Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services



Results of the Situational Analysis of Infection Prevention & Control, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (IPC/WASH), in the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services



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ADM Adamawa Region

BH Baptist Hospital

BHC Baptist Health Center

CBCHS Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services

HCF Health Care Facility

IPC Infection Prevention & Control

NWR The North West Region

UNICEF The United Nations Children Emergency Fund

WASH Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene

WHO The World Health Organization



Foreword from the Director of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS)

The vision of the CBC Health Services is "quality health care to all" and according to CBCHS policy, quality health care begins with IPC/WASH.According to the World Health Organization, there cannot be quality health care without WASH. Quality health care is care that is safe, effective, efficient, patient centered, and delivered in a timely and respectful manner. Quality improvement (QI) is an effort to improve the quality of care. QI is a continuous process. Improving the quality of care requires regular monitoring and evaluation. Therefore, this baseline survey was very timely. The results paint a clear and true picture of the current IPC/WASH situation in the CBC Health Services, and forms the foundation for improvement. The CBCHS full heartedly accepts the results and commend the team for an excellent job. The results lay a framework and a foundation for IPC/WASH improvement in the CBCHS for the next ten years, from now to 2030. I strongly believe that the roadmap suggested in this report is very feasible. I have already given instructions to leaders of all the health facilities of the CBCHS to intentionally plan and budget for IPC/WASH improvement. From 2021, we shall no longer approve any budget for any facility that does not have a budget head for IPC/WASH. I wish to appreciate the efforts of Mr. Nkwan Jacob and the rest of the IPC/WASH team members for a job well done.

Sincerely

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Introduction

Many health facilities around the world provide poor quality care due to **lack** of the essentials for safe quality care including water, sanitation, hygiene materials and the right waste segregation. According to the World Health Organization, and UNICEF, One **in four** health care facilities lacks basic water services and **one in five** has no sanitation services – impacting **2.0 billion** and **1.5 billion people**, respectively, and **42%** of facilities globally have no hand hygiene at points of care and **40%** have no systems for waste segregation (WHO/UNICEF, 2019). The vision of the WHO/UNICEF is that every health care facility should have necessary and functional WASH services to provide essential and quality health services to all everywhere and at all times.

To respond to this global need (burden), the United Nations passed a resolution WHA72.7 of May 28, 2019, calling **on 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. In line with this resolution the WHO and UNICEF established eight practical steps which include

- 1. Conduct situation analysis and assessment
- 2. Set targets and define roadmaps
- 3. Establish national standards and accountability mechanisms
- 4. Improve and maintain infrastructure
- 5. Monitor and review data
- 6. Develop health workforce
- 7. Engage communities
- 8. Conduct operational research and share learning

In line with the vision of the CBC Health Services of "quality Health Care to all" and the policy which says "quality health care begin with IPC/WASH), the Director of Health Services approved that a situational analysis of IPC/WASH be conducted, with the goal to

- To generate baseline data for future comparison
- To identify gaps
- To create awareness of the importance of IPC/WASH
- To develop a roadmap for IPC/WASH improvement for the CBC Health Services

Background

The CBCHS is a network of about 100 health facilities spread in 8 of ten regions in Cameroon serving a population of about 8 million. There are 7 hospitals, 32 integrated health centers and over 54 primary health care centers. The study focused only hospitals and integrated health centers for now. Primary Health Care (PHC) centers shall be assessed in 2020

Tools

The WASH Facility Improvement Tool (WASH-FIT) and Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework (HHSAF) developed by WHO/UNICEF were used to assess WASH and hand hygiene, respectively.

