

Air and water

In most of the village, the air is healthy and the water is clean. But not all villagers are so fortunate. For some, the air and water are soured by pollution, putting them at risk for diseases. Or water may be in short supply. Instead of turning on a tap, some villagers must walk long distances to find clean water.

Fresh air and drinkable water are necessities. How many people in the village of 100 have clean air and a nearby source of clean water?

88 have access to a source of safe water either in their homes or within a short distance. The other 12 do not and must spend a large part of each day simply getting safe water. Most of the work of collecting water is done by women and girls. 69 have access to adequate sanitation — they have

public or household sewage disposal — while 31 do not. They are at risk for diseases caused by poor sanitation, such as parasite infections, dysentery, cholera and typhoid.

12 breathe clean air, while 88 breathe air that is unhealthy because of pollution.

