

Global Taskforce (TF) on WASH in Health Care Facilities (HCF)

Synthesis of activity 2022-2023

Recap on the purpose of the Taskforce

The Taskforce was established in 2020 to:

- Encourage and hold accountable national governments to achieve the objectives established by WHA 72/7 Resolution and SDG 3 and SDG 6.
- Reinforce calls for strong health leadership (e.g. mobilise political leaders at global events like G7, G20, UNGA).
- Work at country level to increase demand, financing and integration of WASH in health programming and reporting.
- Support greater collaboration with other initiatives (e.g. Hand hygiene For All, UHC, Child/maternal health, climate).

Key activities in 2022

Meetings

2022 started with a rapid review of the Taskforce, including interviews with members to determine how best to move forward. The findings helped to shape the Taskforce's work in 2022.

Three meetings took place and in addition to business as usual, each meeting had a different focus:

- **April:** The focus was on country insights (Ghana), member priorities, updated modalities and collective tasks with interventions from World Bank, WaterAid and the UN Group of Friends.
- **June:** WASH and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) featured in an effort to leverage recent AMR global and national discussions and investments for WASH in HCF and strengthen linkages.
- **September:** shifted to a focus on the World Health Summit and influencing the G7, including an update and recap on the WASH in HCF price tag work, featured in the Lancet commission work), which presents a new opportunity. There was strong consensus on the need for collaborations for improvement and investment.

Drop-Ins

Informal drop-in calls enabled deep dives into a range of common topics between meetings. These included; Collective TF talking points, The latest JMP data, Financing and the future.

Activities and plans for 2023

Meetings

2023 will be the final year of the current Taskforce and consideration is being given to how the group will evolve.

The focus of the March 2023 meeting of the Taskforce was on the role of the group in helping to finalise the new WHO/UNICEF global progress report and the role of the Taskforce in the WHO/UNICEF global summit (June 2023).

2023 Global progress report

- The Taskforce has contributed to the content and review of the report and it is intended that the TF will be pivotal in its dissemination and reach.
- *The global progress report: Investing in the fundamentals to achieve quality care, is due for its initial launch at the World Health Assembly in May 2023.*

2023 Global summit

- The Taskforce will be key players in the summit and in particular will support an area of work in future (2023-2030) strategy, leadership and advocacy.
- *A global summit with the aim of sharing learnings, elevating leadership and action, and consolidating a collective strategic plan of work in light of the launch of the global progress report will be held in June 2023.*