China



Highlights based on country-reported GLAAS 2018/2019 data

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I. To what extent has the government assumed responsibility for WASH and made themselves accountable?

NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS: EXISTENCE AND IMPLEMENTATION

	Policy status	Policy shared via public notice?	Year policy approved/ expected	Plan status	Plan costed?	Sufficient finance for plan?	Human resources assessed for plan?	Sufficient human resources for plan?	Year plan approved/ expected	Estimated cost
Urban sanitation					✓	•				
Rural sanitation		✓	2018		✓	1			2011	35 billion Chinese yuan over 5 years
Urban drinking-water			2019	•	✓				2011	
Rural drinking-water	•	~	2018	•	~	•	~	•	2017	22 billion Chinese yuan for years 2015- 2020 (central government) and 110 billion Chinese yuan (local governments)
Policy status: ○ No national policy; ● Policy under development; ● Existing policy undergoing revision; ● Policy formally approved. Plan status: ○ No plan; ● Under development; ● Approved, not implemented; ● Approved, partially implemented; ● Approved, fully implemented. Policy shared, Plan costed and Human resources assessed: ✓ Yes; × No.										
Sufficient finance and Suffice	ufficient finance and Sufficient human resources: O Less than 50% of what is needed; O Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; More than 75% of what is needed.									

SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO TRACK FUNDING FLOWS TO WASH

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	Financing plan	Availability of WASH budgets	Expenditure reports	Traceable donor funding channels	Tracking of expenditure sources			
Urban sanitation					\cap			
Rural sanitation					O			
Urban drinking-water		①	\circ					
Rural drinking-water			\circ					
Hygiene promotion					0			
Financing plan: O No plan;	; 🔿 Under de	evelopment; ${f d}$	Agreed, insuff	iciently imple	emented;			
 Agreed, used in some de 	ecisions; 🗨 A	greed and con	sistently used.					
WASH budgets: O No WAS	SH budget dat	ta available; 🖰	Fewer than ha	If of ministrie	es listed			
have budget data; 🛈 Budg			alf of ministries	s listed; 🗨 To	otal and			
disaggregated data available								
Expenditure reports: O No	reports avai	lable; 🛈 Some	donor, NGO or	government	reports			
available; Donor, NGO a								
Donor funding channels:								
	by funding channel; Total funding known with disaggregation by funding channel.							
Tracking expenditure sources: \bigcirc No expenditure data; \bigcirc Some exenditure data provided								
but not disaggregated by subsector; ① Expenditure data available for some sources;								
Expenditure data available for all sources.								
NOTE: More information on	budgets and	finance is avai	ilable in section	IV of this hig	hlight.			

MONITORING PROGRESS TOWARDS NATIONAL TARGETS

	Monitoring WASH targets			
Government-led process for monitoring	✓			
Frequency of assessment	•			
Sufficiency of human resources for monitoring	•			
Government-led process: ✓ Yes; X No.				
Frequency of assessment: ○ Ad hoc; ○ Every 4+ years; ● Every 2 to 4 years; ● Annually. Sufficient human resources: ○ Less than 50% of what is needed; Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; ● More than 75% of what is needed.				

PROGRESS TOWARD NATIONAL TARGETS

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	Baseline value	Baseline year	Current value	Current year	Target value	Target year	Target description			
Urban sanitation										
Rural sanitation										
Urban drinking-water	89.5%	2010	93%	2017	95%	2020	Coverage of public water supply			
Rural drinking-water	76%	2015	81%	2018	>80%	2020	Rate of piped water supply coverage in rural areas			
Hygiene promotion										





II. What regulatory framework has been developed to support the quality and sustainability of services?

REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

SANITATION			DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural
Formal national treatment standards - on-site sanitation	•	✓ Formal national standards - drinking-water		✓	✓
Formal national treatment standards - faecal sludge	•	Surveillance requirements defined in formal instruments		✓	✓
Formal national treatment standards - wastewater	•	/	Roles and responsibilities for drinking-water safety defined	✓	✓
Formal national treatment standards - safe reuse	•	✓ Service delivery requirements beyond water quality		✓	✓
Surveillance requirements defined in formal instruments	•	/			
SANITATION RISK MANAGEMENT	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER RISK MANAGEMENT		
Sanitation safety planning			Water safety planning		
✓ Yes; X No.			•		
Risk management: O No such instrument; O Instrument anticipated; O	Instrument und	der develop	ment: Instrument fully approved.		

REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	Rural drinking-water
Responsible for setting tariffs			✓	✓
Oversee drinking-water quality			✓	✓
Oversee effluent quality				
Oversee service coverage and quality of service delivery			✓	✓
REGULATORY AUTHORITY MANDATE				
Established by law			✓	✓
Located in different institution than service providers			✓	✓
Can publish findings independently without clearance			×	×
✓ Yes; X No.		•		

FUNCTIONS OF REGULATORS

SANITATION	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural
Collect population service coverage data from operators	✓		Collect population service coverage data from providers	✓	✓
Set standards and monitor design, construction, use of plants/sewers			Collect water quality data from service providers	✓	<u> </u>
Set standards and monitor design, construction, use of on-site systems	~		Publish accessible reports on drinking-water quality	✓	۵
Set standards and monitor faecal sludge management	✓		Publish accessible reports on water service delivery		Δ
Publish accessible reports on flows and sludge volumes	~		Take corrective action against nonperformers	✓	V
Publish accessible reports on quality of on-site sanitation services	✓				
Take corrective action against nonperformers	✓				
✓ Yes; A Partially; No.					

INDEPENDENT SURVEILLANCE								
SANITATION	Sewered wastewater effluent quality	On-site facilities	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural			
Testing of effluent and sludge quality against national standards	•	•	Testing of water quality against national standards					
Independent assessment of risk management approaches			Independent assessment of risk management approaches					
Independent sanitary inspections at premises to assess risks			Independent sanitary inspections to assess risk management		1			
Collection and review of service provider monitoring records			Collection and review of service provider monitoring records					
$igcirc$ Not done or insufficiently performed; $oldsymbol{\Phi}$ Performed but data not used;	Performed	and informs	s remedial action.					
SANITATION	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural			
Adequacy of testing frequency			Adequacy of testing frequency		1			
Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	1		Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities		1			
Adequacy of testing frequency: O No frequency requirement; Less than 50%; Between 50% and 75%; Between 75% and 100%; 100% of required frequency. Sufficiency of human resources: C Less than 50% of what is needed; Between 50% and 75% of what is needed.								

III. To what extent are stakeholders coordinated and what data are available for evidence-based decision-making?

INSTITUTIONAL ROLES - NUMBER OF LEAD AGENCIES

	Govern / Regulate	Provide Service	Monitor / Surveillance
Drinking-water	0	2	1
Hygiene promotion	1	0	1
Basic sanitation	0	1	1
Municipal wastewater	0	1	0
Faecal sludge collection and treatment	0	1	0

NOTE: Number indicates number of lead ministries and national institutions.

LIST OF MINISTRIES / INSTITUTIONS WITH ROLES IN WASH

Ministry of Water Resources; National Health Commission; Ministry of Ecology and Environment;
Ministry of Housing and Urban/Rural Development

INSTITUTIONAL WASH IN NATIONAL POLICY AND PLANS

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	Included in policies / plans	Year that policy was approved or is expected					
WASH in health care facilities	✓						
WASH In schools	✓						
Infection prevention and control	~						
✓ Yes; X No.							

COORDINATION BETWEEN ACTORS

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	Formal or
	informal
	coordination
	process
Mechanism to coordinate work of different ministries exists	
O No; O In development; O Informal mechanism exists; Formal mechanism	exists.
The coordination mechanism:	
· includes all ministries/agencies influencing service delivery	✓
· includes non-governmental stakeholders	✓
· includes donors that contribute to WASH activities nationally	✓
· includes mutual review and assessment	×
· applies evidence-based decision-making	✓
· bases work on agreed sectoral framework or national plan	✓
· includes documentation of processes and activities	✓
· has a budget line allocated for coordination activities	✓
✓ Yes; A Partially; No.	

