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	<p>Script This is UNICEF Television.</p> <p>It's cold, clear – and it's disappearing fast. In Central Kosovo, the main source of water for many rural families starts to dry up in early summer.</p> <p>For the people who live in and around the village of Obri, water – or the lack of it – is a major source of concern.</p> <p>A mild winter and spring rains give every appearance of plenty – but people like Shukrije know that both quantity and quality are highly unreliable.</p> <p>SOUNDBITE (Albanian) Shukrije Xhemajli, villager: What can I say – to have more safe drinking water would have been much better. For everyone, not only for my family but in general and to have it in sufficient amounts not like now: drop by drop.</p> <p>Shukrije's son, Halil, was rushed to hospital several years ago where he was diagnosed with meningitis – probably contracted from the water he drinks at home. There were other cases at the same time – and there was an investigation: but no one ever heard if there were any results.</p> <p>Meningitis is just one disease in a range of debilitating and potentially fatal waterborne illnesses common in rural areas of central Kosovo.</p> <p>SOUNDBITE (Albanian) Shehide Demaj, Pre-school Teacher: There are a number of different because of contaminated water – intestinal infections stomach pains skin diseases and other diseases.</p> <p>The importance of clean water and careful hygiene is a daily part of what preschoolers learn at the school built</p>	<p>Shotlist</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Med shot, bucket of water being drawn from well 2. Wide shot, bucket in well 3. Med shot, woman drawing bucket 4. Med shot, pouring water into plastic jug 5. Wide shot, GV Obri village 6. Med shot, GV village 7. Wide shot, exterior house 8. Med shot, cows grazing 9. Med shot, woman leading cow 10. Med shot, reverse woman leading cow 11. Med shot, barnyard 12. Med shot, tractor 13. Med shot, woman milking cow 14. Close up, woman milking cow 15. Med shot, woman walking with pail of milk 16. SOUNDBITE (Albanian) Shukrije Xhemajli, villager: What can I say – to have more safe drinking water would have been much better. For everyone, not only for my family but in general and to have it in sufficient amounts not like now: drop by drop. 17. Med shot, boys playing football 18. Close up, boys kicking ball 19. Close up, boy's face 20. Close up, boys' feet 21. Various, playing football 22. Med shot, preschool 23. Various, preschool children 24. SOUNDBITE (Albanian) Shehide Demaj, Pre-school Teacher: There are a number of different because of contaminated water – intestinal infections stomach pains skin diseases and other diseases. 25. Med shot, children washing hands from bottle of water 26. SOUNDBITE (English) Tania Goldner, UNICEF, Kosovo:

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- International version split track
- Running Time

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I worry. 19.20 Now we have sufficient water but in two months even if we only use it to wash our hands, we have to remind each other “don’t use a lot” let alone for other uses.

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Discussion between teacher and children: Now we’ll talk about hygiene – what do we need to do most to keep hygienic?: Water!!!! If we don’t have water Will we have clean hands?? No!

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