



## WATER CRISIS in HAITI

- ◆ 88% live on less than \$2 / day -- 67% live on less than \$1 / day
  - ◆ 54% of Haitians get water from “unimproved sources” (rivers, springs, unprotected wells)
  - ◆ 96% in rural areas must leave home to get water
  - ◆ Community water systems difficult, if not impossible, to sustain in certain areas
  - ◆ Sales of bottled water works for the urban middle to upper class, but not for the poor
  - ◆ In rural areas, household water treatment is only feasible option for safe water
- CHOLERA OUTBREAK**....from October 2010 to December 2011:
- ◆ 523,904 cases seen in hospitals
  - ◆ 7,018 deaths (one every hour and a half)
  - ◆ Cholera expected to increase during rainy seasons

“One of the largest epidemics of the disease in modern history to affect a single country”

– **Pan-American Health Organization**



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**1 in 9 children die before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in Haiti - diarrhea is the leading cause (17%)**

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