



TIRUSEW'S STORY

PUPIL
PIPELINE

Tirusew (12) lives in Finote Selam, Ethiopia. Her favourite subject is science and she wants to be a teacher when she grows up, but the lack of water at her school makes it difficult for her to attend classes.

Like many of the 800 pupils at her primary school, Tirusew has to spend the school day without drinking water. When she gets very thirsty she goes home to drink but often can't return to school because of the 50-minute round trip in the intense heat.

"THERE IS NO WATER AND TOILET HERE. BECAUSE OF THAT, WE MISS SCHOOL MOST OF THE TIME." **"IF WE HAD WATER, WE WOULD LOOK AFTER OUR HYGIENE, CLEAN OUR CLASSROOMS, WASH OURSELVES AND MOST OF ALL DRINK IT."**

Tirusew, 12, Finote Selam, Ethiopia

WHY IS THE PUPIL PIPELINE SO IMPORTANT?

Around the world, one in three schools have no clean water or toilets. Globally, up to 443 million school days are lost every year because of water-related illness.

Together we will bring clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to the poorest communities, so that children can keep healthy, stay in school and fulfil their potential.





YEBIRNESH'S STORY



Yebirnesh Admas has been teaching environmental science at Tirusew's school for four years. She's passionate about her profession, but having no access to water on site or nearby makes her job incredibly challenging.

Her students miss classes as they need to walk long distances to get water: either going home or trying to fetch water from the river. There's no hygiene facilities at the school either and the classrooms are dusty. If the children hurt themselves, it's impossible to treat their injuries.

"IF WE GET WATER IN THIS SCHOOL, WE WOULD SPEND THE DAY AND EVEN THE NIGHT HERE AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS.

THE STUDENTS WOULD BE HYGIENIC AND CLEAN. WE WOULD ALSO HAVE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT FOR OUR GIRL STUDENTS." Yebirnesh, Finote Selam, Ethiopia

