



## **Join Us for World Water Day Advocacy Day – March 23, 2010**

Join supporters from across the country on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to call on Congress to increase support for sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs that save lives and lift countless people out of poverty. Lack of access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene education pose a major threat to human health. More than 4,000 children die each day as a result of diarrheal disease directly caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation. WASH programs are an extremely cost effective way of preventing these deaths and improving the overall health and productivity of millions of people worldwide.

Meet with Congressional offices on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and let them know that we need greater U.S. leadership on this crucial issue. Be a voice for the nearly 1 billion people in the developing world who lack access to clean drinking water and the 2.5 who lack basic sanitation.

We will provide you with all the information and tools you need to be an effective advocate. Advocacy Day will begin with a training session at 9 a.m., with activities lasting until 5 p.m.

In the afternoon, you and other WASH supporters will meet with Congressional offices, seeking additional support for international WASH programs and funding. The day will also feature a lunchtime briefing for Members of Congress, their staff, you and other advocates, and the general public. At the briefing, experts will discuss critical issues related to WASH and its impacts on people's health.

Be a voice for the poor and vulnerable around the world who lack access to the basic necessities of water and sanitation. Sign up to participate in World Water Day Advocacy Day on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.