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Water for Africa?



MP Michal Babák of [Very Versatile](#) told [Týden](#) that VV wanted bread and water to be the key items kept in the 10% VAT bracket, because that's what people in the Middle Ages had for staying alive. Alas, the idea was scrapped in the political horse-trading, and now everything in the 10% bracket will rise to 14% next year and to 17.5% in 2013, including both bottled and tap water. Water was a survival issue in the Middle Ages, but now it's one of the items in the CR with the steepest price increases, even without the VAT hike. Veolia, the highly profitable market leader, needs to improve its image, so it's launched a campaign to raise money to build wells in Ethiopia. No joke. Czechs who are being skinned alive by price hikes (to quote [Blesk](#)) are supposed to help dig wells in Ethiopia. Instead of [Water for Africa](#), how about reasonably priced Water for Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia? Now that would be a novel idea.

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