

### Neglect of Sanitation

Global access to safe sanitation increased only from 54% to 62% in the period 1990-2006, leaving 2.5 billion people without access, a figure which has barely changed in recent years. In sub-Saharan Africa progress from 26% to 31% extrapolates to arrive at the target sometime during the 22nd century. About half of the population of South Asia continues to suffer the indignity of open defecation.