“Do not call it a health care facility if there is no WASH”

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN HEALTH CARE

Overview of the issue and country templates for providing progress updates

August 2019 issue version
PART A provides general background information to help you complete Part B.

Slide 7 summarizes the call to action of the UN secretary general that has supported the current focus on WASH in health care facilities.

Slide 8 lists the global targets.

Slide 9 summarizes the metrics for success from now through 2025.

Slide 10 recaps on the 8 key steps/elements of the 2019 World Health Assembly resolution.
PART B is a set of template slides for you to complete to demonstrate your journey towards achieving the eight key steps/elements of the resolution.

Slide 12 summarizes key points relating to establishment of baseline data. It asks two trigger questions and provides space to summarize your data.

Slide 13 summarizes key points relating to development and implementation of a roadmap. It asks two trigger questions and provides space to summarize your data.

Slide 14 summarizes key points relating to establishment and implementation of standards. It asks four trigger questions and provides space to summarize your data.

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Slide 16 summarizes key points relating to integration of WASH into health programming. It asks three trigger questions and provides space to summarize your data.

Slide 17 summarizes key points relating to allocation of regular funding. It asks three trigger questions and provides space to summarize your data.

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PART C Tracking country progress

Slide 21 presents an example of how country progress will be tracked by WHO and unicef

PART D Learning and sharing across the globe

Slide 23 introduces and summarizes the WASH in health care facilities knowledge portal

Slide 24 presents a short overview of how social media, with a focus on Twitter, can be used to strengthen advocacy

Slide 25 highlights the WHO unicef JMP data portal
Background
General background information
Responding to the UN Secretary General’s global call to action on WASH in health care facilities (HCF)

“WASH in health facilities are the most basic requirements of infection prevention and control, and of quality care. They are fundamental to respecting the dignity and human rights of every person who seeks health care.”

António Guterres, UN Secretary General, 2018
2019 World Health Assembly Resolution on WASH in Health Care Facilities

Calls for Countries to:

• Establish **national roadmap, targets** and implement WASH in HCF and infection prevention and control (IPC) standards

• Integrate WASH and IPC **indicators** into health programming and monitoring

• **Address inequities**, especially in primary health care facilities and facilities where births occur

• Increase **domestic funding** for WASH in HCF

**Calls for the WHO Director General**

• Provide leadership, technical guidance and regularly report on status

• Mobilize partners and investments

Full text of resolution
Global targets

**Basic services**
- By 2020, 60% of all health care facilities globally and in each SDG region have at least basic WASH services;
- By 2025, 80% have basic WASH services, and
- By 2030, 100% have basic WASH services

**Higher service levels**
- By 2022 higher levels of service are defined and monitored in countries where universal basic WASH services have been achieved already;
- By 2030, higher levels of WASH services are achieved universally in 80% of those countries
• **By 2020**, at least 35 international partners and donors have committed additional financial and non-financial resources to improve WASH in health care facilities.4

• **By 2021**, all Member States have completed and reported baseline WASH in health care facility assessments, have set national targets that identify and address sub-national disparities, and have developed and are implementing national standards.

• **By 2023**, all Member States have included improved WASH services in plans, budgets, and implementation efforts for improving quality of care, strengthening infection prevention and control, preventing antimicrobial resistance, and supporting the commitment to universal health coverage.

• **By 2025**, at least 50 Member States that did not have universal access in 2016 have met or exceeded their own national targets.
Country information

Follow instructions to outline your commitment and actions based on the eight key steps to achieve the 2019 resolution
1. Establish baseline

**What:** Conduct comprehensive assessments according to the national context and, where appropriate, to quantify: the availability and quality of, and needs for safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in health care facilities; and infection prevention and control (IPC) using existing regional and global protocols or tools and in collaboration with the global effort to improve WASH in health care.

**Trigger questions on WASH baseline data**

**Q1.** Does your country have a baseline for WASH in HCF? If yes, share information below on the status of water, sanitation, health care waste, hygiene and cleaning. If not, share information on your plans for establishing such a baseline.

**Q2.** Have underserved areas been identified? If yes, share information below on what/where these are and how they are being targeted for improvement.

**Baseline data/plans for establishing baseline data:**

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**Information on underserved areas:**

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2. Develop and implement roadmap

What: Develop and implement a road map according to national context so that every health care facility in every setting has, commensurate with its needs: safely managed and reliable water supplies; sufficient, safely managed and accessible toilets or latrines for patients, caregivers and staff of all sexes, ages and abilities; appropriate core components of infection prevention and control (IPC) programmes, including good hand hygiene infrastructure and practices; routine, effective cleaning; safe waste management systems, including for excreta and medical waste disposal; and, whenever possible, sustainable and clean energy.

Trigger questions on national roadmaps
Q1. Has your country started the process of developing a national roadmap? If yes, what are the key elements included and what is the plan to finalize and implement?
Q2. What specific targets are included and how do the activities map to sustainable development goals (SDG) efforts, especially those on WASH and health?

Process, key elements & finalization/implementation plans of national roadmap:
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Targets and linkages to SDGs:
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3. Establish and implement standards

What: Establish and implement, according to national context, minimum standards for safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and infection prevention and control (IPC) in all health care settings and build WASH and IPC standards into accreditation and regulation systems; and establish accountability mechanisms to reinforce standards and practice.

Trigger questions on standards
Q1. Does your country have standards for WASH in health care facilities?
Q2. What are the key elements in the standards and when were they last updated?
Q3. Are there any gaps in these standards and if so, what are these gaps and how will they be addressed?
Q4. How are these standards regulated, if at all?

