

World Water Day 2021

March 22, 2021

This year's theme for World Water Day 2021 is **Valuing Water**. This topic includes the environmental, social and cultural value people place on water. The Rivers of the World Foundation (ROW) is considering the following activities towards the main theme of UN Water. **Cash Awards** for best event and other activities. Please respond to indicate your participation.



1. Climate Change and Water

- a. Recent events causing flood, intense rain, landslides, dynamic storms, drought, fire, change in weather pattern – discuss with students and communities on what they can do to prevent such events and damages locally and elsewhere.
- b. Any activities in support of the **discussion, such as drama, painting, or skits.**

2. Water Usage by People

- a. Discuss with a group of students and communities - where they get their water from? do they get clean and safe drinking water? what are their routine uses and how much they think is wasted?
- b. Any activities in support of group discussion, such as drama, painting, or skits.

3. Water Conservation

- a. Discuss water conservation practices with students and communities – thoughts, ideas and practices, such as stopping faucets when not in use, not wasting excessive water, and reuse of bathing water for drain and outdoor cleaning. Rainwater harvesting.
- b. Any activities like drama, painting, or funny skits supporting the above.

4. Agricultural Needs and Impacts

- a. Involve local farmers, communities and students to discuss – the benefits from the farm, and possible impacts from the fertilizers/chemicals in agricultural discharges to the streams, creeks and their own drinking water.
- b. Activities may involve site visits, cite good practices, site information and pictures from the area.

5. Industry Needs and Impacts

- a. Involve local industries, communities and students to discuss – the benefits to the communities from the industries, and possible impacts from the waste/chemicals discharged/disposed in soils, pits, streams, creeks leading to their own drinking water.
- b. Activities may involve site visits, citing good practices, and other observations.

6. Cleanups and Awareness Program (**ONLY** when the Pandemic is Stable + proper protection)

- a. Trash cleanups of river banks, streams, or lakes like other years, where COVID-19 pandemic is stabilized and restrictions lifted – with masks on, gloves, and hand washing after the cleanup. Water monitoring and testing of local streams, lakes, and rivers.
- b. Trash cleanup activities **similar to this link** [WWD 2019](#) .