Team members

The survey was conducted by a team of seven IPC/WASH personnel including

- 1. Nkwan Jacob Gobte, CBCHS, team leader
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- 3. Mfiekwe Eveline, CBCHS
- 4. Tambo Cletus, CBCHS
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- 6. Monju Anthony, CBCHS
- 7. Ghogomo Bridget, Regional Delegation of Public Health, ,NWR

Period

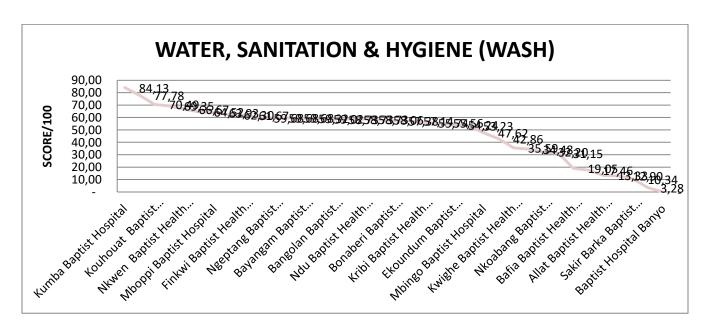
The survey was conducted from December 1-31, 2019.

Results

	W	ATER, SANITATIO	ON & HYGIEN	NE (WASH)			
SN	FACILITY	REGION	WATER/100%	SANITATION & WASTE/100%	HAND HYGINE & EVN CLEANING/100%	MANAGEMENT/10 0%	AVERAGE/100%
1	Kumba Baptist Hospital	SWR	76.9	90.9	76.47	90.91	84.13
2	Bafoussam Baptist Health Center	WEST	76.9	77.3	82.35	72.73	77.78
3	Kouhouat Baptist Health Center	WEST	76.9	65	76.47	63.64	70.49
4	Dunger Baptist Hospital	NWR	76.9	71.4	70.59	54.55	69.35
5	Nkwen Baptist Health Center	NWR	76.9	68.2	52.94	72.73	66.67
6	Jikejem Baptist Health Center	NWR	69.2	52.4	70.59	72.73	64.52
7	Mboppi Baptist Hospital	LITTORAL	92.9	78.9	58.82	9.091	63.93
8	NWAT Baptist Health Center	NWR	61.5	71.4	56.25	45.45	62.30
9	Finkwi Baptist Health Center	NWR	76.9	63.2	64.71	36.36	61.67
10	Koussam Baptist Health Center	WEST	69.2	57.1	52.94	63.64	59.68
11	Ngeptang Baptist Health Center	NWR	61.5	57.1	64.71	54.55	59.68
12	Romkong Baptist Health Center	NWR	76.9	66.7	52.94	36.36	59.68
13	Bayangam Baptist Health Center	WEST	23.1	73.7	75	54.55	59.32
14	Lassin Baptist Health Center	NWR	61.5	70	52.94	45.45	59.02
15	Bangolan Baptist Health Center	NWR	53.8	59.1	64.71	54.55	58.73
16	Banso Baptist Hospital	NWR	61.5	54.5	70.59	45.45	58.73
17	Ndu Baptist Health Center	NWR	61.5	54.5	70.59	45.45	58.73
18	Akeh Baptist Health Center	NWR	53.8	66.7	58.82	45.45	58.06
19	Bonaberi Baptist Health Center	LITTORAL	69.2	68.4	61.11	18.18	57.38
20	Ngounso Baptist Health Center	WEST	46.2	54.5	70.59	54.55	57.14
21	Kribi Baptist Health Center	SOUTH	78.6	63.2	58.82	9.091	55.74

22	Baptist Hospital Mutengene	SWR	53.8	72.7	47.06	36.36	55.56
23	Ekoundum Baptist Hospital	CENTER	84.6	50	46.67	36.36	54.24
24	Voundou Baptist Health Center	CENTER	76.9	59.1	56.25	9.091	53.23
25	Mbingo Baptist Hospital	NWR	84.6	59.1	29.41	9.091	47.62
26	Sabga Baptist Health Center	NWR	30.8	36.4	58.82	45.45	42.86
27	Kwighe Baptist Health Center	NWR	40.0	42.9	41.18	9.091	35.59
28	Belo Baptist Health Center	NWR	41.7	40	37.5	10	34.48
29	Nkoabang Baptist Health Center	CENTER	53.8	30	26.67	18.18	32.20
30	Etoug Ebe Baptist Hospital	CENTER	76.9	20	5.882	36.36	31.15
31	Bafia Baptist Health Center	SWR	-	36.4	23.53	-	19.05
32	Mamfe Baptist Health Center	SWR	7.69	18.2	23.53	18.18	17.46
33	Allat Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	38.5	0	12.5	9.091	13.33
34	Nyamboya Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	38.5	4.55	12.5	0	12.90
35	Sakir Barka Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	23.1	15.8	0	0	10.34
36	Tibati Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	0	0	12.5	0	3.28
37	Baptist Hospital Banyo	ADAMAUA	0	0	0	0	-
	AVERAGE (CBCHS)		52.6	47.9	46.08	32.89	45.79

