

Consumption of Unsafe Water Supplies

Issue: Insufficient sterilization of water, even when children have dissentry/diarrhea, cholera, typhoid fever there is a lack of connection between the illness and drinking unsafe water. Doctors stress the need for boiling the water, but locals feel drinking boiled water makes them less resilient to poor quality water, so when the sick person recovers, they resort to drinking unsafe water again. This leads to reoccurrence of sickness.

Solutions: Graduates of the MSc program learn the health aspects related to containment of human waste, and other sources of pollution. They learn ways to communicate this information to an uneducated audience, transforming difficult, technical information into an understanding message of how behaviours can improve the lives of those who are vulnerable to disease. These actions will increase the health of the population overall.

