Ecuador



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	0			•	✓	0	×	0	2016	US\$ 4 930 millions (urban and rural)
Rural sanitation										
Urban drinking-water										
Rural drinking-water										
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	1		0		\cap			
Rural sanitation	1		\circ		0			
Urban drinking-water	1	\circ	\circ	\circ				
Rural drinking-water	1		\circ		0			
Hygiene promotion			\circ		0			

MONITORING PROGRESS TOWARDS NATIONAL TARGETS

	Monitoring WASH targets
Government-led process for monitoring	×
Frequency of assessment	
Sufficiency of human resources for monitoring	0
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 reded; ● More that what is needed.	needed;

PROGRESS TOWARD NATIONAL TARGETS

	Baseline			Current			
	value	Baseline year	Current value	year	Target value	Target year	Target description
Urban sanitation							
Rural sanitation	61%	2016	56%	2017	64%	2021	Percentage of households in rural areas that have piped water and adequate sanitation
Urban drinking-water	87%	2016	87%	2017	90%	2021	Percentage of the population with access to piped water
Rural drinking-water					64%	2021	Percentage of households in rural areas that have piped water and adequate sanitation
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	٧	/	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	0	Water safety planning	•	•
✓ Yes; X No.					
Risk management: O No such instrument; O Instrument anticipated; O 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	×	×
Set standards and monitor design, construction, use of on-site systems	×	×	Publish accessible reports on drinking-water quality	×	×
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	Δ	×			
✓ 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	0	Testing of water quality against national standards	0	0
Independent assessment of risk management approaches	0	0	Independent assessment of risk management approaches	\circ	0
Independent sanitary inspections at premises to assess risks	\circ	\circ	Independent sanitary inspections to assess risk	\circ	0
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	s remedial action.		
SANITATION	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural
Adequacy of testing frequency	0	0	Adequacy of testing frequency	0	0
Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	0	0	Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	0	0
Adequacy of testing frequency: \bigcirc No frequency requirement; \bigcirc Less that Sufficiency of human resources: \bigcirc Less than 50% of what is needed; \bigcirc B				y.	

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	3	1	4
Hygiene promotion	1	0	2
Basic sanitation	2	1	2
Municipal wastewater	1	1	2
Faecal sludge collection and treatment	1	1	2

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

LIST OF MINISTRIES / INSTITUTIONS WITH ROLES IN WASH

Secretariat of Water; Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Health; municipalities; community service providers; municipal public companies and private companies; Water Regulation and Control Agency; National Agency for Health Regulation, Control and Surveillance; Ministry of Education

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	
WASH In schools	✓	
Infection prevention and control	V	
✓ 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 mechanism	m 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; ▲ Partially; 🗙 No.	·

JOINT SECTOR REVIEW

				Sectors covered							
	Conducted	Year of most recent JSR	Title of JSR	Sanitation	Drinking- water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities	WASH In schools	Other		
Joint sector review (JSR)	×										
✓ 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	0	0			
Targeting surveillance activities	0	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			•		
O Limited data collection and availability; O Partial availability and little use of data; O Data available and used for minority 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	0	0					
	WASH sector						
Operations and maintenance	()					
Design/construction of WASH facilities and							
networks	(J					
C Less than 50% of what is needed; D 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				
Donor commitments				
O Less than 50%; Between 50% and 75%; Over 75%.				

COST RECOVERY STRATEGIES

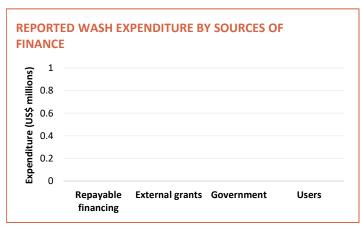
				Rural drinking-			
	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	water			
Operations and basic maintenance covered by tariffs	0	0	0	\circ			
Cost recovery addressed in financing plan/budget	×	×	×	×			
Operations and maintenance covered by tariffs: ○ Less than 50%; ● Between 50% and 80%; ● Over 80%. Cost recovery addressed in plan: ✓ Yes; × No.							

