



## What to do?



Results of water bacteriological and chemical analysis

If you have a centralised water supply, ask the water provider for results of the bacteria analyses; ask a copy of the water analyses report.

Or contact the Water and Sanitation Resource center in Khamiskuri for advice.

Staff of the resource center can take a sample of your water and do a test on bacteria, but also on chemical substances.

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# Why to test the quality of your drinking water?



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In villages the most common polluter of drinking water and associated with health risks are bacteria and other microbes.

Why are bacteria in drinking water a problem?

- Because bacteria originate often from human or animal faecal matter
- Because bacteria are often not alone- may be other microbes are present as well
- Because microbe-polluted drinking water can cause diarrhea and other intestinal diseases but also Hepatitis.



How do bacteria enter drinking water sources?

- Because the well or water reservoir is not covered or shows cracks or holes;
- Because dirty buckets, ropes or other materials are in contact with the water
- Because water pipes and/or connections are not tight;
- Because waste water, animal manure or content of toilets is affecting the water source;



- Because the well or water reservoir is not regular cleaned or disinfected;
- Because the centralised water supply is often interrupted;
- Because water is not adequate treated and not disinfected;



*Even if your water is tasty, cool and clear, without a water test you are not sure if the water is really safe!*

