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Safe drinking water is an essential and basic need for human life. Yet over 1.2 billion people don't have access to it. Water-related diseases and inadequate sanitation kill more than 2.2 million people every year. Unsurprisingly, improved access to clean water and sanitation has a significant positive impact on poverty.

One of the Millennium Development Goals, endorsed by all governments at the United Nations, is to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water by 2015.

As part of the UNDP's 'Teams To End Poverty' campaign, Gérard Depardieu and Sergey Bubka are supporting projects to help deliver this ambition. Gérard is supporting a sanitation project in Niger, and Sergey is committed to a drinking water campaign in his home country, the Ukraine.

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