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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	•	✓	2007	•	×	0	×	0	2015	
Rural sanitation	•	✓	2007	•	✓	0	×	0	2016	US\$ 771 338 for 2017-2020
Urban drinking-water	•	✓	2007	•	✓	0	×	0	2016	US\$ 251 454 for 2017-2020
Rural drinking-water	•	✓	2007	•	✓	0	×	0	2016	US\$ 2.12 million for 2014-2030
Policy status: O No national policy; Policy under development; Existing policy undergoing revision; Policy formally approved. Plan status: O 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: O 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

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	Financing plan	Availability of WASH budgets	Expenditure reports	Traceable donor funding channels	Tracking of expenditure sources
Urban sanitation	0		0		
Rural sanitation	1		•		
Urban drinking-water	•	O	•		
Rural drinking-water	•		•		
Hygiene promotion	0		•		
Financing plan: O No plan	; 🔿 Under de	evelopment; ${ m d}$	Agreed, insuff	iciently imple	emented;
Agreed, used in some de	ecisions; 🗨 A	agreed and con	sistently used.		
WASH budgets: O No WAS	SH budget da	ta available; C	Fewer than ha	lf of ministrie	es listed
have budget data; Budg disaggregated data available			alf of ministries	listed; To	otal and
Expenditure reports: O No	reports avai	lable; 🛈 Some	donor, NGO or	government	reports
available; Donor, NGO a	nd governme	nt reports avai	lable.		
Donor funding channels: C	No informa	tion; 🛈 Total f	unding known,	but no disagg	gregation
by funding channel; Tota	_			_	
Tracking expenditure source		•	•	•	
but not disaggregated by su	bsector; 🛈 E	Expenditure dat	ta available for	some sources	3;
 Expenditure data availab 					
NOTE: More information on	budgets and	l 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	0
Government-led process: ✓ Yes; × No.	
Frequency of assessment: \bigcirc Ad hoc; \bigcirc Every 4+ years; \bigcirc to 4 years; \bigcirc Annually.	,
Sufficient human resources: \bigcirc Less than 50% of what is r	needed;
 Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; More that what is needed. 	n 75% of

PROGRESS TOWARD NATIONAL TARGETS

	Baseline			Current			
	value	Baseline year	Current value	year	Target value	Target year	Target description
Urban sanitation	298	2016 to 2017	319	2018	1 000	2018 to 2019	Number of new households or businesses connected to the sewerage system per year
Rural sanitation			34%	2016	44%	2020	Percentage of rural population with access to improved sanitation
Urban drinking-water	5 027	2016 to 2017	4 474	2018	6 000	2020	Number of new water connections
Rural drinking-water			34%	2016	69%	2020	Percentage of rural population with access to improved drinking water supply
Hygiene promotion			5%	2014	5%	2020	Percentage of health care facilities with handwashing facilities





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	×	ζ	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	✓	1			
SANITATION RISK MANAGEMENT	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER RISK MANAGEMENT		
Sanitation safety planning	0	0	Water safety planning	1	0
✓ Yes; X No.					
Risk management: O No such instrument; O Instrument anticipated; O Inst	rument und	er 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	~	×
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	X	×	Take corrective action against nonperformers	×	×
Publish accessible reports on quality of on-site sanitation services	×	×			
Take corrective action against nonperformers	×	×			
✓ Yes; ▲ 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			
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	Collection and review of service provider monitoring	1	0			
O Not done or insufficiently performed; O Performed but data not used;	 Performed : 	and informs	remedial action.					
SANITATION	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural			
Adequacy of testing frequency	•	0	Adequacy of testing frequency	•	1			
Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	0	0	Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities		0			
Adequacy of testing frequency: O No frequency requirement; O Less than 50%; D Between 50% and 75%; D Between 75% and 100%; 100% of required frequency. Sufficiency of human resources: C Less than 50% of what is needed; D Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; More than 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	1	1	1
Hygiene promotion	1	1	1
Basic sanitation	1	1	0
Municipal wastewater	1	1	0
Faecal sludge collection and treatment	1	1	0

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

LIST OF MINISTRIES / INSTITUTIONS WITH ROLES IN WASH

Ministry of Water; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Local Government; Ministry of Development Planning; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Education; Department of Environment; rural water supply department within the Ministry of Water; water and sewerage company

INSTITUTIONAL WASH IN NATIONAL POLICY AND PLANS

	Included in policies / plans	Year that policy was approved or is expected
WASH in health care facilities	✓	2007
WASH In schools	✓	2007
Infection prevention and control	✓	2017
✓ Yes; X No.		

COORDINATION BETWEEN ACTORS

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	n 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	4
· has a budget line allocated for coordination activities	
✓ Yes; ▲ Partially; 🗙 No.	

JOINT SECTOR REVIEW

				Sectors covered							
		Year of					WASH in				
		most recent			Drinking-		health care	WASH In			
	Conducted	JSR	Title of JSR	Sanitation	water	Hygiene	facilities	schools	Other		
			Joint Annual Water Sector Review								
Joint sector review (JSR)	✓	2014	(Ministry of Water)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
· · ·			Joint Annual Sector Review								
✓ Yes; X No.											

