

# Gdynia Operations Centre: 19 Nov World Toilet Day - Let's Break the Taboo!

---

Posted by [Ewa Gajewska](#) Nov 3, 2016

**Have you ever asked yourself a question where will you go to the toilet? Or were left in doubts as for whether you will have enough clean water to take a shower tonight? How many times we were angry just because there was a cold water running but we did not think we were so lucky that there was a water in our tap at all? One third of humanity does not have the luxury we so easily take for granted in our everyday lives so TODAY we need to take a step forward, stand up for those who CANNOT and make sure EVERYONE has a toilet by 2030.**

Did you know that today 2.4 billion people live without access to decent sanitation (World Health Organization (WHO)/UNICEF 2015)? That makes 40% of world's population who does not have access to toilets.

**Did you know** that disease transmission via poor sanitation conditions cause 315,000 children deaths every year (WAS-Hwatch 2016) and account for 17% of all workplace deaths (International Labour Organization (ILO) 2003)?

Did you know that women and girls risk rape and abuse, because they have no toilet that offers privacy?

World Toilet Organization was founded on 19 November 2001 in order to draw global attention to the sanitation crisis. A clean and safe toilet ensures not only health but also dignity and well being. Yet lack of access to sanitation affects health, education, gender equality, nutrition, the environment and the economy. In the

words of World Toilet Organization founder Jack Sim, “What we don’t discuss, we can’t improve.”

World Toilet Day is **THE** day for action. We need to continue to address the taboo nature of toilets and take our stand today in a name of those who are less privileged and break the silence surrounding sanitation crisis.

For more information on this great initiative and way how can YOU make a change please check:

## World Toilet Organization

[World Toilet Day](#)

[United Nations World Toilet Day](#)

[STORIES](#)

**Delve into a range of great content about toilets and their impact on work and life.**

## Take action and join the global movement!

- [Fact\\_Sheet\\_Toiletsandjobs\\_.pdf](#) 416.9 KB Preview

103 Views Tags: charity, poverty, hunger, gvn, united nations, oyw, one young world, world toilet day, toilet dat

There are no comments on this post