**“Why do you believe access to water and sanitation is a human right?”**

Water can be called a miracle of nature. "Where there is water, there is life," they say. There is a lot of water on earth. More than two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered by water. However, there are very few water deserts on Earth. More than half of the territory of our country - Uzbekistan consists of deserts. Water flows in rivers and streams, lakes, seas and oceans. In cold countries, frozen water covers the Earth's surface. Snow in the high mountains. In spring and summer, it melts and flows into rivers in the form of streams. The surface of sea and ocean waters is heated by sunlight, turns into steam and rises into the air. Then it turns into a cloud and from the cloud falls to the ground as rain or snow. In winter, the snow in the mountains melts with the arrival of spring and flows into the rivers and streams. We drink this water and water our crops. Our ancestors used water sparingly. We should save it, use it effectively, not pollute it. If we do not save water, the number of people who cannot drink drinking water will increase excessively. After all, water is the source of life. It is difficult to imagine life without water. Without water, there will be no people, plants, living nature, moon, sun, other planets, etc. Water should be used only efficiently. I don't know if people are careless and don't save water these days.

Today, how many millions of people around the world remain without water and suffer from dehydration and are due to take a sip of water. More than two billion and one hundred million people around the world do not have fresh water at home. Due to water deficit, people are suffering from various diseases by drinking polluted water. Even the cure for these diseases is not found. How many millions of people will die. Out of 2 billion 100 million people on earth, 361,000 are young children. How many children and the elderly are without water in Uzbekistan. 1 More than 2 million people were provided with water for the first time. More than 1.9 trillion soums were released to provide water to so many people in the territory of Uzbekistan. Not only Uzbekistan but other countries suffer from water blemish and even the most developed countries are struggling. Africa is one of the continents with the most water shortages on Earth. In Africa, perhaps in all small countries, more than 1,000 children a day drink contaminated water, catch diseases, and die without a cure. Water shortage it is observed not only in Africa, but also in Afghanistan, China, India, and the mainland of Australia. Between 2020 and 2023, the number of people suffering from lack of water has increased greatly. most of it became a desert. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Miromonvich Mirziyoyev spoke about the problems of the Aral Sea at the UN General Assembly and said that if these problems are not solved, water shortages may begin in all countries.

As our dear President said, we should reduce the water shortage as much as possible and solve the problem as much as possible. If these problems are not solved as the President said, the water shortage may increase in other countries. perceives problems.

Today, countries are making maximum use of almost all of their available resources. Looking back, the demand for water has doubled since the 1960s. This was influenced by the increase in population, the development of agriculture and industry. In the future, the Middle East and North Africa will be the first to face shortages of this vital resource, which could eventually lead to conflict and negatively affect the industry. At the moment, the water problem in North America and Europe is relatively stable. But this does not mean that these areas are safe. For example, 6 states of the USA have very high water scarcity. Rising demand and rapid climate change could also lead to a decline in the GDP of India and China.

 Global food security is also threatened by water depletion. Currently, 60% of irrigated areas in the world are drying up. Especially farms engaged in the cultivation of sugar cane, wheat, rice, and corn. Experts offer a number of solutions to this problem. These include the conservation of wetlands and forests, the introduction of more efficient irrigation methods by farmers, and the use of renewable energy sources. Singapore and the American cities of Las Vegas have already managed to prove that it is possible to thrive in the face of water scarcity. This was achieved by treating and reusing wastewater. However, not all countries can do this. The world's demand for fresh water has never been higher.

The crisis is caused by the rapid development of cities and poor water management. Also, due to global warming, the soil is drying out and the precipitation is falling in the form of rain that the ground cannot absorb.

Uzbekistan took 25th place out of 164 countries in the ranking of countries suffering from water stress published by the World Resource Institute.

According to research, Uzbekistan is included in the group of 27 countries with high water shortage. Among them are Afghanistan (27th place), Turkey (32nd place), Kyrgyzstan (38th place), Portugal (41st place) and Italy (44th place). there is

Other countries of Central Asia, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, occupy the 51st and 60th places, and are included in the group with an average high water shortage. Turkmenistan was ranked 15th and was recognized as the country with the least amount of water in the region.

The first five countries of the rating were included in the water shortage issue. These include Qatar (1st place), Israel (2nd place), Lebanon (3rd place), Iran (4th place) and Jordan (5th place).

These problems should be solved as soon as possible. Here is a poem about water:

We just don't know the value.

Like a fish in the ocean,

We don't give a damn.

Do not pollute, clean water,

Be careful, protect him!

Take the blessing of El,

Dark doomsday!

A ditch if possible

Dig and give water.

People pray

Life does not fly.

Cars and horses

Stop washing!

Put the reins on the faucet,

Know the value of water!

How many nations are in need of water,

Only we are comfortable.

Appreciate running water,

Save it, don't hate it.

Water, air, bread three

If not, a netar person?

A world alive with water,

Appreciate running water?!

Don't forget to pay

Pay off debt on time,

It is your duty to pay.

Appreciate running water!

Here is a story about water:

 A farmer lived with his children at the foot of the mountain. At the foot of the mountain there is a grove of trees, and a large stream flows by it. The farmer and his family members used the water flowing from this stream for their daily work. The farmer irrigates his crops with this stream water. He cut down the big trees by the stream and built a house for himself. He sawed the branches and made firewood.

A year has passed since then. Spring has come. The farmer wanted to plow his land and irrigate it. There is no water in the stream. He cleaned the banks of the stream and waited for the water to come. However, no matter how much he tried, it was of no use. Finally, he climbed the mountain and asked them to give him water from the snow on the mountain tops. Snow to the farmer:

"Who told you to cut the trees?" Those trees kept the stream moist.

he said.

The stream helps the tree and the tree helps the stream.

The farmer regretted what he had done without knowing. Then he brought a bunch of seedlings and planted them by the stream. Soon, water started flowing from the stream again. The farmer watered his crops again and started living a good life with his children.

Here are some proverbs about water: Suv-zar, water-jeweler. Water came, light came.