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Ukraine is a developed country in the east of Europe with over forty five million inhabitants and ninety six per cent drink improved drinking water. The GDP per capita in Ukraine is over six thousand USD. Water is very important because it is necessary for the human life and in our country we have problems related to water.

In Ukraine the problem is the contamination of the Dnieper River produced by the Chernobyl's catastrophe. A problem is the decline of the people that drink improved drinking water. Other problem is the percentage of the population who use improved sanitation facilities, ninety seven per cent in the urban areas but only eighty three per cent in the rural areas.

Ukraine is working in various national programs as the MAMA 86; program to eliminate water and air pollution and improve women and children's lives. Ukraine is also developing the Drinking Water Campaign to improve the quality of water. Other program is the Protocol on Water and Health, a plan of measures on sustainable water management. Ukraine is also focusing on drinking water supply because in some areas water is limited to a number of hours a day. Although a hundred per cent of the people have access to drinking water in the rural areas, many people get water from wells.

Ukraine is working in the Dnieper River Basin, an international plan to clean the Dnieper River. Ukraine supports the Universal Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Article 24 states "children's have the right to safe drinking water. Rich countries should help poorer countries to achieve this." And we also agree with the Millennium Developments Goals. Number seven proposes to "halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation."

Ukraine recommends to improve the water sanitation as WASH, water sanitation and hygiene, a program to improve the quality of water, in every country in the world. Ukraine believes that other countries must help the countries who need it. And stop the contamination in every river because this is very bad for the population. We propose to extend the MAMA 86 program for the entire world because of its good results, and improve the helps of the Dnieper River Basin.

Ukraine believes that we could help other countries but first we should focus in Ukraine. For this the Dnieper River contamination is the most important problem and we need to improve the Dnieper River Basin. One reason is that the population is very affected by this contamination.