DATA AVAILABILITY FOR DECISION-MAKING

SANITATION AND DRINKING-WATER	Sanitation	Drinking- water	Health sector		
Sector review and/or planning processes	Sumation	•			
Resource allocation	•	•			
National standard or regulation development	0	0			
Targeting surveillance activities	llance 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 sector						
Operations and maintenance	(\supset					
Design/construction of WASH facilities and							
networks		J					
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)

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

COST RECOVERY STRATEGIES

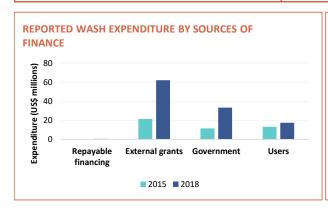
	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	Rural drinking- water			
Operations and basic maintenance covered by tariffs		0		0			
Cost recovery addressed in financing plan/budget	✓	×	✓	×			
Operations and maintenance covered by tariffs: ○ Less than 50%; Between 50% and 80%; Over 80%. Cost 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	0	0	0	0	0		
Achievement of national targets	0	0	0	0	0		
Estimated annual need to reach national targets (US\$ millions)	Quantitative	data on spec	ific financia	needs by s	ubsector are	not availab	ile.
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

	2013	2017	2019
Government WASH budget (US\$ millions, current US\$)	22.39	30.85	
Government WASH budget per capita (current US\$)	10.57	13.82	
Government WASH budget as a percentage of GDP	0.89%	1.33%	
	2013	2015	2018
National WASH expenditure (US\$ millions, current US\$)	53.14	46.32	59.32
National WASH expenditure per capita (current US\$)	25.10	21.30	26.21
National WASH expenditure as a percentage of GDP	2.10%	1.85%	2.30%





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

		Sanitation				Drinking-water				
	Measures				Financing plan	Measures				Financial plan
	to extend				includes	to extend services to				includes
	services to group	Level of	Specific		measures to target	group	Level of	Specific		measures to target
	policies or plans	implementa tion of measures	coverage targets for group	Progress for group is monitored	resources to reduce inequities	policies or plans	implementa tion of measures	coverage targets for group	Progress for group is monitored	resources to reduce inequities
Poor populations	V	•	×	×	0	V	•	×	×	0
Populations living in slums or informal settlements	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA
Populations living in remote or hard-to-reach areas	~	•	×	×	0	~	•	×	×	0
Indigenous populations	NA		NA	NA	0	NA		NA	NA	0
Internally displaced persons and/or refugees	×		×	×	0	✓	•	×	×	0
Women	4	•	×	×	0	V	0	×	×	0
Ethnic minorities	V	1	×	×	0	×		×	×	0
People living with disabilities	4	1	×	×	0	V		×	×	0
Populations with a high burden of disease	4	•	×	V	0	~	•	×	V	0
Other: Elderly people, Child-headed households	V	1	×			V	1	×		

Measures included in plans, Specific coverage targets, and Progress is monitored: ✓ Yes; X No; NA = Not applicable.

Level of implementation: ○ Not yet implemented; **①** Partially implemented; **②** Fully implemented.

Measures in financing plan to reduce inequities: ○ No; ① Yes, but not consistently applied; ② 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	•		
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

FARTICIPATION 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	✓	1	✓	•				
Rural sanitation	✓	•	V	•				
Urban drinking-water	✓	1	✓	1				
Rural drinking-water	✓	•	V	•				
Hygiene promotion	✓	•	✓	•				
Water resources management	V	1	V	1				
Participation procedures in law/policy and Women's participation specified: ✓ Yes; × No.								
Extent of participation: O Very low; O Low; O Medium;	High; Ve	ery high.						

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

	Financial resources	Human resources	Agency responsible for monitoring extent and effectiveness of participation
Urban WASH	0	0	×
Rural WASH	•	0	×
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; X 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	✓	
✓ 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	•	0	Minimum volume of water per day	•	•		
Excreta is temporarily stored, emptied, and treated offsite	•	0	Minimum service hours per day	•	0		
Excreta is treated and disposed of on-site	0	0	Maximum roundtrip collection time, including queuing	•	•		
Improved sanitation facilities	•	•	Maximum roundtrip distance	•	•		
Shared sanitation facilities between two or more households	•	0	Drinking-water is accessible on premises	•	0		
			Drinking-water is free from contamination	•	•		
Target year	2018 to 2019	2020	Target year	2020	2020		
Target value	1 000	44%	Target value	6 000	69%		
HYGIENE							
Handwashing facility on premises							
Soap and water on premises							
O Not included in target; 🛈 Included in target, but monitoring data not available; 🌑 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	✓	4	✓	✓
Financial analysis	×	×	×	×
Human resources needs assessment	×	×	×	×
Public consultation	×	×	×	×
Revisions based on public consultation	×	×	×	×
Political endorsement	V	4	×	×
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.