The general situation of WASH in the CBC Health Services stands at 45.79%, with the North Bound facilities scoring very low, due to absence of water in most facilities. The absence or irregular supply of water in some facilities is preoccupying as there can be no WASH without water. Kumba Baptist Health Center is the lone facility that had an acceptable score of 84.13%, followed by Bafoussam with a score of 77.78%. Majority of the health facilities scored between 50-70%, with most North bound facilities scoring as low as 20% or less. Significant attention should be paid at improving WASH in the north bound facilities.



Hand Hygiene

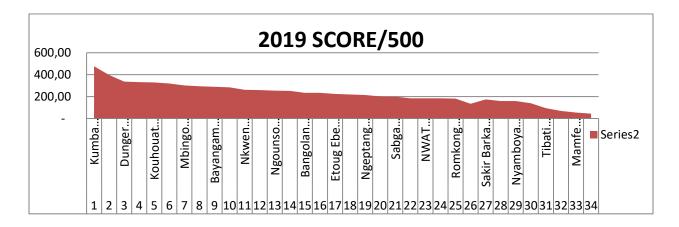
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SN	FACILITY	REGION	SYSTEM CHANGE/100	EDUCATION & TRAINING/100	EVALUATION & FEED BACK/100	REMINDERS IN THE WORK PLACE/100	INSTITUTIONAL SAFETY CLIMATE/100	TOTAL/500	CLASSIFICATION
1	Kumba BHC	SWR	100.00	100.00	95.00	82.50	100.00	477.50	ADVANCED
2	Bafoussam BHC	WEST	100.00	100.00	40.00	85.00	72.50	397.50	INTERMEDIATE
3	Dunger BH	NWR	90.00	65.00	67.50	65.00	50.00	337.50	INTERMEDIATE
4	BH Mutengene	SWR	45.00	90.00	60.00	82.50	55.00	332.50	BASIC
5	Kouhouat BHC	WEST	100.00	55.00	60.00	70.00	45.00	330.00	BASIC
6	Koussam BHC	WEST	85.00	25.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	320.00	BASIC
7	Mbingo BH	NWR	70.00	40.00	55.00	72.50	65.00	302.50	BASIC
8	Ekoundum BHC	CENTER	90.00	35.00	35.00	60.00	75.00	295.00	BASIC
9	Bayangam BHC	WEST	100.00	25.00	75.00	60.00	30.00	290.00	BASIC
10	Ndu BHC	NWR	85.00	35.00	40.00	65.00	60.00	285.00	BASIC
11	Nkwen BHC	NWR	55.00	40.00	47.50	55.00	65.00	262.50	BASIC
12	Jikejem BHC	NWR	95.00	15.00	35.00	65.00	50.00	260.00	BASIC
13	Ngounso BHC	WEST	45.00	35.00	60.00	65.00	50.00	255.00	BASIC
14	Banso Baptist Hospital	NWR	30.00	35.00	70.00	62.50	55.00	252.50	BASIC
15	Bangolan BHC	NWR	85.00	20.00	60.00	30.00	40.00	235.00	BASIC
16	Voundou BHC	CENTER	65.00	45.00	20.00	50.00	55.00	235.00	BASIC
17	Etoug Ebe BH	CENTER	45.00	25.00	30.00	50.00	75.00	225.00	BASIC
18	Finkwi BHC	NWR	60.00	25.00	55.00	35.00	45.00	220.00	BASIC
19	Ngeptang BHC	NWR	80.00	20.00	40.00	45.00	30.00	215.00	BASIC
20	Lassin BHC	NWR	60.00	25.00	42.50	35.00	40.00	202.50	BASIC
21	Sabga BHC	NWR	75.00	15.00	20.00	40.00	50.00	200.00	BASIC
22	Akeh BHC	NWR	35.00	15.00	20.00	75.00	40.00	185.00	BASIC
23	Nkoabang BHC	CENTER	50.00	30.00	20.00	40.00	45.00	185.00	BASIC
24	NWAT BHC	NWR	75.00	10.00	15.00	50.00	35.00	185.00	BASIC
25	Romkong BHC	NWR	60.00	15.00	15.00	47.50	45.00	182.50	BASIC
26	Sakir Barka BHC	ADM	30.00	50.00	10.00	25.00	60.00	175.00	BASIC
27	Belo BHC	NWR	70.00	10.00		75.00	5.00	160.00	BASIC
28	Nyamboya BHC	ADM	35.00	55.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	160.00	BASIC
29	BH Banyo	ADM	30.00	20.00	15.00	40.00	35.00	140.00	BASIC
30	Allat BHC	ADAMAUA	50.00	35.00	10.00	15.00	25.00	135.00	BASIC
31	Tibati BHC	ADM	10.00	20.00		35.00	30.00	95.00	INADEQUATE
32	Kwighe BHC	NWR	30.00	5.00	-	25.00	10.00	70.00	INADEQUATE
33	Mamfe BHC	SWR	20.00	15.00	-	15.00	5.00	55.00	INADEQUATE
34	Bafia BHC	SWR		-		-	10.00	45.00	INADEQUATE
	AVERAGE		61.47	33.82	35.51	50.37	45.37	226.54	BASIC

