12 Things You Didn’t Know About the Life of Children in Ghana

1. Out of every 1,000 Ghanaian children under age of 5, **ONLY 340 children will have a chance to live through adulthood**

2. The infant mortality (death) rate for Ghana is 10 times higher than Australia - that means 510 deaths per 1,000 live birth

3. While 97% children in Australia enroll in primary school, **ONLY 73% of children in Ghana are able to attend school**

4. Many children and women in Ghana **spend several hours a day collecting and fetching water from far distant** for household chores and consumption

5. **Three jerry cans of water** weigh as much as a baby giraffe – that’s how much children and women in Ghana have to carry daily

6. Most rural communities in Ghana depend on **boreholes** and **hand-dug wells** as their main source of water

7. As high as **70% of Ghanaian children are infested water-born deceases** such as guinea worm parasite, due to drinking unsafe water

8. Many students in Ghana **miss or drop out of school** due illness caused by unclean water

9. While nearly 100% of Australians have access to clean water and sanitation facilities, **ONLY 71% of Ghanaians have access to clean water** and **ONLY 10% of rural communities have access to sanitation facilities**

10. A 5 minute shower for people from developed countries such as Australia uses more water than a typical person in a developing country such as Ghana uses in a whole day

11. Lack of separate and decent sanitation facilities at schools often forces **girls to drop out of primary school**

12. Investment in safe drinking water and sanitation contributes to economic growth – each $1 invested will result in an estimated of $3-$34 return on investment