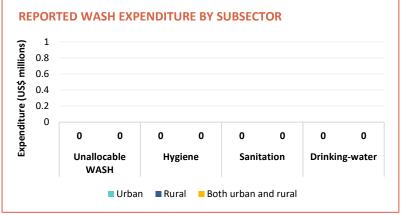
SUFFICIENCY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

	Urban	Rural	Urban drinking-	Rural drinking-		WASH in health care	WASH in
	sanitation	sanitation	water	water	Hygiene	facilities	schools
Implementation of national plan	0				\circ		
Achievement of national targets							
Estimated annual need to reach national targets (US\$ millions)	493.00		240.00				
Identified available finance from all sources (US\$ millions)	228.00		160.00				
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

Government WASH budget (US\$ millions, current US\$)	
Government WASH budget per capita (current US\$)	
Government WASH budget as a percentage of GDP	
National WASH expenditure (US\$ millions, current US\$)	
National WASH expenditure per capita (current US\$)	
National WASH expenditure as a percentage of GDP	





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.		

REACHING VULNERABLE GROUPS

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			Sanitation			Drinking-water				
					Financing					Financial
	Measures				plan	Measures				plan
	to extend				includes	to extend				includes
	services to				measures to	services to				measures to
	group	Level of	Specific		target	group	Level of	Specific		target
	included in	implementa	coverage	Progress for	resources to	included in	implementa	coverage	Progress for	resources to
	policies or	tion of	targets for	group is	reduce	policies or	tion of	targets for	group is	reduce
	plans	measures	group	monitored	inequities	plans	measures	group	monitored	inequities
Poor populations	✓	•	NA	NA	NA	✓	1	NA	NA	NA
Populations living in slums or informal	NI A			A1.A				210		814
settlements	NA		NA	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA
Populations living in remote or hard-to-reach										
areas	NA		NA	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA
Indigenous populations	NA		NA	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA
Internally displaced persons and/or refugees	NA		NA	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA
Women	NA		NA	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA
Ethnic minorities	NA		NA	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA
People living with disabilities	NA		NA	NA	NA			NA	NA	NA
Populations with a high burden of disease	✓	•	NA	NA	NA	✓	•	NA	NA	NA
Other: Rural population with low coverage in	~		NA	NA		√	•	NA	NA	
sanitation and drinking water		•				•		INA	INA	
Measures included in plans, Specific coverage targets,	and Progress i	is monitored:	✓ Yes; ×	No; NA = Not	applicable.					
Level of implementation : \bigcirc Not yet implemented; $lacktriangle$	Partially imple	emented;	Fully implen	nented.						
Measures in financing plan to reduce inequities: O No	o; 🛈 Yes, but	not consisten	tly applied;	Yes and m	easures applie	ed.				

ACCORDABILITY

	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; • 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	~	•		0		
Rural sanitation	✓	•		•		
Urban drinking-water	✓	•		0		
Rural drinking-water	✓	•		•		
Hygiene promotion	V	•	V	•		
Water resources management	V	•	×	•		
Participation procedures in law/policy and Women's participation specified: ✓ Yes; × No. Extent of participation: ○ Very low; ○ Low; ○ Medium; ● High; ● Very high.						

COVERNMENT DESCRIBORS FOR DURING DARTICIDATION

GOVERNIVIENT 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	0	•	×			
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Financial and human resources: O Less than 50% of what is needed; O 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
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	٧	1
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	Jameacon		Minimum volume of water per day	0	O		
Excreta is temporarily stored, emptied, and treated offsite		•	Minimum service hours per day	0	0		
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		0	Drinking-water is accessible on premises	0	0		
			Drinking-water is free from contamination	0	0		
Target year		2021	Target year	2021	2021		
Target value		64%	Target value	90%	64%		
HYGIENE							
Handwashing facility on premises							
Soap and water on premises							
O Not included in target; O Included in target, but monitoring data not available; O 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	✓	✓	×	×
Revisions based on public consultation	~	✓	×	×
Political endorsement	✓	~	×	×
Public sharing of final targets Yes; X No.	×	×	X	×

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.

