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Leave No One Behind





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The background is a stylized illustration of a seascape. At the top, there are dark blue mountains with white and light blue patches. Below the mountains, a large light blue circle is positioned on the left side, containing text. To the right of the circle, there are several white birds flying in a blue sky. The bottom half of the image shows a body of water with white-capped waves and a bright reflection of the sun on the surface.

Each year, World Water Day takes place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This year, the theme for World Water Day is 'Leave No One Behind'.

# Water For All

The 'Leave No One Behind' theme is based on the Sustainable Development Goal 6 set out by the United Nations to ensure that everyone in the world has access to clean water by 2030.



# Water and Vulnerable Groups

Billions of people around the world still live without access to safe water.

Vulnerable groups such as women, refugees, indigenous and disabled people often face difficulties and even discrimination when trying to reach safe water.



# A Human Right

**‘Whoever you are, wherever you are,  
water is your human right.’**

Safe drinking water is essential  
to human health and therefore  
is crucial in establishing  
and maintaining a  
prosperous world.





# Sanitation and Safe Water

Good sanitation (the safe disposal of human waste) and safe drinking water go hand in hand. You cannot have one without the other, therefore ensuring that everyone has access to sanitation facilities will help to improve the quality of the drinking water.



# World Water Summit

On 7-8th February 2019, a summit on 'Leaving No One Behind' was held by leading organisations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Plans were discussed and made about implementing projects that can help to solve some of the challenges for people who are left behind in the least developed countries.



# Do Your Bit

We are fortunate that we have access to both safe, clean drinking water and to good sanitation facilities. However, we should never take these things for granted. Do your bit by washing your hands after using the toilet and not wasting clean water.





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