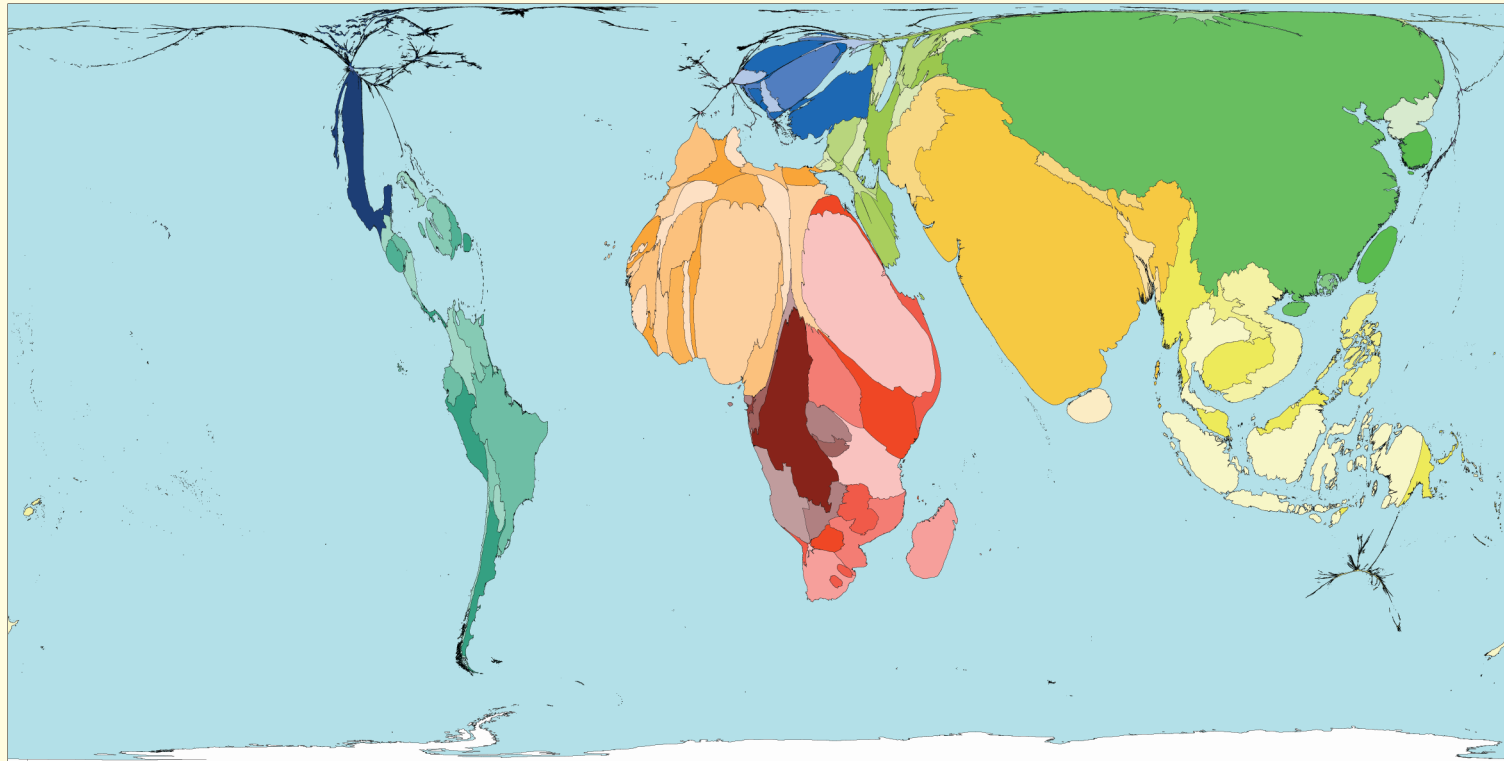


Poor Water

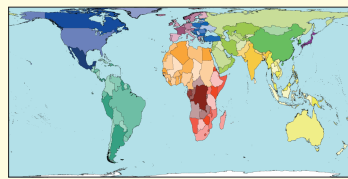


Drinking water is essential to live, but dirty drinking water is also a major cause of disease. Whilst most people living in Western Europe can access safe water, only 50% of people living in Central Africa can do this.

The largest population without access to safe tap water is in China: that is 324 million people, or 25% of the population. In a quarter of all territories more than a quarter of the population is without access to safe water. Worldwide 18% of people have no safe drinking water.

Safer water can be obtained by treating water, collecting it from a spring, or pumping it up from groundwater.

Territory size shows the proportion of all people without reliable access to safe water that live there.



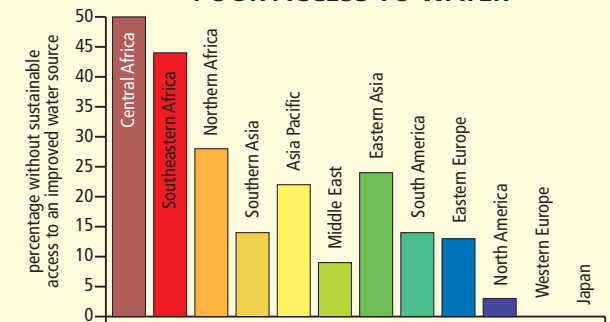
Land area

LEAST AND GREATER ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Ethiopia	76	151	Bahamas	3
2	Chad	73	151	Albania	3
3	Cambodia	70	153	Greenland	3
4	Mauritania	63	154	Ukraine	2
4	Lao People's Dem Republic	63	154	Saint Lucia	2
6	Angola	62	154	Uruguay	2
7	Oman	61	154	Saint Kitts & Nevis	2
8	Rwanda	59	158	Russian Federation	1
9	Burkina Faso	58	158	Samoa	1
9	Papua New Guinea	58	158	Hungary	1

percentage of population without sustainable access to an improved water source 2000*

POOR ACCESS TO WATER



Technical notes

- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's 2004 Human Development Report.
- *In 40 territories less than 1% of population has not got a reliable source of safe drinking water
- Poor water is water that is either not safe or is unreliable.
- See website for further information.

“It is the cause of debilitating diseases for the majority of children. That is how serious a lack of sanitation and clean water is.”

Hans Spruijt, 2004