WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS



Access to safe drinking water and sanitation is a basic right for everyone



Water is essential to agriculture, and helps reduce cases of malnutrition



Access to safe water and sanitation reduces disease and encourages personal hygiene



Safe drinking water and adequate toilet facilities at school reduce absenteeism and allow girls to stay in school after puberty



Easy access to water frees up time for women and girls, as they are still the ones primarily in charge of collecting water for domestic uses and irrigation



Energy production (nuclear, thermal, hydroelectric, fossil fuels, etc.) requires large quantities of water



Many industrial activities require water for cleaning, heating or cooling circuit, waterway transport, etc.



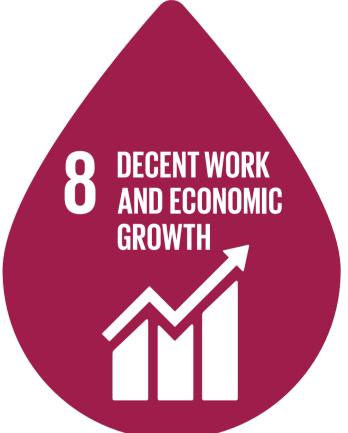
Access to adequate toilet facilities for women, the elderly and handicapped persons reduces existing inequalities



and flood protection measures



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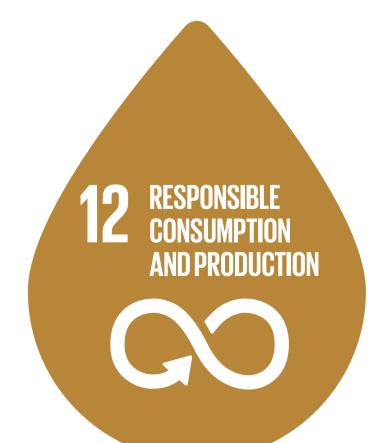
3 out of 4 jobs depend on water



There can be no sustainable cities without suitable water networks



Good water management reduces conflict and migrations



1 kg of beef = 15,000 litres of water, 1 pair of jeans = 8,000 litres of water



Variations in climate lead to flooding, violent rains and drought... Good water management brings with it solutions to meet climate challenges



Protecting rivers from waste reduces the amount of pollution flowing into oceans



Protecting rivers and wetlands helps preserve biodiversity



Water is an essential part of international development assistance

