

Water and Sanitation Trend Analysis: Access to Safe and Potable Drinking Water

2017 | 2023 | 2025 Review

Strategic objective: Increase access to safe and potable water and promote safely managed sanitation through relevant infrastructure and hygiene services for the growing population.

2017 baseline

58%

At least basic water services
WHO/UNICEF JMP

2023 baseline

63%

MTNDP reported baseline
MTNDP 2024-2030

2025 status

No verified data

No 2025 value available as of Feb 2026
UNICEF report note

2030 target

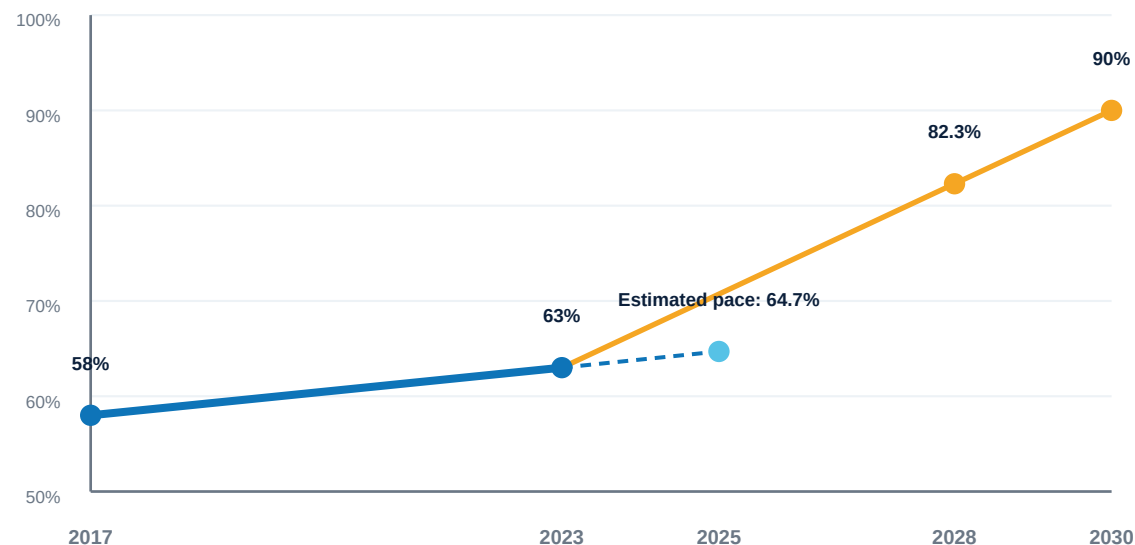
90%

Safe and potable drinking water target
MTNDP 2024-2030

Trend performance against 2028 and 2030 targets

Indicator: population with access to safe and potable drinking water

● Reported trend ● Required path



Scorecard judgement

OFF TARGET

Access improved from **58% in 2017** to **63% in 2023**, a gain of only **5 percentage points** over six years. At the current pace, the target is at serious risk.

0.83 pp/year

Pace achieved
2017 to 2023

3.86 pp/year

Pace required
2023 to 2030

4.6x faster

Acceleration need
to hit 2030 target

Key constraint: Experts cite non-functional water points and a major WASH funding gap. The 2024 World Bank poverty diagnostic also highlights a stricter safe-water concern, reporting that 89% do not have access to safe drinking water.

Interpretation note: 2025 is shown as a data gap. The dotted 2025 point is an indicative continuation of the 2017-2023 pace, not an official value.

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Data used for trend analysis

Year	Value / Status	Source in scorecard	Interpretation
2017	58%	WHO/UNICEF JMP	Baseline access to at least basic water services.
2023	63%	MTNDP 2024-2030, p.84	Modest improvement of 5 percentage points from 2017.
2025	No official value	UNICEF report access to clean water note	Treated as a data gap, not as progress or decline.
2028	82.3% target	MTNDP 2024-2030, p.84	Requires rapid acceleration before 2028.
2030	90% target	MTNDP 2024-2030, p.84	Long-term target remains at risk without major investment.

Method used

The scorecard compares the 2017 and 2023 reported values, then measures the annual percentage-point improvement needed to reach the 2028 and 2030 targets. Because no 2025 official value is available, the analysis flags 2025 as a data gap and uses a dotted line only to show what the old pace would imply.

Formula: Annual pace = change in percentage points divided by number of years. Required acceleration = required annual pace divided by achieved annual pace.

Recommended scorecard actions

1. Publish verified 2025 WASH access data and separate basic water from safely managed drinking water.
2. Audit functionality of existing water points and map inactive or unreliable systems.
3. Prioritise funding for repairs, rural water systems, and urban network reliability.
4. Track quarterly progress against the required 3.86 percentage-point annual improvement path.