

# Universal Access to Safe Water and Sanitation: the Key to Sustainable Development in the Pacific



World Water Day is celebrated across the Pacific on 22 March every year. It's a day to celebrate water, to make a difference to those who suffer from water related issues, and to prepare for how we manage water in the future. Access to safe and sustainable water and sanitation is a critical development issue for the Pacific, with profound implications for economic growth, public health, the environment and human rights.

This is why, across the region, Governments and communities are working with partners such as SPC and the European Union to demonstrate the benefits of improved water and sanitation management on the ground. From ridge to reef and community to cabinet, water is everybody's business, and increased efforts are required at all levels to help growing Pacific communities secure safe water and sanitation for all. For more information on how to join these efforts at the local level, visit [pacificwater.org](http://pacificwater.org) or contact your local World Water Day coordinator.



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