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A non-profit organization in Singapore has declared Wednesday World Toilet Day, Agence France-Presse reported.

But this is not a laughing matter, according to The World Toilet Organization, which was founded in 2001 and aims to make the world aware of sanitation issues.

"Each year, lack of toilets cause 200 million tons of humans waste to go uncollected and untreated around the world, fouling the environment and exposing millions of people to diseases," said a statement on the organization's [Web site](#).

World Toilet Day is a reminder that better sanitation is needed around the world.

According to the Web site, 2.5 billion people across the globe lack access to appropriate toilet facilities.

The WTO consists of 151 toilet and sanitation organizations in 53 countries.

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