

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

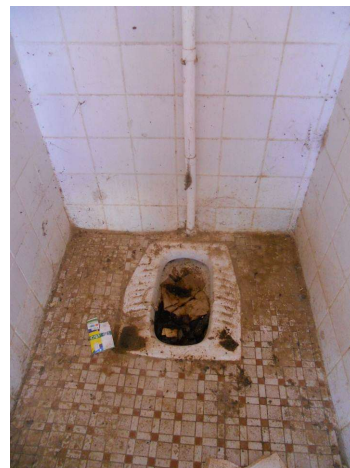
**WASH in Health Care Facilities:  
a solvable crisis**

# Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in health care facilities are shockingly poor

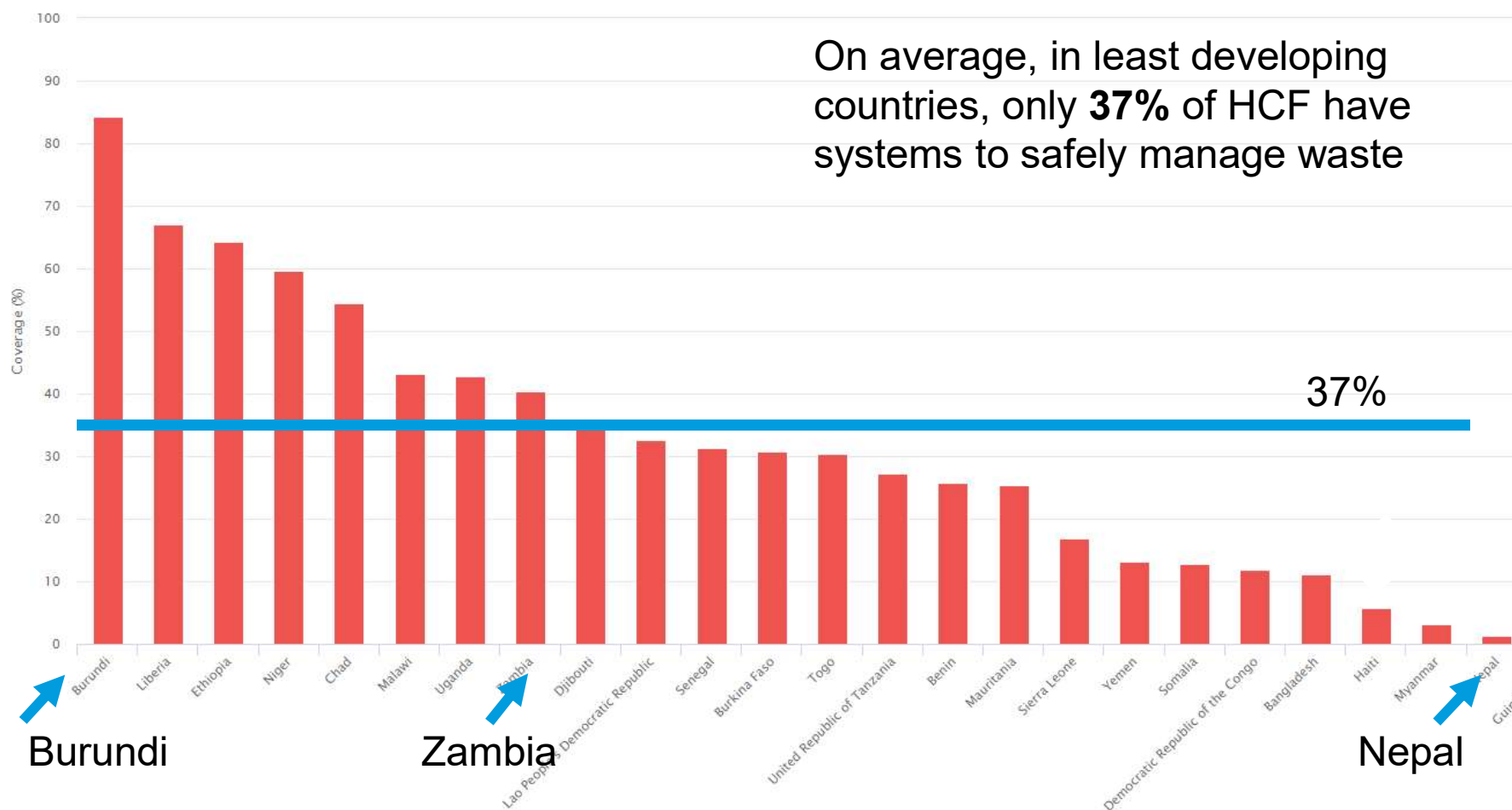


- 1 in 4 lack basic water
- 1 in 5 have no sanitation
- 42% lack hand hygiene at point of care
- 40% lack systems to segregate waste

(WHO/UNICEF, 2019 Global Baseline Report)



