

The background is a light blue gradient with several water droplets and bubbles of various sizes scattered across it. On the right side, there is a circular inset showing a close-up of water splashing or pouring, with a dark blue background behind it.

# WATER

Thousands have lived without love, not one  
without water  
(W H Auden)

# GLOBALLY

- **Every** day up to **800** children under 5 die from diarrhoea linked to inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene

(UNICEF)



# GLOBALLY

By 2025..... **50%** of the world's population is projected to live in water-stressed areas as a result of climate change

The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water bubbles of various sizes scattered across the top and bottom edges. The bubbles have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

# Some facts about the current risks to **water** where *Mercy Sisters* are present

# In IRELAND

Mid-2022 raw sewage was flowing every day  
into the environment from 32 towns and  
villages not connected to treatment plants  
(Irish Water)



# In IRELAND

Currently about **38%** of treated water is lost through leaks before it even reaches the taps

(Irish Water)



# In **KENYA**

With a population of 53 million, **about 28 million Kenyans (approx. 52%)** lack access to safe water and 41 million lack access to improved sanitation.

# In KENYA

## Desperate for Water, Communities in Kenya's Rural Areas are being forced to move

Abaloni Barissa, one of the pastoralists in Tana River. “I have been here for 48 years and never seen a drought like the one we have experienced now. Everything dried up. Water dried up; trees dried up. Everything. Our animals became useless to us because you cannot even sell them. They just died.”

(International Org. Migration)

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# In PERU

More than **10 million** Peruvians (approx 31% of the population) are ingesting toxics such as arsenic and heavy metals through the water they receive

(Ministry of Health)



# In PERU

**Lima**, with close to 10 million inhabitants, is considered the second driest capital city in the world after Cairo

The main issues the city faces are water **scarcity**, water **safety**, and adequate water **treatment**  
(National Environmental Council)

# In South Africa

There is the element also of unequal distribution in South Africa. Less than **45%** of the population have taps in their homes

(Water Community Action Network)





# In South Africa

In South Africa, the world's 25th most populous country, demand for water is projected to exceed supply by **17% in 2030**

(World Bank)