As usual, Kumba Baptist Health Center remains outstanding with a score of 477.5/500, followed by Bafoussam and Dunger. Mboppi, Bonaberi and Kribi were not assessed. Ashong, Ekoundo Titi and Ndebaya were not visited due to security challenges.

Comparative Analysis (2017 & 2019)

SN	FACILITY	REGION	0047/500\	0040(500)		
1		SWR	2017(500)	2019(500)	DIFFERENCE	OBSERVATION
2	Kumba Baptist Hospital		372.50	477.50	105.00	IMPROVED
3	Bafoussam Baptist Health Center	WEST	260.50	397.50	137.00	IMPROVED
	Dunger Baptist Hospital	NWR	247.50	337.50	90.00	IMPROVED
4	Baptist Hospital Mutengene	SWR	297.50	332.50	35.00	IMPROVED
5	Kouhouat Baptist Health Center	WEST	225.00	330.00	105.00	IMPROVED
6	Koussam Baptist Health Center	WEST	150.00	320.00	170.00	IMPROVED
7	Mbingo Baptist Hospital	NWR	300.00	302.50	2.50	IMPROVED
8	Ekoundum Baptist Hospital	CENTER	257.50	295.00	37.50	IMPROVED
9	Bayangam Baptist Health Center	WEST	115.00	290.00	175.00	IMPROVED
10	Ndu Baptist Health Center	NWR	192.50	285.00	92.50	IMPROVED
11	Nkwen Baptist Health Center	NWR	257.50	262.50	5.00	IMPROVED
12	Jikejem Baptist Health Center	NWR	185.00	260.00	75.00	IMPROVED
13	Ngounso Baptist Health Center	WEST	230.00	255.00	25.00	IMPROVED
14	Banso Baptist Hospital	NWR	190.00	252.50	62.50	IMPROVED
15	Bangolan Baptist Health Center	NWR	210.00	235.00	25.00	IMPROVED
16	Voundou Baptist Health Center	CENTER	202.50	235.00	32.50	IMPROVED
17	Etoug Ebe Baptist Hospital	CENTER	230.00	225.00	(5.00)	DROPPED
18	Finkwi Baptist Health Center	NWR	115.00	220.00	105.00	IMPROVED
19	Ngeptang Baptist Health Center	NWR	135.00	215.00	80.00	IMPROVED
20	Lassin Baptist Health Center	NWR	142.50	202.50	60.00	IMPROVED
21	Sabga Baptist Health Center	NWR	192.50	200.00	7.50	IMPROVED
22	Akeh Baptist Health Center	NWR	162.50	185.00	22.50	IMPROVED
23	Nkoabang Baptist Health Center	CENTER	205.50	185.00	(20.50)	DROPPED
24	NWAT Baptist Health Center	NWR	142.50	185.00	42.50	IMPROVED
25	Romkong Baptist Health Center	NWR	155.00	182.50	27.50	IMPROVED
26	Sakir Barka Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	115.00	175.00	60.00	IMPROVED
27	Belo Baptist Health Center	NWR	152.50	160.00	7.50	IMPROVED
28	Nyamboya Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	225.00	160.00	(65.00)	DROPPED
29	Baptist Hospital Banyo	ADAMAUA	220.00	140.00	(80.00)	DROPPED
30	Allat Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	172.50	135.00	(37.50)	DROPPED
31	Tibati Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	-	95.00	95.00	IMPROVED
32	Kwighe Baptist Health Center	NWR	175.00	70.00	(105.00)	DROPPED
33	Mamfe Baptist Health Center	SWR	183.50	55.00	(128.50)	DROPPED
34	Bafia Baptist Health Center	SWR	217.50	45.00	(172.50)	DROPPED
	AVERAGE(CBCHS)		195.13	226.54	31.41	IMPROVED

