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Advocacy Essay

### Lack of Fresh Water For Children in Africa

Poverty and malnutrition for children... a growing concern in society today. This is a severe global issue that is faced by millions each day. Did you know that one in five deaths of children under the age of five is related to water borne illness? Imagine how many lives will be lost if we don't fix this soon!

Can you believe that about thirty thousand children die every day from contaminated water! (Water Project) Although this problem exists in the whole world, this problem is dealt with on a daily basis in developing countries such as Africa. For example, one in ten people do not have access to clean, safe water. (Water Facts) Last year, over four hundred and forty three million school days were lost due to people suffering a water illness. (The Water Project) Lastly, over half of the world's hospital beds are filled with people suffering a water borne illness. (The Water Project)

This is an extreme problem, but it can be fixed. We can all take a stand to help lack of fresh water in Africa. There are many things that we can do to help, such as donating to

foundations like The Water Project or Charity Water. The Water Project's mission statement is, "The Water Project, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization unlocking human potential by

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providing sustainable water and sanitation projects to needlessly suffering communities in sub-Saharan Africa." (The Water Project) Charity Water is a non-profit organization bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing nations.

As you may be able to see from these facts and ways to help, There are many people suffering this issue and there are many ways to help. I challenge you all to take a stand and fight for this cause. Together, we can make a difference!

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