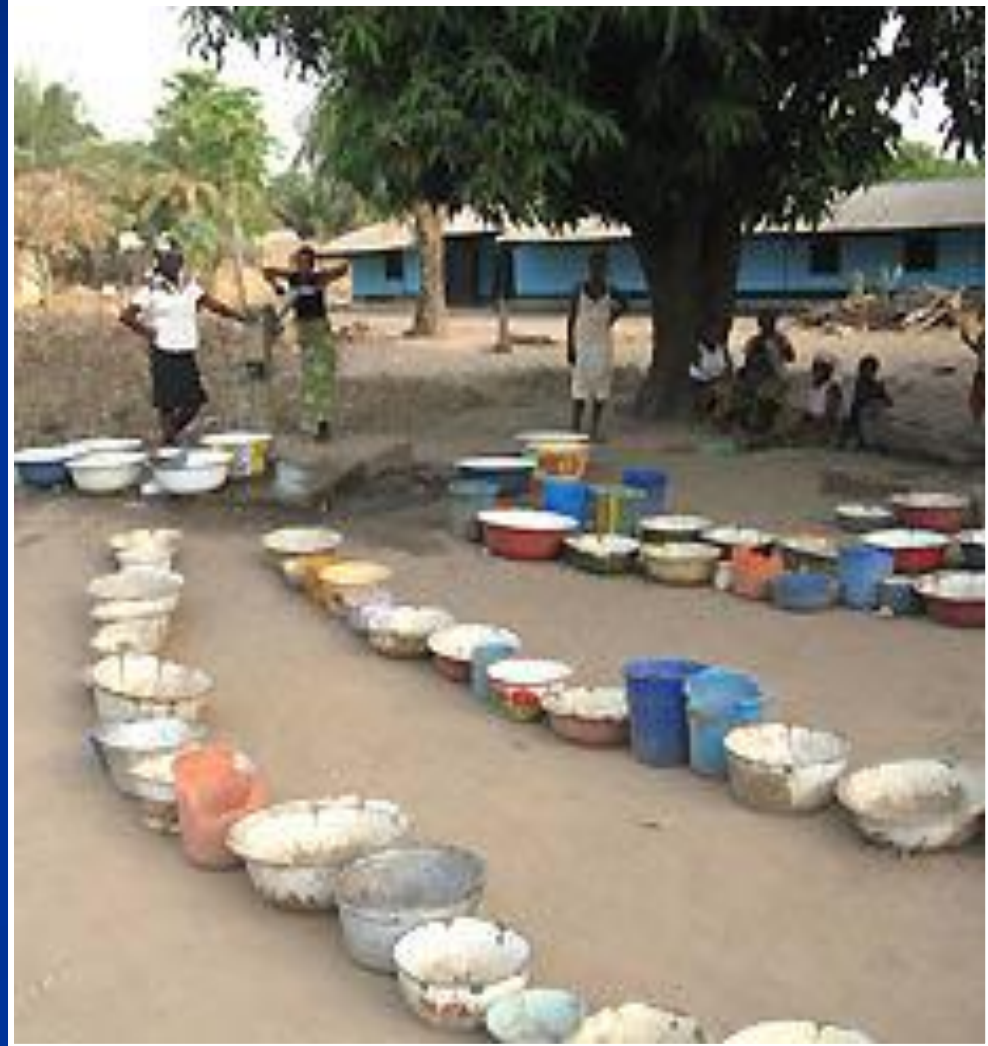
# More Physical Harm

- When girls and women walk for water, they are often in isolated environments
- They are vulnerable to snake bites, assaults, robbery, rape, and even death



# Social and Economic Harm

- Gathering water takes hours out of each day
- Those are hours . . .
  - When girls can't be in school
  - When women can't be caring for their children or earning income
  - That confine females to poverty





# Water for toilets and hand-washing

- When there is no nearby water for toilets and hand-washing, menstruating girls miss school due to no place to care for themselves
- Missed classes means more missed educational opportunities, and more confinement to poverty



# Seeking gender equality through safe, accessible water

- New wells
- Rehabilitated wells
- Repaired or replaced hand pumps
- Rainwater catchment and storage systems
- Communal toilets and handwashing stations





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