SAMPLE SCRIPT

STORY: World Water Day 2005

TRT: 1.54

SOURCE: UNICEF

RESTRICTIONS: NONE

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH/NAT

DATELINE: 18 March 2005

SHOTLIST:

North Korea, March 2004 - UNICEF
  1. medium shot – N Korea – boy toddler in military uniform collects water in a red bucket from a tap
  2. close shot – same – red bucket on ground fills with water, feet standing nearby.
  3. medium shot – same – small child in pink hat squats by red bucket with water in it and looks towards camera.

Kenya, September 2002 - UNICEF
  5. wide shot – same – closer of same scene
  6. medium shot – Ethiopia – sick child lies in bed with woman sitting by side holding their hand which has a drip running into it.
  7. close shot – same – their hands and the drip feed

New York, New York, 18 March 2005 - UNICEF
  8. SOUNDBITE: Vanessa Tobin, UNICEF Chief of Water, Environment & Sanitation: “2 and a half billion people don’t have access to basic sanitation services and hygiene. Water alone will not reduce the burden of disease. It’s having access to sanitation, basic sanitation facilities, being able to practice good hygiene that will reduce not only diarrhoeal diseases but other water related diseases such as worms which affect hundreds of millions of children in the world.

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  9. medium shot – Kenya – looking down into well. 3 women are inside collecting water.
  10. close – same – from above, woman scoops water into bucket
  11. medium – same – several girls walk towards camera carrying jerry cans full of water on their backs
  12. close – same – one of the girls walking towards the camera with a clearly heavy bucket on her back
  13. close – Kenya – water pours from a tap onto lots of young hands which are being washed clean. Camera zooms out, panning up to reveal their faces

Myanmar, September 2004 - UNICEF
  14. medium – Myanmar – inside a classroom, a teacher stands before her mixed-sex group of pupils who are standing at desks singing a song and miming washing their hands & faces. Camera pans left onto class.
  15. close – same – girl mimes washing face

Kenya, September 2002 - UNICEF

Myanmar, September 2004 - UNICEF

17. medium - Myanmar – dusty street scene.

18. medium – same – woman holding baby in one hand uses the other to scoop water from a dirty pond into a red bucket.

19. medium – same – woman walks away from pond towards rht of camera carrying baby in one arm and bucket of water in the other

Kenya, September 2002 - UNICEF

20. close – Kenya – water is pouring from a yellow jerry can into a tin tub on the ground. Girls’ skirts and some feet visible to left of shot, behind tub.

21. medium – same – woman pours water into cups held by girls. Camera zooms in.

22. close – same – girl holds cup to her face while drinking from it.

STORYLINE:

Two buckets of safe water a day is the minimum a child needs to live, yet 4000 children die every day, because they don’t even have that.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, 43 per cent of children drink unsafe water and one in five dies before their fifth birthday. Millions more children suffer from water-bourne diseases like typhoid and diarrhoea.

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For many, the dangers lie in collecting water – a job often handed out to girls and women. Instead of attending school, a child may walk several hours a day to the nearest water source.

Children’s health improves and school attendance rises when water-pumps are installed in schools. Basic sanitation and hygiene education has a dramatic effect on reducing mortality and poverty.

UNICEF works around the globe installing latrines and pumps but 1.1 billion people still drink unclean water. UNICEF warns the international community must increase efforts or the poorest families will continue to suffer.

Access to basic sanitation facilities and 20 litres of safe water a day for everyone means 1.6 million more children stay alive each year.