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Water and Sanitation (World Toilet Day/World Water Day)

Thank you for contacting me about water and sanitation.

Access to clean drinking water and effective sanitation is a basic human need and is vital to give people in developing countries the opportunity to lead healthy, fulfilled, and productive lives. It means they can work, driving economic growth and ultimately helping developing countries become self-sufficient.

Between 2011 and 2015, the Department for International Development (DFID) helped 64.5 million people access clean water, better sanitation or improved hygiene conditions. DFID helps build wells, standpipes, pumps, toilets and sewage systems, and encourages the private sector in developing countries to do more.

My ministerial colleagues are intent on matching this success by helping at least another 60 million people get access to clean water and sanitation by 2020, to stop terrible diseases and boost economic opportunity. Recent figures show that DFID is making good progress towards this figure, having supported 27.2 million people access clean water and/or better sanitation between 2015 and 2017.

The global community must work to achieve the 6th Global Goal, on water and sanitation, and the other goals by 2030, so that we see access to safe and affordable drinking water for all, and access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all. A more healthy, productive and prosperous world is clearly in our national interest, and access to water and sanitation is a key part of this.

Thank you again for contacting me.

Kind regards,

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