

*This extremely effective Global Bite brings home the difficulty of providing water for everyday purposes in many parts of the world. In itself it attracts attention and it intrigues users. There is no difficulty in inspiring discussions about the issues of clean water.*



### Ingredients:

- sticks or canes you can find (rather than buying any) – you will need six about 1 – 1.5 metres long, plus a few shorter ones;
- empty plastic 4 pint/2 litre milk container, with its screw on top;
- a skewer or tent peg or similar which you will use to pierce the container;
- other bits like wire coat hangers, short sticks etc may come in useful;
- ball of string;
- a large container for fetching water in;
- for indoors events, large washing up bowl and plastic sheet to protect the floor (but it isn't easy to make sure there is no spillage – outdoor events are easier!)
- Photographs and information to show the African context.

**Preparation:** If it is the first time you have made a tip tap, **ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION BEFORE THE EVENT STARTS!** Follow *Send a Cow's* simple design shown at <http://www.sendacow.org.uk/assets/files/Related-downloads/African%20Gardens%20sheets.pdf> or modify it as you wish. It is shown in use at <http://www.cowfiles.com/gallery/tip-tap-hand-washers>. In a Global Bite context, your customers simply *use* it, rather than *make* it - although some of them may be so intrigued that they want to help you improve it.



**Method:** length of time: 2 minutes

**Age range:** any

The tip tap is used for hand washing as described on the *Send a Cow* or the *Cowfiles* website (see above).

**Global issues raised:** Anything to do with water: water shortage, poverty, human rights, women's role, etc.

**Additional resources:** *Send a Cow's* pictures are great. For additional resources about water try Water Aid. GLADE's borrowable Water Collection includes resources for the tip tap and also for the Water

Game and Water Calculator.

**Where to use this global bite:** Coffee mornings, holiday schemes, outdoor meetings and camps, conference breaks if you dare. Fêtes and fairs, near the refreshment tent or Portaloos, where it can serve its purpose for real – make sure you have photographs to show the African context.

**Variations on the theme:** This Bite works in many contexts. It goes well with two of our other Bites - the **Water Game** and the **Water Calculator**. In drop-in sessions, let people try any or all of these, maybe even adding a quiz for good measure. For group situations (guide or scout camp; youth club; holiday scheme etc) add other aspects of water use - fetching water, boiling water etc - to focus on the daily water issues faced by a poor household without access to clean running water.