Although most facilities have improved compared to 2017 assessment, many still have dropped. Out of the 34 facilities, 26 facilities improved their performance giving a percentage of 76.5%, while 8 facilities dropped. Only Kumba Baptist Health Center score a satisfactory performance of 477.55 (Advanced), Dunger, Bafoussam, Banso Baptist Hospital, and Bayangam are at intermediate levels, while the rest are basic or inadequate. We expected all the health facilities to be at least intermediate or advanced levels by 2019.



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29	Nyamboya Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	225.00	160.00	(65.00)
30	Baptist Hospital Banyo	ADAMAUA	220.00	140.00	(80.08)
31	Tibati Baptist Health Center	ADAMAUA	-	95.00	95.00
32	Kwighe Baptist Health Center	NWR	175.00	70.00	(105.00)
33	Mamfe Baptist Health Center	SWR	183.50	55.00	(128.50)
34	Bafia Baptist Health Center	SWR	217.50	45.00	(172.50)
	AVERAGE		195.13	226.54	31.41

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S	FACILITY	REGION	# of UNITS	# HOUSE KEEPERS	EPLOYMENT STATUS	# OF SHIFTS	LENGTH OF SHIFT(HRS)	SUPERVISORY ROLE	JOB DESCRIPTIONS	OBSERVATIONS
1	Mbingo BH	NWR		70		1	8	NONE	NONE	Over staffed. No afternoon shift
2	Belo BHC	NWR		2		1	8	NONE	NONE	No afternoon shift
3	Akeh BHC	NWR		1		1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
4	Mamfe BHC	SWR		1		1	8	NONE	NONE	No afternoon shift
5	Bangolan BHC	NWR		2		1	8	NONE	NONE	
6	Finkwi BHC	NWR		2		1	8	NONE	NONE	
7	Sabga BHC	NWR		3		1	8	NONE	NONE	
8	Kwighe BHC	NWR		1		1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
9	Nkwen BHC	NWR		25		1	9	NONE	NONE	LONG SHIFT
10	Bafoussam BHC	WEST		20		2	8	NONE	NONE	Short afternoon shift
11	Bayangam BHC	WEST		2		1	8	NONE	NONE	
12	Koussam BHC	WEST		1		1	8	NONE	NONE	
13	Kouhouat BHC	WEST		3		1	8	NONE	NONE	

