Dominican Republic



Highlights based on country-reported GLAAS 2018/2019 data

The data presented in this UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) country highlight are country government responses to the GLAAS 2018/2019 country survey. Since 2008, GLAAS has monitored key elements of national drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) systems with a focus on governance, monitoring, human resources and finance. The data presented in this highlight are a snapshot of the WASH systems in the country and do not cover all aspects of the WASH sector. For more information, see https://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/monitoring/investments/glaas/en/

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/	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	1	√	2019	0	×	P	×	0	2019	
Rural sanitation	0	×	2019	•	×		×	0	2019	
Urban drinking-water	1	×	2019	•	×		×	1	2019	
Rural drinking-water	•	×	2019	•	×		×	0	2019	
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 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.										

SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO TRACK FUNDING FLOWS TO WASH

	Financing plan	Availability of WASH budgets	Expenditure reports	Traceable donor funding channels	Tracking of expenditure sources				
Urban sanitation	0			,					
Rural sanitation	0				0				
Urban drinking-water	0	•		\circ					
Rural drinking-water	\circ				O				
Hygiene promotion	\circ				O				
Financing plan: O No plan	; 🔿 Under de	evelopment; 🤇	Agreed, insuf	ficiently impl	emented;				
 Agreed, used in some de 	ecisions; 🗨 A	greed and con	sistently used.						
WASH budgets: O No WAS	SH budget da	ta available; C	Fewer than ha	alf of ministrie	es listed				
have budget data; 🛈 Budg			nalf of ministrie	s listed; 🗨 T	otal and				
disaggregated data available									
Expenditure reports: O No	reports avai	lable; 🛈 Som	e donor, NGO o	r government	reports				
available; Donor, NGO a									
Donor funding channels:	No informa	tion; 🛈 Total	funding known,	but no disag	gregation				
by funding channel; Tota	al funding kno	own with disag	gregation by fu	nding channe	el.				
	Tracking expenditure sources: O No expenditure data; O Some exenditure data provided								
but not disaggregated by su	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 ava	lable in section	IV of this higl	nlight.				

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; ➤ No. Frequency of assessment: ○ Ad hoc; ○ Every 4+ years; to 4 years; ○ Annually. Sufficient human resources: ○ Less than 50% of what is not between 50% and 75% of what is needed; ○ More that what is needed.	needed;

PROGRESS TOWARD NATIONAL TARGETS

	Baseline value	Baseline year	Current value	Current year	Target value	Target year	Target description
Urban sanitation					100%	2030	Percentage of population with improved sanitation services
Rural sanitation					100%	2030	Percentage of population with improved sanitation services
Urban drinking-water					100%	7030	Percentage of the population with access to water from the public network inside or outside the home
Rural drinking-water					100%	7030	Percentage of the population with access to water from the public network inside or outside the home
Hygiene promotion			_	-	No official target	No official	The At Home survey measures the indicator percentage of population with handwashing facilities in the home, but there is not an official established target





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	~	P	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	>	ζ	Service delivery requirements beyond water quality	×	×
Surveillance requirements defined in formal instruments	✓	•			
SANITATION RISK MANAGEMENT	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER RISK MANAGEMENT		
Sanitation safety planning	0	\circ	Water safety planning	0	0
✓ Yes; X No.					
Risk management: \bigcirc No such instrument; \bigcirc Instrument anticipated; \bigcirc Ins	trument und	der develo	oment; 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	A	A
Set standards and monitor design, construction, use of on-site systems	×	×	Publish accessible reports on drinking-water quality	A	A
Set standards and monitor faecal sludge management	×	×	Publish accessible reports on water service delivery	×	×
Publish accessible reports on flows and sludge volumes	×	×	Take corrective action against nonperformers		
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	•	0	Testing of water quality against national standards	•	•			
Independent assessment of risk management approaches	0	0	Independent assessment of risk management approaches	0	\circ			
Independent sanitary inspections at premises to assess risks	0	0	Independent sanitary inspections to assess risk					
Collection and review of service provider monitoring records	0	0	Collection and review of service provider monitoring	•	•			
$igcirc$ Not done or insufficiently performed; $oldsymbol{\Phi}$ Performed but data not used	; Performed	and inform	ns remedial action.					
SANITATION	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural			
Adequacy of testing frequency	0	0	Adequacy of testing frequency	•	•			
Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	0	0	Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	1	0			
Adequacy of testing frequency: O No frequency requirement; • Less than 50%; • Between 50% and 75%; • Between 75% and 100%; • 100% of required frequency.								

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	1	1	2					
Hygiene promotion	1	1	0					
Basic sanitation	1	1	1					
Municipal wastewater	1	1	2					
Faecal sludge collection and treatment	1	0	1					

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

LIST OF MINISTRIES / INSTITUTIONS WITH ROLES IN WASH

Ministry of Health; National Health Service; Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development; town halls; National Institute of Hydraulic Resources; operating entities; Ministry of Education; National Statistical Office

INSTITUTIONAL WASH IN NATIONAL POLICY AND PLANS

	Included in policies / plans	Year that policy was approved or is expected
WASH in health care facilities	V	2016
WASH In schools	✓	2017-2020
Infection prevention and control	✓	2013
✓ Yes; X No.		

COORDINATION BETWEEN ACTORS

	Formal or informal coordination process
Mechanism to coordinate work of different ministries exists	
O No; O In development; O Informal mechanism exists; Formal mechanis	sm 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; X No.	

