**ESEA: Safe Drinking Water**

This is ESEA map 2 entitled “Eastern and South-Eastern Asia: Safe Drinking Water.” The data for this map is from 2020. The scale of this map is 1 to 50,000,000. The scale bar represents 1,000 kilometers and can be found above the top left corner of the map frame.

This map shows the level of access to safe drinking water in the Eastern and South-Eastern Asia region. The region is outlined by a solid line and the areas with different levels of access to safe drinking water are distinguished by a distinct color and texture fill. The corresponding colors and textures representing each level of access in this map can be found in the accompanying legend, ESEA Legend 2.

The spacing between the lines of the textures used in this map serves to distinguish varying levels of access to safe drinking water services. Widely spaced lines indicate areas with lower access, while closely spaced lines signify areas with higher access. Areas that are outlined but not filled with a texture represent no data availability.

The Eastern and South-Eastern region can be characterized by a stark disparity in access to safe drinking water services, with large sections of the region reflecting both high and low levels of access. A high level of access indicates that over 75%of the population in that area has access to safe drinking water services, while a moderate level suggests access for between 50 to 75% of the population, and a low level indicates less than 50% of the population has access to these services. In the northern part of the mainland of this region covering China, and in the island of Japan to the east, there is generally high access to safe drinking water services. However, the northernmost part of this region, covering Mongolia, and many southern islands, except for Malaysia, exhibit low access. Additionally, parts of the southern mainland, including Laos and Cambodia, and a section of the eastern mainland covering North Korea, show moderate levels of access to safe drinking water.