

Myth, Story, Water

A 5 minute sneak peak to help you realize you're doing some stuff wrong, give you some basic tools to do them better, and a sprinkle of inspiration



We are disconnected

Some numbers

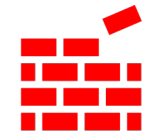
20% vs 98%

 *Paywalls*

20% vs 75%

 *Language*

8 seconds

 *Echo-chambers*

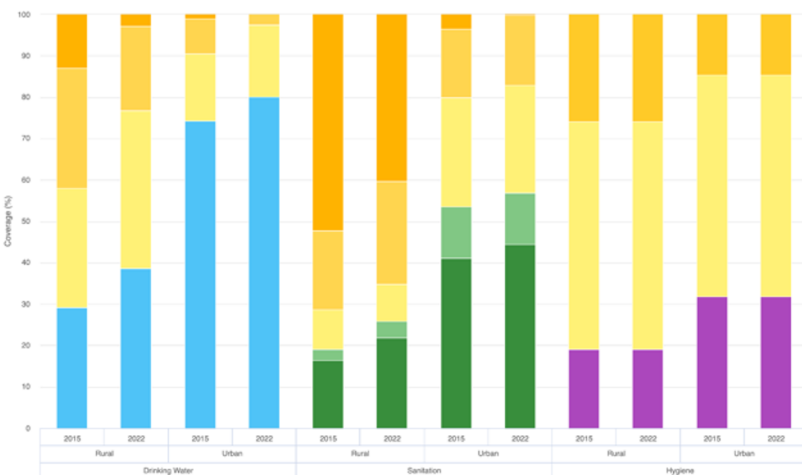
773 million

 *Society-Science-Policy*

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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Somalia

Household data - Somalia - Service Levels



- Drinking Water**
 - Surface water
 - Unimproved
 - Limited
 - Basic
- Sanitation**
 - Open defecation
 - Unimproved
 - Limited
 - Basic
 - Safely managed
- Hygiene**
 - No facility
 - Limited
 - Basic

Source: Joint Monitoring Programme, UNICEF

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Somaliland is the largest unrecognized state in the world. It is facing the worst drought in the last 40 years. Pastoralist families are enduring the devastation of their grazing lands, witnessing their livestock perish from thirst and hunger. Similarly, peasant women have seen their crops fail, leading both groups to embark on desperate journeys across the desert in search of water and shelter.

According to the REACH report of February 2023, 445,364 individuals have been internally displaced due to these compounded issues. Despite declaring independence in 1991, the lack of international recognition exacerbates the emergency response challenges, leaving thousands in desperate situations.

Climate change acts as a catalyst for disaster, amplifying the risks and vulnerabilities associated with famine. This crisis is intensified by other significant factors that trigger hunger, such as prolonged armed conflict, political instability, economic downturns, displacement, poverty, and widening inequalities. Together, these factors undermine food security.

The climate crisis is also revealing historically evolved global inequalities. All of Africa contributes a mere 4% of the world's greenhouse gases.

STORY?

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Somaliland: No news of rain

Maryam Hussein's daughters peek inside their tent in a refugee camp while their mother prepares vegetables. They left their native community in search for water and shelter after the exceptional drought claimed 48 of their camels. Their story stands exemplary for the global climate and water crises.

Photographer: Pablo Tosco



Stories build relationships and make people care.

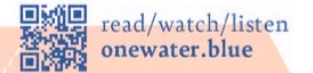
Inspiration

- **Make** your stories accessible to all
→ onewater.blue
- **Include** downstream and upstream stakeholders
→ arteries.blue; euphrates.blue
- **Convene** communities to protect the ocean
→ sos.blue
- **Give** youth a voice
→ [Letters to the sea](https://Letters.to.the.sea)
- **Create** a water-positive energy transition
→ h2-brandenburg.de
- **Join** the symposium to protect Europe's water tower and rivers
→ alpinerivers.eu



 **onewater.blue**
many stories

Facts and spreadsheets alone don't inspire action. But in stories we find meaning, connection, and ultimately, change. Imagine a world where water connects, not just as a resource, but as a shared narrative. Let's rekindle our shared connection to water and position it at the heart of the conversation.





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