## THE WATER DIARIES

Cyclones, flash floods, droughts, and pollution batter the aspirations of people living at the sharp end of water insecurity. By charting the daily water use behaviour of people in Kenya and Bangladesh for a year, this book explores the intersecting drivers of global water risks and the spatial and seasonal inequalities. Comprising a clear methodological chapter and four detailed case studies of both urban and rural areas, it critically reviews existing policy and institutional design, arguing for a new architecture in allocating risks and responsibilities fairly and effectively between government, communities, enterprises, and water users. In identifying the risks and potential responses for policy and investment action, it provides theoretical insights and a practical guide to developing more effective policy in Kenya and Bangladesh, with solutions that will be applicable in other regions facing similar challenges. This title is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.

SONIA HOQUE is a Bangladesh-born environmental social scientist, with eight years of postdoctoral research on water security and poverty under the UK Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (UK FCDO)-funded REACH Programme at the University of Oxford. She has worked in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Kenya, focusing on the inequalities in household and individual experiences of water risks related to rural and urban drinking water services and river pollution by the global fashion industry.

ROB HOPE is Professor of Water Policy at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford. He directed the UK FCDO REACH Programme between 2015 and 2024 that has improved water security for over 10 million vulnerable people in Africa and Asia. He co-founded Uptime in 2018 which has issued results-based contracts to guarantee reliable drinking water for over 5 million rural people in 17 countries in 2024. He has published over 100 academic papers.

## THE WATER DIARIES

Living with the Global Water Crisis in Bangladesh and Kenya

**SONIA HOQUE** 

University of Oxford

**ROB HOPE** 

University of Oxford





Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8EA, United Kingdom
One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10006, USA
477 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, VIC 3207, Australia
314–321, 3rd Floor, Plot 3, Splendor Forum, Jasola District Centre, New Delhi – 110025, India

103 Penang Road, #05–06/07, Visioncrest Commercial, Singapore 238467

Cambridge University Press is part of Cambridge University Press & Assessment,

a department of the University of Cambridge.

We share the University's mission to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence.

www.cambridge.org
Information on this title: www.cambridge.org/9781009299589
DOI: 10.1017/9781009299596

© Sonia Hoque and Rob Hope 2025

This publication is in copyright. Subject to statutory exception and to the provisions of relevant collective licensing agreements, with the exception of the Creative Commons version the link for which is provided below, no reproduction of any part may take place without the written permission of Cambridge University Press & Assessment.

An online version of this work is published at doi.org/10.1017/9781009299596 under a Creative Commons Open Access license CC-BY-NC-ND 4.0 which permits re-use, distribution and reproduction in any medium for non-commercial purposes providing appropriate credit to the original work is given. You may not distribute derivative works without permission. To view a copy of this license, visit https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0

When citing this work, please include a reference to the DOI 10.1017/9781009299596

First published 2025

A catalogue record for this publication is available from the British Library

A Cataloging-in-Publication data record for this book is available from the Library of Congress

ISBN 978-1-009-29958-9 Hardback

Cambridge University Press & Assessment has no responsibility for the persistence or accuracy of URLs for external or third-party internet websites referred to in this publication and does not guarantee that any content on such websites is, or will remain, accurate or appropriate.