JOINT SECTOR REVIEW

		Year of				Secto	rs covered		
	Conducted	most recent JSR	Title of JSR	Sanitation	Drinking- water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities	WASH In schools	Other
Joint sector review (JSR)	✓	2018	Assessment Report on Consolidation and Promotion of Rural Drinking Water Safety in China, Report on Standardization Assessment of Urban Water Supply in China, Special Action for Environmental Protection of Centralized Drinking Water Sources	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
✓ Yes; X No.	✓ Yes; X No.								

DATA AVAILABILITY FOR DECISION-MAKING

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SANITATION AND DRINKING-WATER	Sanitation	Drinking-water	Health sector			
Sector review and/or planning processes	•					
Resource allocation	•					
National standard or regulation development	•					
Targeting surveillance activities	•					
HEALTH SECTOR						
Identifying public health priorities for reducing WASH-related diseases			•			
Responding to WASH-related disease outbreaks			•			
Identifying priority health care facilities needing WASH improvements			•			
O Limited data collection and availability; O Partial availability and little use of data; O Data available and used						
for minority of decisions; Data available and used for majority of decisions.						

IV. How sufficient are current resources and what actions are being taken to close resource gaps?

SUFFICIENCY OF HUMAN RESOURCES

				WASH in health care				
	Sanitation	Drinking-water	Hygiene	facilities	WASH in schools			
Achieving national targets								
	WASH	l sector						
Operations and maintenance	0							
Design/construction of WASH facilities and	/							
networks	(\mathcal{I}						
O Less than 50% of what is needed; • Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; • Over 75% of what is needed.								

UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS (ABSORPTION)

	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	Rural drinking- water
Domestic commitments				
Donor commitments			0	
O Less than 50%; Between 50% and 75%; Over 75%.				

COST RECOVERY STRATEGIES

	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	Rural drinking- water			
Operations and basic maintenance covered by tariffs				•			
Cost recovery addressed in financing plan/budget			✓				
Operations and maintenance covered by tariffs: ○ Less than 50%; Between 50% and 80%; Over 80%. Cost recovery addressed in plan: Yes; No.							

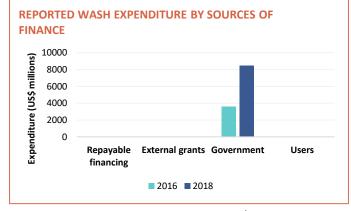
SUFFICIENCY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking- water	Rural drinking- water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities	WASH in schools	
Implementation of national plan	1	•						
Achievement of national targets								
Estimated annual need to reach national targets (US\$ millions)	ed annual need to reach national targets (US\$ millions) Quantitative data on specific financial needs by subsector are not available.							
Identified available finance from all sources (US\$ millions)	entified available finance from all sources (US\$ millions) Quantitative data on funds available for subsectors are not available.							
O Less than 50% of what is needed; O Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; Over 75% of what is needed.								

WASH BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

	2016	2018
Government WASH budget (US\$ millions, current US\$)	504.18	4 926.91
Government WASH budget per capita (current US\$)	0.36	3.48
Government WASH budget as a percentage of GDP	0.00%	0.04%
	2016	2018
National WASH expenditure (US\$ millions, current US\$)		
National WASH expenditure per capita (current US\$)		
National WASH expenditure as a percentage of GDP		

NOTE: Budgets reported for 2016 and 2018 are reported using different methods





V. What actions are being taken to leave no one behind?

HUMAN RIGHTS

	Sanitation	Water
Does the constitution recognize the human rights to water and sanitation?		✓
Do laws recognize the human rights to water and sanitation?		✓
Has a court recognized the human rights to water and sanitation?	✓	✓
✓ Yes; X No.		

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		Sanitation				Drinking-water				
	Measures to extend services to group included in policies or plans	Level of implementa tion of measures	Specific coverage targets for group	Progress for group is monitored	Financing plan includes measures to target resources to reduce inequities	Measures to extend services to group included in policies or plans	Level of implementa tion of measures	Specific coverage targets for group	Progress for group is monitored	Financial plan includes measures to target resources to reduce inequities
Poor populations			~			✓		~	✓	
Populations living in slums or informal settlements					NA					NA
Populations living in remote or hard-to-reach areas			~			✓	•	~	✓	
Indigenous populations					NA					NA
Internally displaced persons and/or refugees					NA					NA
Women			√			✓		✓		
Ethnic minorities			√			✓		✓	✓	
People living with disabilities						✓				
Populations with a high burden of disease					NA					NA
Other:										

Level of implementation: ○ Not yet implemented; ○ Partially implemented; ○ Fully implemented.

