Health links quiz

Check your understanding of the links between clean water, sanitation and health. You can start with any question. If you think the statement is true, follow the link marked with a tick – but if you think it’s false, follow the link marked with a cross. You will eventually get back to the question you started with. However, if you find you have missed out questions, you will know that somewhere you gave a wrong answer.

Try this out with your group and check people’s understanding. The correct order if you get the answers right is given on page 17. Try to think of reasons for the answers!

With a larger group, you can copy out these sentences and place them on walls around the room. You will need to add some directions: ‘If true, go to... If false, go to...’

1. In developing countries, less than half of the population has access to safe water
2. When improving the water supply to a community, technical issues are usually easier to deal with than social issues
3. Water supply projects sometimes make people worse off
4. Providing safe water and latrines to a community will inevitably result in improved community health
5. New irrigation schemes improve community health because of easier access to food and water
6. More than 20% of all illness in developing countries results from inadequate water supplies and sanitation
7. People instinctively know many illnesses are closely linked to polluted water and poor sanitation
8. Community involvement in a water supply scheme is often unhelpful because the necessary skills are not available
9. Groundwater (eg from wells) is usually of better quality than surface water (eg: water from rivers)