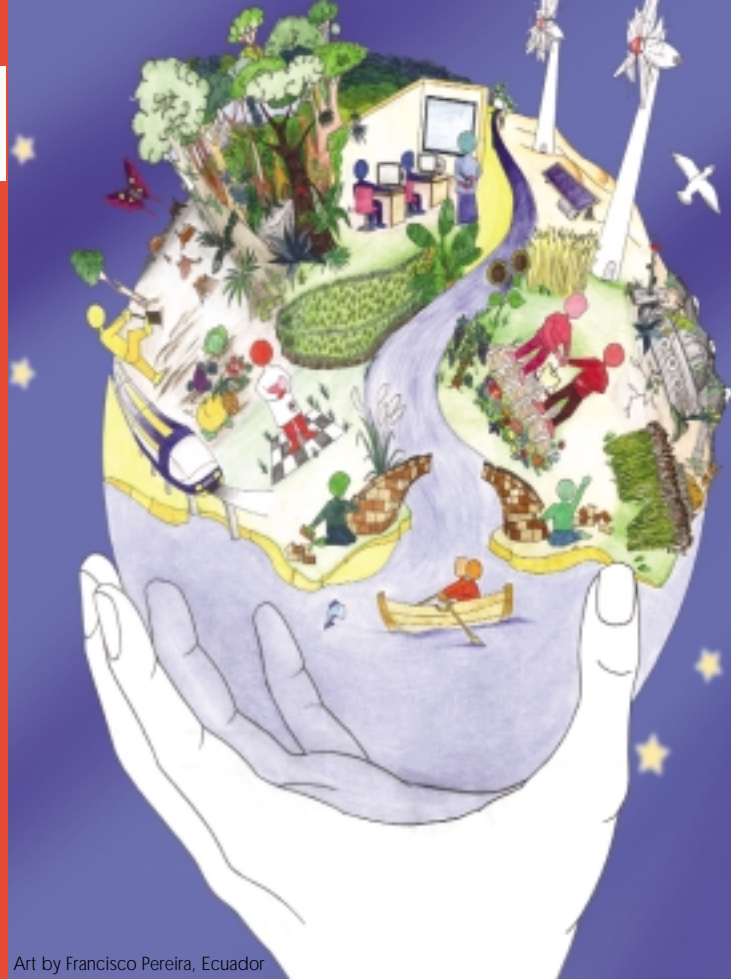


SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT!

- WHO:** Young people up to age 18
- WHAT:** A poster with the theme of WATER FOR THE FUTURE
- HOW:** Use your artistic talent in painting, drawing, design or photography to create a poster, A4 size (210mm x 297mm or 8½ x 11 inches) about WATER FOR THE FUTURE
- WHY:** The winner will receive 50 postcards of their poster and publication in *Tunza*. 2nd place will receive 25 postcards of their poster. The schools of both winners will receive a copy of the UNEP publication *Pachamama: Our Earth, Our Future* and a teacher's guide with CD ROM
- WHEN:** Entries must be received by 1 October 2003
- WHERE:** By e-mail in jpeg format to posters@ourplanet.com
By mail to
Tunza Poster Competition
27 Devonshire Road
Cambridge, CB1 2BH, UK

Be sure to put your name, age, and address CLEARLY on the back of the poster.

Questions? Contact posters@ourplanet.com



Art by Francisco Pereira, Ecuador

WATER FOR THE FUTURE

The Tunza Poster Contest

Sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme

Seeing is Believing



s a v e w a t e r

www.unep.org/vitalwater/foreword.htm
www.unep.org
www.ourplanet.com
www.americanwater.com/49ways.htm
www.savewater.com.au
www.wateruseitwisely.com

YOU TOO CAN HELP!

Young people around the world can make a difference, and so can you!



Simple things you can do to save water



Be sure to check all your taps and water pipes for leaks and fix them. A dripping tap wastes water and, if you have a meter, will cost you money!

VIET NAM

Seventeen-year-old Vu Thuy Ahn has already won her campaign to get water to her town, Hoa Ma Hai Noi in Viet Nam. And, as a result, girls there can now go to school all year round.

The problem for Vu Thuy Ahn and her friends was that for six months every year the town's water supply dried up. The girls had to spend their days walking 30 kilometres to collect water for their families from the nearest source. Then she won a grant and sponsorship from her town to build a proper water tank and pipes to bring the water to the town. Now the girls get their education, and the town gets its water.

CHINA

Catching and storing rainwater is the simplest of all methods of making sure you have water. In China, they have installed more than 5 million tanks to store rain collected from roofs, yards and fields. The tanks now supply an estimated 15 million people with drinking water and help irrigate over 1 million hectares of farmland.

KENYA

Take the Ushindi youth group in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. They are 10 young people between the ages of 16 and 23. They are digging a well for their local community. Right now, people there have to walk 2 kilometres to get water. And in the dry season, water is in very short supply. When people don't have enough water to wash, diseases quickly spread.

The new well should provide water all year round. The group still needs money to finish the job. But they say when it is done, they will maintain the well and sell the water cheaply to local residents, making life much easier for the people who collect water. They also want to start a large community garden to provide vegetables. The group don't plan on failing in their task. Ushindi is Kiswahili for 'victorious'.



Save water that comes off the roof of your house. Catch it in a gutter and store it in a water pot or butt. That way you can water your garden plants in hot, dry weather without wasting tap water.



Only use the dishwashers and clothes washers when they are full. You use less water and don't have to spend so much time loading and unloading!



If your family buys a new lavatory, see if you can get a water-efficient version. It should use about 5 litres per flush.



Water your plants and lawn in the evening as the sun goes down. That way, the water doesn't evaporate and gets to the roots of the plant. So you can use less water.



Save on flushing. The lavatory is probably the largest water user in your home. Most use 10 litres or more water every time they flush. To reduce this, put a brick in the cistern. It will fill up with less water and usually flush just as well.

NIGERIA

During heavy rains in Nigeria, villagers collect water from the broad leaves on certain trees – banana leaves, for instance. They divert the water down hollow bamboo shoots into a pot for drinking, cooking and washing.