Realising safe and sustainable WASH, waste and energy infrastructure for quality care: Post Summit reflections and global plan

“What happened in Jordan, doesn’t stay in Jordan”

Global Webinar: Wednesday 6 September 2023
WELCOME

Ann Thomas
Today’s agenda

• Welcome and introductions (Ann Thomas) (5 min)
• Summit in Seven (Helen Hamilton) (10 min)
• Global progress report: recap (Maggie Montgomery) (5 min)
• Summit recommendations
  • Strategy and leadership (Dr Mary Ashinyo) (5 min)
  • Building a global community/collective (Arabella Hayter) (5 min)
  • Capacity building (Lindsay Denny, Irene Amongin) (5 min)
• Facilitated Q&A session (Bruce Gordon) (20 min)
• Closing remarks (Bruce Gordon) (5 min)
SUMMIT IN SEVEN

Helen Hamilton
Summit in Seven
We came together for 3 days. We launched a report. We listened. We shared. We learned & we made a plan.
Country innovation; progress possible

- Climate smart WASH/green health care facility policies drive change, monitoring and investments
- National assessments important for engaging leaders and igniting action
- Emergencies provide an opportunity to fix “old problems” and address systems
- Several health platforms provide a viable integration starting point: Maternal/child health PHC, AMR, IPC
- Integration with solar electrification saves money, strengthens climate resilience
- WASH FIT can be combined with costing and financing efforts
Affordable. Solvable. Life-saving.

WHO and UNICEF Global Progress report on WASH in health care facilities, 2023

Countries are taking action. 70% implement health care waste and WASH standards but more needs to happen.

- Integrate WASH, waste and electricity services into health planning, programming, financing and monitoring at all levels.
- Regularly monitor and review progress, and strengthen accountability.
- Develop and empower the health workforce to deliver and maintain WASH, waste and electricity services, and practise good hygiene.

Basic water, sanitation, hygiene and waste services in health care facilities cost only 60 US cents per person per year.

The new progress report - June 2023
Improvement stories were shared

Progress posters from 33 countries

- Major achievements
- Progress on the Practical Steps
- Challenges
- Next steps to accelerate progress
ACTION WALL: this is what participants thought should happen next:
More focus needed on:

- Healthcare waste management tools
- Best practice for implementation and operation and maintenance
- Greater integration with energy
- Costs, cost/benefits, financing models
- Consolidation of tools for assessment (climate, WASH, energy, waste)
- Appropriate technologies on WASH and waste for low-resource settings
- Environmental cleaning
- Monitoring within health systems
- Advocacy, making the “case” with health and investors

On the global action plan:

- Greater ownership and institutionalization by health leaders/sector
- Align/link to UNGA resolution for accountability, reporting, etc.
- Use to strengthen local awareness, leadership, capacity building and funding options
- Develop more regional accountability frameworks (e.g. following example of European Water and Health)
- Greater engagement of finance institutions and articulation of scaling-up models
Social media.
Thank you for the video interviews to support dissemination of the report & advocacy for WASH in HCF
Feedback on the summit.

- A great learning opportunity.
- Agenda interactive & attractive.
- More skills building sessions please.
- More time for posters.
- More review of Action Wall.
- Country insights & financing session well received.
Summit in Seven

Let us innovate, accelerate and progress together.

Download the meeting report at: www.washinhcf.org/resources
Global progress report - in brief

Maggie Montgomery
Globally, major gaps in WASH, waste and electricity persist

“Do not call it a health care facility if there is no water, sanitation, hygiene or electricity.”

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<th>WATER</th>
<th>1 in 4 HCFs lacks basic water—facilities serving 1.7 billion people</th>
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<td>SANITATION</td>
<td>1 in 10 has no sanitation—780 million people use facilities without toilets</td>
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<td>1 in 2 lacks basic hand hygiene (at points of care and toilets)</td>
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<td>HEALTH CARE WASTE</td>
<td>2 in 5 lack basic waste services (segregation + treatment)</td>
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Source: Progress on WASH in Health Care Facilities 2000-2021: Focus on WASH and IPC (WHO/UNICEF, 2022); Energizing health: accelerating electricity access in health-care facilities (WHO, 2023)
Tracking national actions and accountability (n=73)

- 2019 Practical Steps: framework for action
- 5 of 8 practical steps; two data points (2020 + 2022)
- 16/20* PHC-A focus countries included in the tracker
- Scoring validated by Govt before publication
- [www.washinhcf.org/country-progress-tracker](http://www.washinhcf.org/country-progress-tracker)

* PHC countries not in tracker: Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Haiti, Sri Lanka
Good progress on technical work; very little progress on infrastructure, integration or systems strengthening

- **N = 73**

- 64% have costed roadmaps, only 15% implementing with dedicated resources

- 53% implementing updated waste standards

- 14% monitoring WASH in HMIS
Needed actions and way forward

1. Integrate WASH, waste and electricity services into health planning, programming, financing and monitoring at all levels.
   - e.g. Include in global health strategy monitoring and procurement; joint sector review and planning

2. Regularly monitor and review progress, and strengthen accountability.
   - e.g. UN General Assembly Resolution; monitoring and review within health systems monitoring

3. Develop and empower the health workforce to deliver and maintain WASH, waste and electricity services, and practise good hygiene.
   - e.g. Develop cadre of WASH, waste and electricity workforce; clear job descriptions, responsibility and compensation
Spotlight on Summit outcomes

Dr Mary Ashinyo
Arabella Hayter
Lindsay Denny
Irene Amongin
Engage leaders and civil society with holistic approach

- *Local leadership critical;* national costed roadmaps, accreditation, regular monitoring, budgeting
- *UN Resolution* is a tool to strengthen global and national accountability and reporting
- *Strengthened focus on financing,* including with stronger World Bank collaboration
- *Taskforce V 2.0 important for strategic shifts, accelerated action*
Grow and strengthen the global community/collective

- First meeting in 4 years – renewed energy and enthusiasm
  - Global webinars
  - Regional meetings (e.g. WPRO, October 2023)
- Communities of practice to focus on specific/requested technical areas:
  - WASH FIT evaluation and technical support
  - Budgets
  - Climate resilience and greening
  - Waste
  - Plumbing
  - AMR
- Updated country tracker
Build capacity at local level

- Support effective training and empowerment, especially on more “advanced” WASH, waste and energy issues (e.g. water quality, climate resilience, waste technologies)
- Scale up WASH FIT implementation: align with annual budget cycles, ensure supportive supervision, ongoing monitoring
- Partnering with IPC on behaviour change.
- Not just healthcare workers – maintenance staff, cleaners, etc.
- Local champions who are knowledge = champions who can advocate for resourcing
Coming soon-new global plan and UN resolution; the revolution is not over

**What stays the same**: continued JMP monitoring, revised country tracker, regular reporting, incremental targets with universal access by 2030 ultimate goal

**What is new**: includes electricity and more climate resilient, environmental sustainable facility elements, greater emphasis on integrated and realistic, costed plans

**Timeline**:
- Global plan (2024-2030) to circulate for review 15 Sept-15 Oct; finalize and launch by December 2023
- UN Resolution; Member State consultation Sept-Nov; adoption by December 2023
Facilitated Q&A session

*Moderator:* Bruce Gordon

*Respondents*
Herbert Nabaasa, MoH Uganda
Salvatore Vinci, WHO
Lisa Rudge, FCDO
Claire Chase, World Bank
Others….
Closing remarks

Bruce Gordon
Thank you