



Eight-year-old Esther collects water 4 times each day for her family.

But the water is filled with animal and human waste and blood-sucking parasites.

It often leaves Esther ill. "It's so disgusting to think that you can drink this water," says Esther.





The filthy water often makes Esther ill.

“Yes, I get sick I get. Even if you cook the water, sometimes you get the flu and cough,”

she says.



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Irene says, “We are scared to drink the water. We know there are worms in it.

There are big snakes there. You can see them swimming in the water.”





“We found [the water] was contaminated with poisons,” says Dr. Lopez.

This is because of animals who bring waste in the water and the pesticides that spill into the river.





Nurse Ana opens the tap in the doctor's office.

Brown water runs out. "We can't even wash our hands in it," she says.





Less than a mile from the Taj Maha sits the Yamuna River.

Trash litters the ground and families live in simple mud-walled structures roofed with tarps.





Canals in slum areas are clogged with trash and waste.

The Yamuna River's banks and water are a mess of litter and animal waste.





A helper cleans up waste from the typhoon from two years ago.

These piles of rubbish include smelly sludge, with sharp items making the areas unsafe for children.