



The resilience of water and sanitation systems in the aftermath of natural disasters is an important step to ensure the long-term consolidation of the achievements in providing access to these services. Additionally, it will allow countries to meet, by the year 2015, the goal of reducing by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to drinking water and basic sanitation.

Risk management is an important tool for the fulfillment of global challenges to provide water and sanitation services to all at all times.

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