

# Water Crisis and Gender Equality

Social Studies · Practice Test · 20 Questions

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**1. What is a significant consequence of lacking safe drinking water and sanitation, especially for women and girls?**

- A) Increased opportunities for education
- B) Flourishing inequalities
- C) Reduced workload
- D) Greater access to decision-making roles

**2. According to the text, who bears the brunt of the global water crisis where safe drinking water and sanitation are lacking?**

- A) Men and boys
- B) Children under five
- C) Women and girls
- D) Elderly individuals

**3. What kind of approach is needed to solve the challenges of the water crisis, according to the text?**

- A) A purely technological approach
- B) A rights-based and transformative approach
- C) A localized and community-driven approach
- D) A government-led and centralized approach

**4. What is emphasized as essential for women and girls in water-related decision-making?**

- A) Their exclusion from leadership
- B) Their voices being heard and their agency recognized
- C) Their primary role being water collection
- D) Their participation being limited to local levels

**5. What does the text suggest women must drive change in as part of water management?**

- A) Only as policymakers
- B) As engineers, farmers, scientists, sanitation workers, and community leaders
- C) Solely in administrative roles
- D) As consumers of water services

**6. Who are encouraged to be allies in promoting safe water, sanitation, and hygiene for all?**

- A) Only women and girls
- B) Only international organizations
- C) Men and boys
- D) Corporations and governments exclusively

**7. What is the slogan associated with the positive impact of water on equality?**

- A) Where water flows, poverty grows.
- B) Where water scarcity reigns, inequality declines.
- C) Where water flows, equality grows.
- D) Water is a right, not a privilege.

**8. When is World Water Day observed?**

- A) March 20
- B) April 22
- C) March 22
- D) May 1

**9. What does the text state about the role of individuals, schools, organizations, companies, and governments in ensuring equality grows where water flows?**

- A) They have no role to play.
- B) They all have a role to play.
- C) Only governments have a role.
- D) Only individuals can make a difference.

**10. According to the text, what is the primary responsibility for water collection in two out of three households?**

- A) Men
- B) Children
- C) Women
- D) Automated systems

**11. How many hours per day do women and girls spend on water collection in 53 countries with available data?**

- A) 50 million hours
- B) 100 million hours
- C) 250 million hours
- D) 500 million hours

**12. What is the approximate number of children under five that die daily due to unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene?**

- A) 100
- B) 500
- C) 1,000
- D) 5,000

**13. What percentage of countries still have no mechanisms to ensure women can participate equally in water-related decision-making and water management?**

- A) 5%
- B) 14%
- C) 25%
- D) 50%

**14. What is UN-Water's role in relation to water and sanitation within the UN system?**

- A) To implement all water and sanitation programs.
- B) To coordinate over 30 UN organizations carrying out water and sanitation programs.
- C) To exclusively focus on water research.
- D) To manage funding for all water projects.

**15. What is the name of UN-Water's flagship report on water and sanitation?**

- A) World Water Development Report
- B) Global Water Security Report
- C) United Nations World Water Development Report 2025
- D) Water and Sanitation Policy Review

**16. Why are international days and weeks observed, according to the text?**

- A) Only to celebrate achievements.
- B) To educate the public, mobilize resources, and celebrate achievements.
- C) Solely to address political issues.
- D) To replace national holidays.

**17. Globally, more than a quarter of all women (27.1%) lack access to what?**

- A) Adequate food supply
- B) Safely managed drinking water services
- C) Educational opportunities
- D) Employment

**18. What is a key message for World Water Day 2026 regarding women and girls in water solutions?**

- A) They should be excluded from solutions.
- B) Their involvement is not critical.
- C) It's time to center women and girls in water solutions.
- D) Their primary role is to collect water.

**19. What are the potential benefits of investing in women's leadership in water management?**

- A) Increased water scarcity
- B) A healthier, more prosperous, gender-equal future
- C) Greater inequality
- D) Reduced innovation

**20. The text states that when women and girls have an equal voice in water decisions, services become more:**

- A) Exclusive, unsustainable, and ineffective
- B) Inclusive, sustainable, and effective
- C) Expensive and limited
- D) Unpredictable and unreliable