14	Banso BH	NWR	34	1	7	NONE	NONE	Over staff. No afternoon shift
15	Romkong BHC	NWR	1	1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
16	Ndu BHC	NWR	5	1	8	NONE	NONE	
17	Lassin BHC	NWR	1	1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
18	Jikejem BHC	NWR	3	1	8	NONE	NONE	
19	Ngeptang BHC	NWR	1	1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
20	Dunger BH	NWR	4	1	8	NONE	NONE	
21	Etoug Ebe BH	CENTER	13	2	8	NONE	NONE	Long afternoon shift
22	Ekoundum BHC	CENTER	19	2	7	NONE	NONE	Over staffed
23	Nkoabang BHC	CENTER	6	1	8	NONE	NONE	
24	Voundou BHC	CENTER	2	1	8	NONE	NONE	
25	Mboppi BH	LITTORAL	43	2	8	NONE	NONE	Over staffed
26	Bonaberi BHC	LITTORAL	15	2	8	NONE	NONE	Over staffed
27	Kribi BHC	SOUTH	4	2	8	NONE	NONE	
28	BH Mutengene	SWR	22	1	8	NONE	NONE	
29	Bafia BHC	SWR	0	1	8	NONE	NONE	
30	Kumba BHC	SWR	8	2	8.5	NONE	NONE	short afternoon shift
31	Ekoundo BHC	SWR	1	1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
32	Ngounso BHC	WEST	5	1	8	NONE	NONE	
33	Sakir BHC	ADM	1	1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
34	Nyamboya BHC	ADM	2	1	8	NONE	NONE	
35	Tibati BHC	ADM	1	1	8	NONE	NONE	
36	Allat BHC	ADM	2	1	8	NONE	NONE	
37	BH Banyo	ADM	5	1	8	NONE	NONE	
38	NWAT BHC	NWR	1	1	8	NONE	NONE	UNDER STAFFED
39	Total		332					

NA: NOT APPLICABLE

OBSERVATIONS

General

- Infection prevention and control committee do not exist or are dormant in most facilities
- Most IPC nurses have no appointment letter and job descriptions in most facilities
- Implementation of the dress code is very poor in most facilities especially in facilities in urban areas

Water

Most water sources are contaminated

- Water supply is irregular in most facilities especially the North bound
- Water storage capacity is insufficient in most facilities, lasting not up to 48 hours
- Waste analysis and treatment is not done in most facilities
- Maintenance services are poor in some facilities
- Most IPC nurses and other frontline staff did not know the storage capacity of their tanks and the frequency
 of cleaning
- Water need is not known in all most facilities, except for BBH which was done more than five years ago.
- Most storey buildings lack water tanks on them and therefore have water delivery problems due to gravity.

Toilets and baths

- Water system toilets in most facilities
- Toilets and bathes are not properly designated according to standards, male/female, staff/patient
- Toilets and baths have no labels, signs and directives for easy identification in most facilities
- Staff toilets were locked at the time of visit in some facilities, and therefore not readily accessible
- Some water system toilets were eight leaking or leaking at the time of visit in some facilities
- Some toilets had not light, and so could not be used at night
- Cleaning is insufficient in most facilities. Toilets are clean once per day, usually in the morning
- Toilets are too far from the patients in some facilities, for example Men's and Women's wards in BBH
- The number of toilets is not sufficient for the number of users in most units in most facilities. Each unit is supposed to have minimum of four toilets, two each for female/male, and staff/patients
- Maintenance of toilets is irregular in some facilities
- Pit toilets are neglected and have no covers in most facilities

House Keeping

- Housekeeping department seem to be overstaffed in some facilities for example, MBH, Bonaberi, and understaffed in others.
- Two shifts systems, (morning and afternoon) operate in only 7 out of 38 facilities contrary to our previous recommendation in 2017.
- Some facilities run very long shifts, up to nine (9) hours, for example Nkwen, while some run very short shifts, six to seven (6-7) hours for example, afternoon shifts.
- House keepers are irregular on duty in most facilities, working only for 3-4 hours of putting in only 40-50% of their time into work example BBH, MBH, EBHY, etc
- Some facilities have housekeepers that have not been formally recruited for example, BBH,
- Cleaning is very irregular in most facilities
- The procedure for recruitment of housekeepers is not respected in most facilities
- The position of housekeeping supervisor does not exist in most facilities and no job description exist
- Housekeepers do not have job descriptions in all the facilities
- No housekeepers has had any formal training
- On the job training was offered to house keepers in some facilities before they commenced work
- House keepers are used for personal errands in most facilities
- Most house keepers have not received IPC/WASH training
- There is need to define and determine the number of units per facility to ascertain the number of housekeepers each facility needs

Supervision of housekeepers is poor in most facilities.