The status of national standards including gaps and plans to address:
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Regulation of standards process or plan:
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4. Set targets and monitor progress

**What:** Set targets within health policies and integrate indicators for safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and infection prevention and control (IPC) into national monitoring mechanisms to establish baselines, track progress and track health system performance on a regular basis.

**Trigger questions on targets and monitoring**

Q1. What are your targets for WASH in HCF?
Q2. Are high risk settings prioritized (e.g. maternity wards)?
Q3. What is the process for assessing progress towards achieving these targets?
Q4. How is progress incentivized?

**Overview of targets and prioritization:**

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**Assessing progress and use of incentives process/plan:**

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What: Integrate safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) into health programming, including into nutrition and maternal, child and newborn health within the context of safe, quality and integrated people-centred health services, effective universal health coverage, infection prevention and control (IPC) and antimicrobial resistance.

Trigger questions on integrating WASH into health programming
Q1. What are the key opportunities in specific national health programmes for WASH in health care facilities?
Q2. In what ways has WASH in health care facilities been included (e.g. in training, in monitoring, etc)?
Q3. What further integration needs to happen and what is the plan for doing so?

Key opportunities for integration & examples:
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Opportunities and plans for further integration:
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What: Have procedures and funding in place to operate and maintain safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and infection prevention and control (IPC) services in health facilities, and to make continuous upgrades and improvements based on needs so that infrastructure continues to operate and resources are made available to help facilities access other sources of safe water in the event of failures in the normal water supply, so that environmental and other impacts are minimized and in order to maintain hygiene practices.

Trigger questions on regular funding
Q1. Have capital and operation and maintenance expenditures for WASH in health care facilities been costed?
Q2. Is there a budget line within Ministry of Health? Is so, what is it, and what is the gap?
Q3. What plans are in place to fill in, any gaps around costs and financing?

Country funding/current budget lines:
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Plans to address gaps:
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7. Establish a multisectoral coordination mechanism

**What:** Establish strong multisectoral coordination mechanisms with the active involvement of all relevant ministries, particularly those responsible for health, finance, water, and energy; to align and strengthen collaborative efforts and ensure adequate financing to support the delivery of all aspects of safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and infection prevention and control (IPC) across the health system.

**Trigger questions on multisectoral coordination mechanisms**

**Q1.** Is there a national multisectoral committee that coordinates, advocates and plans for efforts on WASH in health care facilities? If so, what are the key responsibilities and what has been accomplished to date?

**Q2.** How can such a committee be strengthened?

**Country multisectoral coordination mechanism, responsibilities & accomplishments:**

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**Process/plan for strengthening the committee:**

<Type here if applicable>
8. Develop a health workforce

What: Invest in a sufficient and well-trained health workforce, including health care workers, cleaners and engineers to manage WASH services, provide ongoing maintenance and operations and perform appropriate WASH and IPC practices, including strong pre-service and ongoing in-service education and training programmes for all levels of staff; educate and raise awareness, in line with regional agreements, on water, sanitation and hygiene, with a particular focus on maternity, hospital facilities, and settings used by mothers and children.

Trigger questions on developing a health workforce

Q1. What kind of training, mentoring and/or investments in health workforce have taken place to support the safe use and maintenance of WASH in health care facilities services?

Q2. Has the WASH FIT or other similar tools been used and adapted? If so, in how many facilities and what has been the key results?

Training, mentoring and/or investments in process or planned:

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Use/adaptation of WASH FIT (or other tools) including numbers of facilities and key results:

<Type here if applicable >
Tracking country progress
WHO and UNICEF will coordinate and present country progress over time
Based on information from countries, partners, UN-Water GLAAS, and the WHO/UNICEF joint monitoring programme (JMP), countries will be tracked on the key elements. Information will be presented over time.

### Example - Mali

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**Key**
- **Red**: Not started
- **Yellow**: Started but not complete
- **Green**: Complete and implementation ongoing
PART D

Learning and sharing across the globe

Ideas for you and how to contact us
Use the WASH in Health Care Facilities portal

Visit: [www.washinhcf.org](http://www.washinhcf.org) to

1. Find out more about the issues presented in these slides
2. Make your commitment on line and/or encourage others to
3. Use the information provided including these slides, videos, etc to promote the key steps/elements at your meetings and events and share results and progress back with us washinhcf@who.int
4. Share and find valuable resources
5. Share your story and learn what other countries, organizations and individuals are doing to improve WASH in health care facilities
Promote WASH in health care facilities through social media

- Follow @WASH_FOR_HEALTH

- Use the hashtags #WASH #healthcare #WASHinHCF #WASHandHealth #healthforall #SDGs #patientsafety

- @ mention us if you are holding a meeting, training event, webinar or conference relevant to WASH in health care facilities
Stay up to date with the latest trends and data

Use the WHO UNICEF JMP health care data portal to find out the latest global, regional and country data on WASH in health care facilities [https://washdata.org/data/healthcare#/](https://washdata.org/data/healthcare#/)

In 2019 the WHO/UNICEF JMP established a new global database on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities. Explore the data. JMP estimates are calculated from data produced by national authorities. The JMP database includes assessments of over 350,000 health care facilities, with the primary data sources being facility assessment surveys.

What you can do

Our new interactive data tool allows users to explore, analyse, visualize and share JMP data. Find quick tips below or for more details information watch our series of screencasts.
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Send your completed commitment templates by email to: washinhcf@who.int
https://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/facilities/en/