Opportunities With **WaSH INVESTMENT**

**Water and Sanitation Hygiene**

- Global poverty remains a predominantly rural phenomena
- 1.4 billion people continue to live in extreme poverty
- 2.5 billion people worldwide lack proper sanitation
- 1 billion people are forced to practice open defecation
- Inadequate drinking-water, sanitation, and hygiene are estimated to cause 812,000 diarrhoea-related deaths per year and contribute substantially to other diseases
- Approximately 700 million people around the globe lack access to improved drinking water

**WaSH Means...**

- **Families**
  - Fewer deaths of family members and increased family stability
- **Equality and Culture**
  - Equality for women, children, the disabled, and other vulnerable populations. Water is also connected to culture, spirituality, and tradition
  - The ability to attend school and receive an improved education while maintaining good health
- **Health**
  - Improved health status, and decrease of deadly illnesses
- **Income and Wealth**
  - Diverse income opportunities to increase income and accumulate wealth
- **Life**
  - Decreased infant mortality and improved health of pregnant mothers

**Why Invest in WaSH?**

**WaSH is at the root of all the barriers, and possible opportunities...**

- Water is at the root of society, the economy, and environment.
- Access to safe and affordable drinking water, as well as sanitation are essential for human health and wellbeing - for all people!
- Water, sanitation and hygiene are key to social, economic, political, and environmental stability and development.

**WaSH can benefit these other investments as well...**

- **Orphanage**
  - Many vulnerable orphans need safe and clean homes to live in.
  - WaSH can provide orphanages with safe, affordable, and accessible water and sanitation.
- **Health Clinic**
  - Health clinics are key for improved health and wellbeing in communities.
  - WaSH can help vulnerable populations improve and maintain health, in addition to health clinics.
- **School**
  - Many children are unable to attend school - especially girls due to domestic responsibilities and lack of menstrual hygiene facilities
  - WaSH allows children to be healthy and well enough to attend and succeed in school.

**INVEST IN WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE FOR ALL PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE!**

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