Measures in financing plan to reduce inequities: ○ No; ○ Yes, but not consistently applied; ● Yes and measures applied.

AFFORDABILITY

			Urban	Rural		
	Urban	Rural	drinking-	drinking-		
	sanitation	sanitation	water	water		
Financial schemes to make access to WASH more affordable for vulnerable groups						
O No schemes exist; O Schemes exist, but not widely used; O Schemes exist and are widely used.						

SDG means of implementation target 6.b aims to support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management. WHO, in collaboration with partners, monitors this target through the GLAAS initiative, looking at existence of participation procedures, participation of women and availability of resources for participation.

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Extent of participation by the service users	Women's participation specified	Extent of women's participation
•	V	•
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Extent of participation: • Very low; • Low; • Medium; • High; • Very high

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

	Financial resources	Human resources	Agency responsible for monitoring extent and effectiveness of participation			
Urban WASH	0		✓			
Rural WASH	0		✓			
Water resources management						
Financial and human resources: O Less than 50% of what						

is needed; • Between 50% and 75% of what is needed;

Over 75% of what is needed. Responsible agency: 🗸 Yes; 🗙 No.

VI. To what extent have countries pursued the ambition of SDG 6?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) establish global aspirational targets leading up to 2030. Goal 6 aims to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Governments are expected to set their own national targets guided by the global level of ambition while taking into account national circumstances. This section presents findings on the extent to which countries are pursuing the ambition of SDG 6 by incorporating elements of safely managed services and other SDG themes into national WASH policies, plans and coverage targets. In addition, WHO is a co-custodian of SDG 6 means of implementation targets 6.a and 6.b through the GLAAS initiative.

NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS: INCORPORATING SDG 6 ELEMENTS

	Univers	Dl		Urban	Rural
	Urban	Rural		drinking-	drinking-
SANITATION	sanitation	sanitation	DRINKING-WATER	water	water
Access to safely managed services			Access to safely managed services	\	✓
Access to improved sources or facilities			Access to improved sources or facilities	✓	✓
Climate resilience of WASH technology			Climate resilience of WASH technology	✓	✓
Open defecation			Affordability measures	✓	✓
Reuse of municipal wastewater and faecal sludge			Household connections	✓	✓
Municipal wastewater and sewerage			HYGIENE		
Faecal sludge collection and transport			Promotion of handwashing with soap		/
Faecal sludge treatment			Safe menstrual hygiene management		
✓ Yes; X No.					

NATIONAL COVERAGE TARGETS: INCORPORATING SDG 6 ELEMENTS IN NATIONAL COVERAGE CRITERIA

SANITATION	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	DRINKING-WATER	Urban drinking- water	Rural drinking- water
Excreta is transported via a sewerage network and treated off-site		•	Minimum volume of water per day	•	•
Excreta is temporarily stored, emptied, and treated offsite		•	Minimum service hours per day		•
Excreta is treated and disposed of on-site		•	Maximum roundtrip collection time, including queuing	0	0
Improved sanitation facilities		•	Maximum roundtrip distance	0	0
Shared sanitation facilities between two or more households		•	Drinking-water is accessible on premises	•	•
			Drinking-water is free from contamination	•	0
Target year			Target year	2020	2020
Target value			Target value	95%	>80%
HYGIENE					
Handwashing facility on premises					
Soap and water on premises					
O Not included in target; O Included in target, but monitoring	data not availab	le; Included	in target and monitoring data available.		

TARGET-SETTING PROCESSES: ARE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS INCLUDED?

	Sanitation	Drinking- water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities
Inclusion of stakeholders	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baseline analysis		√		
Financial analysis		√		
Human resources needs assessment				
Public consultation		4		
Revisions based on public consultation		✓		
Political endorsement		✓		
Public sharing of final targets		✓		
✓ Yes; X No.				

SDG means of implementation target 6.a aims to expand international cooperation and capacity-building support for water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes. WHO monitors international cooperation between donor and recipient governments for this target.

