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Bangladesh: 77 Million People Affected in World's Worst Case of Mass Poisoning

**Water, Water Everywhere
-- Not Safe to Drink**

*Arsenic Found in Groundwater
Throughout the Region*

Over the past ten years some four million tube wells were drilled deep into the bedrock of Bangladesh to obtain a sanitary source of drinking water. These wells are now the source of a new epidemic. The water is extensively contaminated with naturally occurring arsenic leaching from underlying rock strata.

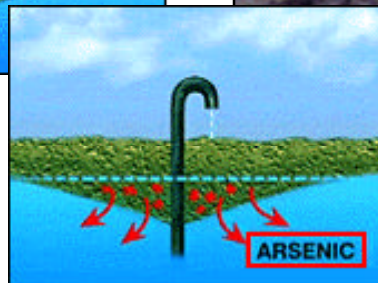
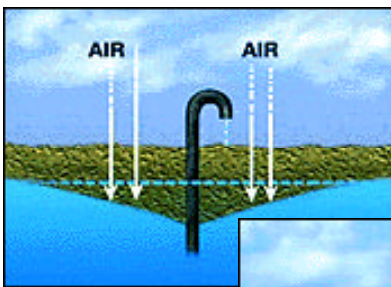
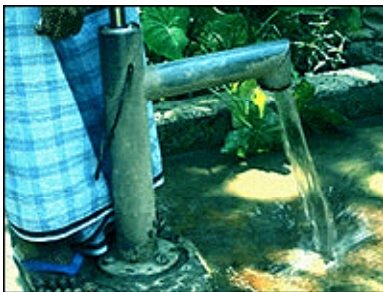
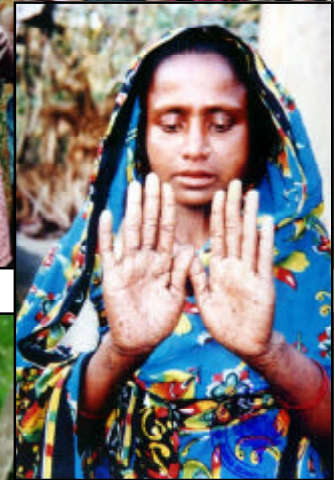


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Effects of Arsenic Poisoning

Throughout Bangladesh, doctors have documented physiological effects such as malignant cancer growths, gangrene infections, and extensive skin lesions caused by the ingestion of arsenic contaminated groundwater.

By World Health Organization standards, 77 million people are drinking water with unacceptably high levels of arsenic (>10 ppb).



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