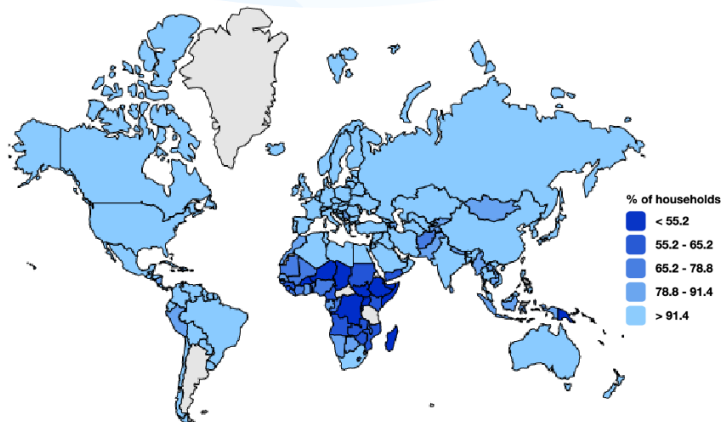


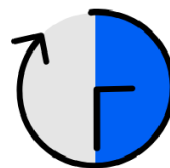
# HOW ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AFFECTS GIRLS AROUND THE WORLD



Percent of Households With Basic Drinking Water Services (2018)  
Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Not everyone has access to **basic** clean water services.

A basic service means uncontaminated water, including from a well or stream, located less than



**30 minutes**

away from home.

As defined by the WHO and UNICEF.



In 8 out of 10 households **without** basic water services, **women and girls** are responsible for water collection.

WHO/UNICEF, 2017

Women and girls spend on average

**15 hours**

a week collecting water,



walking approximately

**3.7 miles**

a day,



often carrying more than

**40 lbs.**

on their backs.

Source: Plan International

That's time and energy that could've been spent at

**school.**

Source: UNICEF, State of the World's Children, ed. Nov. 2019



As of 2018, the global average literacy rate for girls aged 15-24 is 86%.

That means



**1 in 7** girls worldwide **can't read.**