

12 Things You Didn't Know About the Life of Children in Ghana

1. Out of every 1,000 Ghanaian children under age of 5, **ONLY 340 children will have a chance to live through adulthood**
2. The infant mortality (death) rate for **Ghana is 10 times higher than Australia** - that means 510 deaths per 1,000 live birth
3. While 97% children in Australia enroll in primary school, **ONLY 73% of children in Ghana are able to attend school**
4. Many children and women in Ghana **spend several hours a day collecting and fetching water from far distant** for household chores and consumption
5. **Three jerry cans of water** weigh as much as a **baby giraffe** – that's how much children and women in Ghana have to carry daily
6. Most rural communities in Ghana depend on **boreholes** and **hand-dug wells** as their main source of water
7. As high as **70% of Ghanaian children are infested water-borne diseases** such as guinea worm parasite, due to drinking unsafe water
8. Many students in Ghana **miss or drop out of school** due illness caused by unclean water
9. While nearly 100% of Australians have access to clean water and sanitation facilities, **ONLY 71% of Ghanaians have access to clean water** and **ONLY 10% of rural communities have access to sanitation facilities**
10. A 5 minute shower for people from developed countries such as Australia uses more water than a typical person in a developing country such as Ghana uses in a whole day
11. Lack of separate and decent sanitation facilities at schools often forces **girls to drop out of primary school**
12. Investment in safe drinking water and sanitation contributes to economic growth – each \$1 invested will result in an estimated of \$3-\$34 return on investment