Waste management

- Waste sorting is poor in most facilities. Color coding is not done in any facility
- Most staff responsible for waste management had not had IPC/WASH training
- Record keeping is absent in all the facilities. Waste is not weighed and recorded before disposal.
- Waste segregation is poor in almost all facilities
- Open dumping is practiced in most facilities
- Waste disposal sites are not fenced in most facilities
- Placenta pits are available in most facilities
- Most facilities do not have incinerators.
- Incinerators available are not functioning properly
- Scavenging of waste sites for food remains for animals is common in some facilities

Hand hygiene

- Alcohol hand rub is available in all the facilities, with occasional stock out in some few facilities
- Hand hygiene reminders were not available in most units at the time of visit
- Most facilities have not had hand hygiene or IPC training for the past twelve months
- ABHR and soap consumption not monitored in all the facilities
- Systematic monitoring of hand hygiene compliance and designation of champions not done in all facilities
- Liquid soap not used in most facilities
- Towels are not used in all the facilities
- Personal hand rub available to most of the staff in most facilities

Management

- Cleaning supplies are irregular in most facilities
- Utility gloves are not used in most facilities
- Housekeeping supervisory position not available in most facilities
- Job description for house keepers are not available in most facilities
- Time management is poor among house keepers in most facilities
- Systematic monitoring of cleaning not done in all facilities
- Procedure for recruitment of housekeepers not respected in most facilities
- Time sheets not used in most facilities

Targets/roadmaps

To improve the quality of care in the CBC Health Services, there is need to significantly improve IPC/WASH in all our facilities. Some facilities are doing well but majority need significant improvement. Only one out of 34 facilities met the basic WASH standards in 2020. If we intentionally target and sustain only a 10% improvement per facility per year, 60% of our facilities will meet basic WASH standards by 2022, 86% by 2006, 90% by 2028 and close to 100% by 2030 which is the SDG target as follows.