# Safe management of health care waste is extremely low



# Only half of delivery rooms in 6 countries have all basic WASH and infection prevention and control supplies

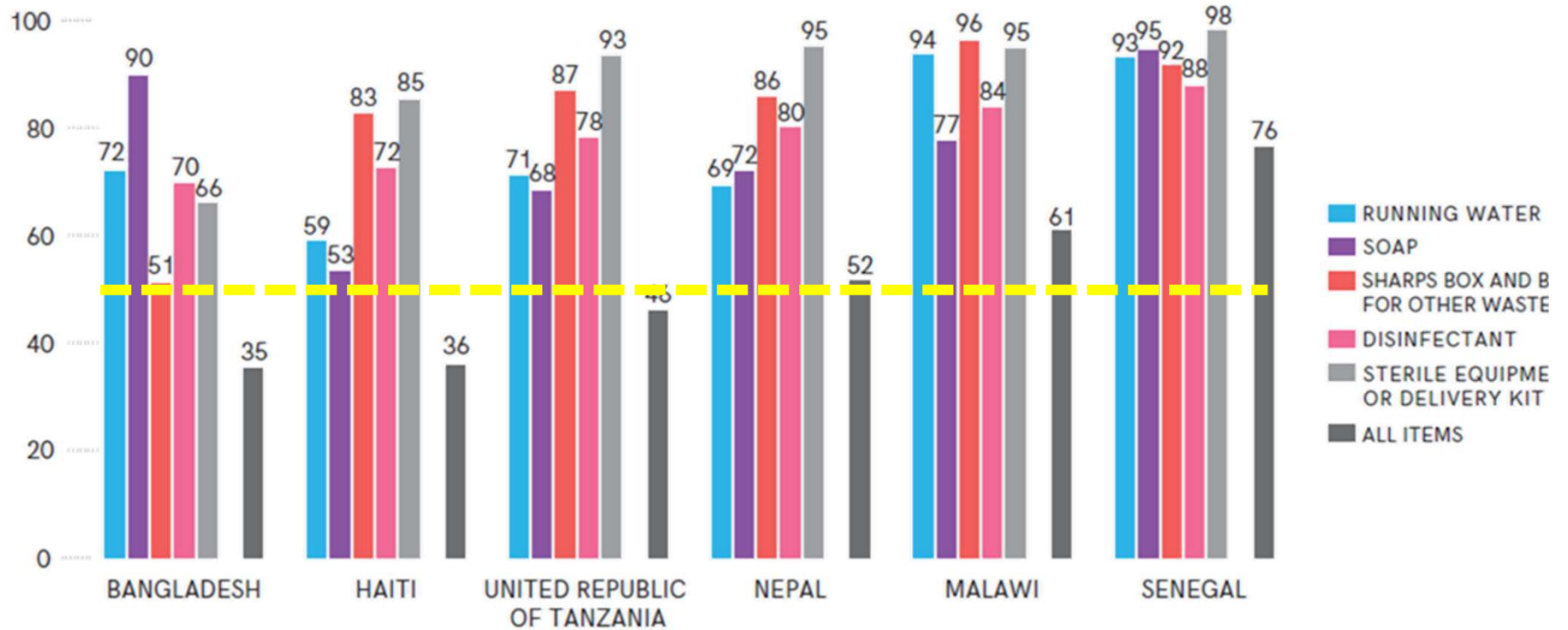


FIGURE 91 Proportion of health care facilities with observed WASH and related IPC in the delivery room, Service Provision Assessments (2013-2017) (%)



# Responding to the Secretary General's global call to action on WASH in 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*

## Global Targets

### Basic services

- By 2022, 60% of all health care facilities<sup>2</sup> 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.

# Practical steps for improving and sustaining services

1 CONDUCT SITUATION ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT



2 SET TARGETS AND DEFINE ROADMAP



3 ESTABLISH NATIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS



4 IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE



5 MONITOR AND REVIEW DATA



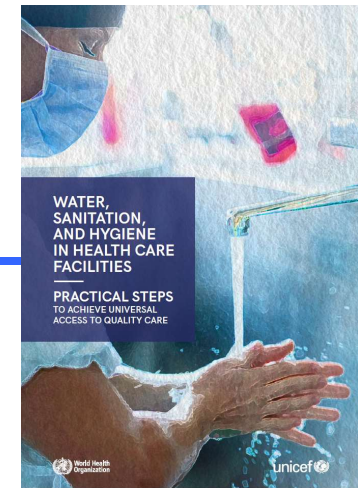
6 DEVELOP HEALTH WORKFORCE



7 ENGAGE COMMUNITIES



8 CONDUCT OPERATIONAL RESEARCH AND SHARE LEARNING



# Examples of country-led steps



1 CONDUCT SITUATION ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT



## Embedding WASH standards in national quality efforts

*Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ghana, India, Tanzania*

4 IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE



## Risk-based WASH improvements

*Cox's Bazaar, Liberia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Madagascar, Zambia*

5 MONITOR AND REVIEW DATA



## Monitor and review data

*Bhutan, Egypt, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mali, Uganda, Serbia*

7 ENGAGE COMMUNITIES



## Engage communities

*Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali*



# Ministries of health commit to take action in 2019 World Health Assembly Resolution



- Conduct comprehensive national assessments
- Develop and implement a national roadmap with targets and monitor progress
- Set and implement standards with a focus on addressing inequities
- Integrate WASH in HCF into health programming
- Have procedures and funding in place to maintain WASH services
- Promote safe working environment





# I commit to better WASH, better quality of care



## **WHO**

- Leadership, implementation of global plan of action and monitoring (with UNICEF), technical support

## **Ministry of Health**

- Standards, monitoring, staffing, programming

## **Ministry of Water/Sanitation**

- Expertise, technologies, maintenance

## **President/Prime Minister**

- Funding, implementation, roadmap, evaluation

## **Health and development partners**

- Technical expertise, advocacy, financial support

## **Financing institutions**

- Resource mobilization, investment

## **Private sector**

- Innovation, investment, technology



**93 organizations have pledged support for WASH in HCF and urged WHO and countries to do more.**

# Learn more, share your story, commit now



- Support implementation of the WHA resolution
- Understand the data: <https://washdata.org>  
*(global, regional, country)*
- Share your commitments, tools and learning <https://www.washinhcf.org>
- Join upcoming webinars, regional and global events *(Zambia, Sept 2019)*
- Email: [washinhcf@who.int](mailto:washinhcf@who.int) ; Tweet: @wash\_for\_health

