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1. Introduction¹

Access to water and sanitation for all is central to achieving global justice for poor women and men. Even though water and sanitation have been the focus of international development at least since the 1970s,

drop in diarrheal disease incidence worldwide. While cases of children under 5 with diarrheal disease resulting in death have decreased due to improvements in treatment, overall incidence has remained unchanged.¹³

Progress on Sanitation

- From 1990-2010 global access to sanitation increased in from 49% to 63%. Although 1.3

beyond mere domestic supplies to also cover livelihood issues, which are crucial for the family's survival, where women often play a significant role – e.g. in providing water for productive purposes in women's home gardens.²²

separate out health, water, sanitation and livelihoods concerns. She also knows that school sanitation and an accessible water source will help keep her teenage daughter in school. But policy makers still cling onto the

