

Consolidation

1 Complete the text with extracts a)–m) below.

Water and Education

It ¹ _____ that lack of access to clean water is one of our planet's most disturbing problems. As recently as 2013, over 783 million people ² _____ living with contaminated water and poor sanitation.

Apparently, that's 1 in 9 people. It may sound like an exaggeration but ³ _____ a Water Project report, half the hospital beds in the world ⁴ _____ by patients with water-related illnesses.

In many countries, it's the women and girls who suffer most. For instance, they are responsible for collecting water for cooking and washing. They ⁵ _____ to walk miles to a river or water pipe with heavy loads on their heads.

This has a number of consequences. Take ⁶ _____ this school in rural Mozambique. The head teacher reports, 'Our female students are often delayed or cannot attend because they ⁷ _____ water and so their education ⁸ _____ badly affected. And the ⁹ _____ it the situation is only getting worse. Global warming ¹⁰ _____ the drought worse every year so ¹¹ _____ more and more of our girls. A water pipe ¹² _____ installed here urgently. Then young people ¹³ _____ and help our country rise out of poverty.'

- a) are often obliged
- b) 've been collecting
- c) according to
- d) the case of
- e) were reported to be
- f) can be educated
- g) has been making
- h) way I see
- i) has been
- j) are being occupied
- k) needs to be
- l) 's been shown
- m) we've been losing