SN	FACILITY	REGION	·	ROADM	AP FOF	R WASH	IMPROV	EMENT	. FROI	M 2021	TO 2030)
			2020 (baseli ne)		2022	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1	Kumba BHC	SWR	84.13	94.13	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
2	Bafoussam BHC	WEST	77.78	87.78	97.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
3	Kouhouat BHC	WEST	70.49	80.49	90.49	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
4	Dunger BHC	NWR	69.35	79.35	89.35	99.35	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5	Nkwen BHC	NWR	66.67	76.67	86.67	96.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
6	Jikejem BHC	NWR	64.52	74.52	84.52	94.52	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
7	Mboppi BH	LITTORAL	63.93	73.93	83.93	93.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
8	NWAT BHC	NWR	62.30	72.30	82.30	92.30	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
9	Finkwi BHC	NWR	61.67	71.67	81.67	91.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
10	Koussam BHC	WEST	59.68	69.68	79.68	89.68	99.68	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
11	Ngeptang BHC	NWR	59.68	69.68	79.68	89.68	99.68	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
12	Romkong BHC	NWR	59.68	69.68	79.68	89.68	99.68	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
13	Bayangam BHC	WEST	59.32	69.32	79.32	89.32	99.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
14	Lassin BHC	NWR	59.02	69.02	79.02	89.02	99.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
15	Bangolan BHC	NWR	58.73	68.73	78.73	88.73	98.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
16	Banso BH	NWR	58.73	68.73	78.73	88.73	98.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
17	Ndu BHC	NWR	58.73	68.73	78.73	88.73	98.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
18	Akeh BHC	NWR	58.06	68.06	78.06	88.06	98.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
19	Bonaberi BHC	LITTORAL	57.38	67.38	77.38	87.38	97.38	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
20	Ngounso BHC	WEST	57.14	67.14	77.14	87.14	97.14	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
21	Kribi BHC	SOUTH	55.74	65.74	75.74	85.74	95.74	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
22	BH MUTENGENE	SWR	55.56	65.56	75.56	85.56	95.56	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
23	Ekoundum BHC	CENTER	54.24	64.24	74.24	84.24	94.24	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
24	Voundou BHC	CENTER	53.23	63.23	73.23	83.23	93.23	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
25	Mbingo BH	NWR	47.62	57.62	67.62	77.62	87.62	97.62	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
26	Sabga BHC	NWR	42.86	52.86	62.86	72.86	82.86	92.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
27	Kwighe BHC	NWR	35.59	45.59	55.59	65.59	75.59	85.59	95.59	100.00	100.00	100.00
28	Belo BHC	NWR	34.48	44.48	54.48	64.48	74.48	84.48	94.48	100.00	100.00	100.00
29	Nkoabang BHC	CENTER	32.20	42.20	52.20	62.20	72.20	82.20	92.20	100.00	100.00	100.00
30	Etoug Ebe BH	CENTER	31.15	41.15	51.15	61.15	71.15	81.15	91.15	100.00	100.00	100.00
31	Bafia BHC	SWR	19.05	29.05	39.05	49.05	59.05	69.05	79.05	89.05	99.05	100.00
32	Mamfe BHC	SWR	17.46	27.46	37.46	47.46	57.46	67.46	77.46	87.46	97.46	100.00
33	Allat BHC	ADM	13.33	23.33	33.33	43.33	53.33	63.33	73.33	83.33	93.33	100.00
34	Nyamboya BHC	ADM	12.90	22.90	32.90	42.90	52.90	62.90	72.90	82.90	92.90	100.00
35	Sakir Barka BHC	ADM	10.34	20.34	30.34	40.34	50.34	60.34	70.34	80.34	90.34	100.00
36	Tibati BHC	ADM	3.28	13.28	23.28	33.28	43.28	53.28	63.28	73.28	83.28	93.28
37	BH Banyo	ADM	_	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00
	AVERAGE (CBCHS)		45.79	55.28	64.66	73.68	81.67	85.90	88.97	91.45	93.24	94.44

To meet these targets we must ensure the following:

- 1. Ensure every leader in the CBCHS is sensitive to IPC/WASH needs of their facilities
- 2. Intentionally budget for IPC/WASH improvement.
- 3. The CBC Health Board could mandate that every health facility must allocate about 10-15% of its budget for IPC/WASH improvement, else it would not be approved
- 4. Ensure every facility has a functional IPC/WASH committee, and competent IPC/WASH Officers
- 5. Conduct onsite IPC/WASH assessment at least twice per year and give feedback to staff
- 6. Conduct offsite assessment at least one per year and give feedback to staff
- 7. Ensure water is available in every service delivery point in sufficient quantity and quality
- 8. Ensure every health facility has a sufficient storage tank(s) to back up water at least for 48 hours use
- 9. Clean water storage tanks at least twice per year
- 10. Conduct water testing at least yearly and treat when required
- 11. Significantly upgrade and standardize housekeeping services in all our facilities
- 12. Significantly upgrade and standardize our waste management practices
- 13. Significantly improve our maintenance services
- 14. Conduct IPC/WASH training in all our facilities at least once per year.

Conclusion

IPC/WASH is the foundation of quality health which is the vision of the CBCHS. There is no quality care without IPC/WASH services. Although, IPC/WASH services are better in the CBCHS than the rest of the country, the performance of most our facilities remains bellow expectation. The performance of facilities in the North Bound is poorer than the rest of the facilities, probably due to lack of water. Water quantity and quality needs to be given greater attention in most the facilities. If we must improve IPC/WASH services in our facilities, we must be very intentional and focus on little but regular improvement at a time. We acknowledge the Cameroon IPC/WASH team which assisted in data collection and the CBCHS for facilitating movement. We thank the staff of the various facilities for excellent collaboration and cooperation during the data collection process.

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