JOINT SECTOR REVIEW

						Secto	rs covered		
		Year of					WASH in		
		most recent			Drinking-		health care	WASH In	
	Conducted	JSR	Title of JSR	Sanitation	water	Hygiene	facilities	schools	Other
Joint sector review (JSR)	✓	2015	The last joint review was the diagnosis made prior to the design of the strategy	~	~	×	×	×	~
✓ 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	0	0				
National standard or regulation development	•	•				
Targeting surveillance activities	0	•				
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			0			
O Limited data collection and availability; O Partial availability and little us	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

	Sanitation	Drinking-water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities	WASH in schools		
Achieving national targets							
	WASH sector						
Operations and maintenance	(0					
Design/construction of WASH facilities and	(2					
networks	•						
C 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)

				Rural drinking-
	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	water
Domestic commitments	0	0	0	0
Donor commitments	0	0	0	0
O Less than 50%;				

COST RECOVERY STRATEGIES

				Rural drinking-		
	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	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.						

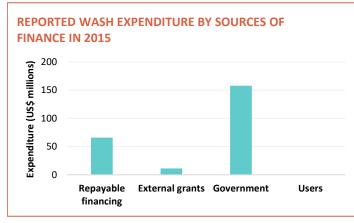
SUFFICIENCY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

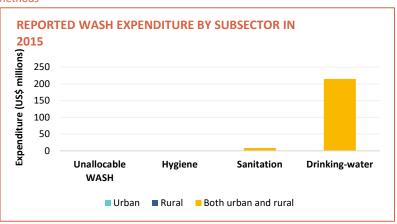
	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking- water	Rural drinking- water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities	WASH in schools
Implementation of national plan							
Achievement of national targets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated annual need to reach national targets (US\$ millions)	Quantitative	data on spec	ific financial	needs by su	ubsector are	not availabl	ie.
Identified 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; • Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; • Over 75% of what is needed.							

WASH BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

	2015	2018
Government WASH budget (US\$ millions, current US\$)	220.90	262.04
Government WASH budget per capita (current US\$)	20.98	24.08
Government WASH budget as a percentage of GDP	0.32%	0.35%
	2015	
National WASH expenditure (US\$ millions, current US\$)	235.02	
National WASH expenditure per capita (current US\$)	22.32	
National WASH expenditure as a percentage of GDP	0.34%	

NOTE: Budgets reported for 2015 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; × No.		

REACHING VULNERABLE GROUPS

			Sanitation				0	rinking-wat	er	
	policies or	Level of implementa tion of	Specific coverage targets for	group is	Financing plan includes measures to target resources to reduce	group included in policies or	Level of implementa tion of	targets for	Progress for group is	Financial plan includes measures to target resources to reduce
Poor populations	plans	measures	group	monitored	inequities NA	plans	measures	group	monitored	inequities NA
Populations living in slums or informal settlements	~	0	×	×	NA NA	✓	0	×	×	NA
Populations living in remote or hard-to-reach areas	~	0	×	×	NA	✓	0	×	×	NA
Indigenous populations	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA
Internally displaced persons and/or refugees	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA
Women	×		×	~	NA	×		×	✓	NA
Ethnic minorities	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA
People living with disabilities	×		×	×	NA	×		×	×	NA
Populations with a high burden of disease	✓	0	×	V	NA	√	0	×	✓	NA
Other:			×		NA			×		NA
	leasures included in plans, Specific coverage targets, and Progress is monitored: ✓ Yes; × No; NA = Not applicable. evel of implementation: ○ Not yet implemented; ● Partially implemented; ● Fully implemented.									

Measures in financing plan to reduce inequities: ○ No; ① Yes, but not consistently applied; ● Yes and measures applied.

AFFORDABILITY

	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking- water	Rural drinking- water		
Financial schemes to make access to WASH more affordable for vulnerable groups	0	0	0	0		
O No schemes exist; O Schemes exist, but not widely used; 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

	Participation procedures defined in laws or policy	Extent of participation by the service users	Women's participation specified	Extent of women's participation
Urban sanitation	✓	•	✓	•
Rural sanitation	✓	•	✓	1
Urban drinking-water	✓	•	√	•
Rural drinking-water	✓	•	√	1
Hygiene promotion	✓			
Water resources management	V	•	V	•

	Financial resources	Human resources	Agency responsible for monitoring extent and effectiveness of participation		
Urban WASH	0	0	√		
Rural WASH	0	0	4		
Water resources management	0	0	~		
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

	Urban	Rural		Urban drinking-	Rural drinking-
SANITATION	sanitation	sanitation	DRINKING-WATER	water	water
SANITATION	Samuation	Samilation	DRINKING-WATER	water	water
Access to safely managed services	✓	✓	Access to safely managed services	\checkmark	✓
Access to improved sources or facilities	✓	✓	Access to improved sources or facilities	V	✓
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	٧	/
Faecal sludge treatment	×	×	Safe menstrual hygiene management	>	ζ
✓ 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	0	0
Excreta is temporarily stored, emptied, and treated offsite	0	0	Minimum service hours per day	0	0
Excreta is treated and disposed of on-site	0	0	Maximum roundtrip collection time, including queuing	0	0
Improved sanitation facilities	•	•	Maximum roundtrip distance	0	0
Shared sanitation facilities between two or more households	0	0	Drinking-water is accessible on premises	•	•
			Drinking-water is free from contamination	0	0
Target year	2030	2030	Target year	2030	2030
Target value	100%	100%	Target value	100%	100%
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?

Janitation	water	Hygiene	health care facilities
✓	✓		~
✓	✓	×	×
×	×	×	×
×	×	×	×
×	×	×	X
×	×	×	×
✓	~	×	×
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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.

