



Call to Action: A Cholera-Free Hispaniola
**Actions needed to complement
infrastructure in the water and
sanitation sector**

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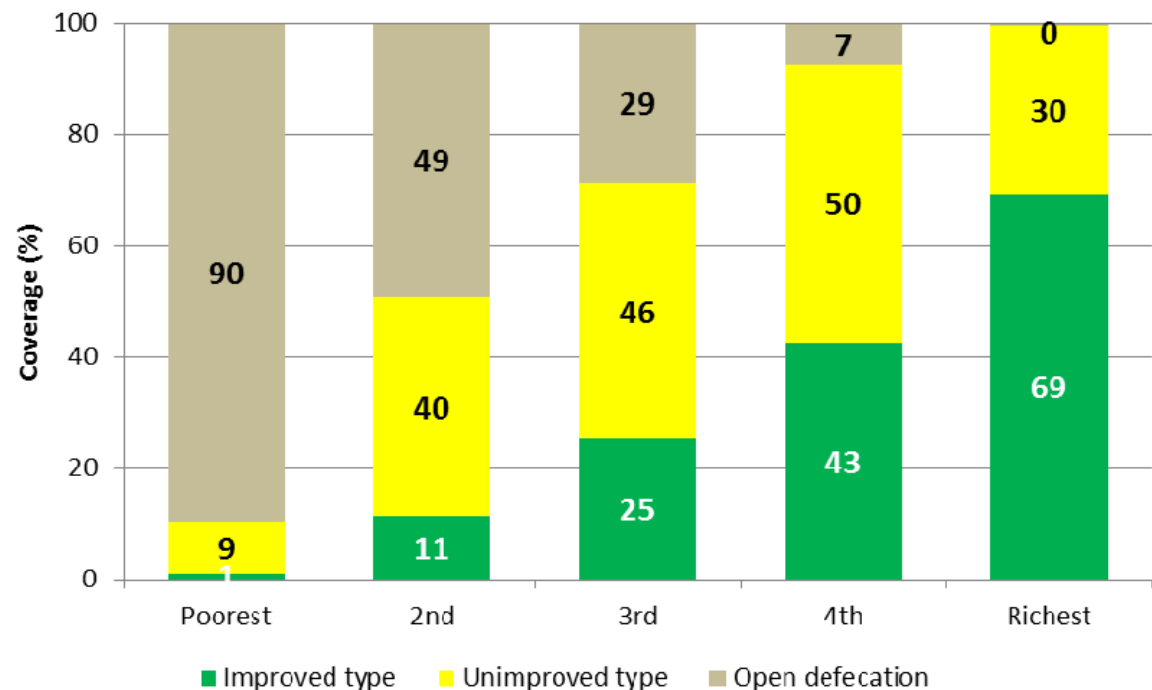
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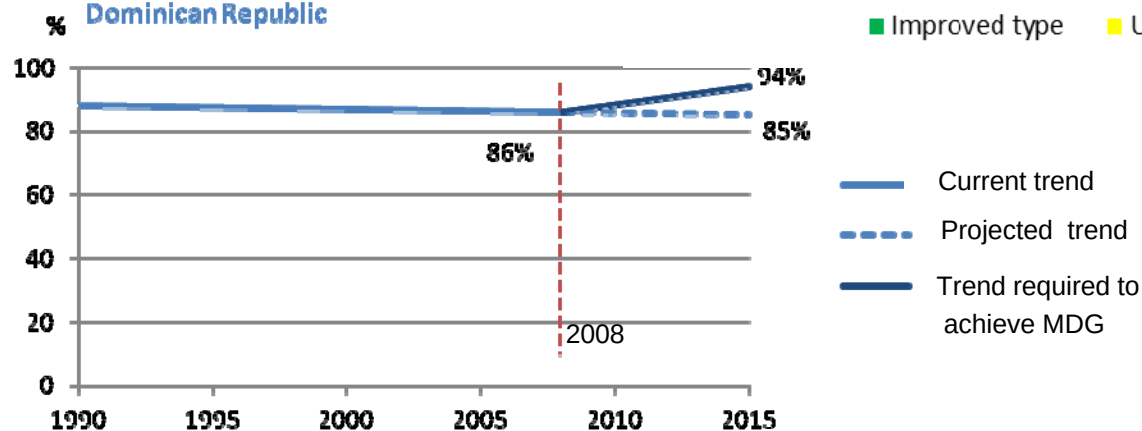
Access to water and sanitation in La Hispaniola

Needs for infrastructure in water and sanitation are **huge**

Access to sanitation in Haiti, by quintile



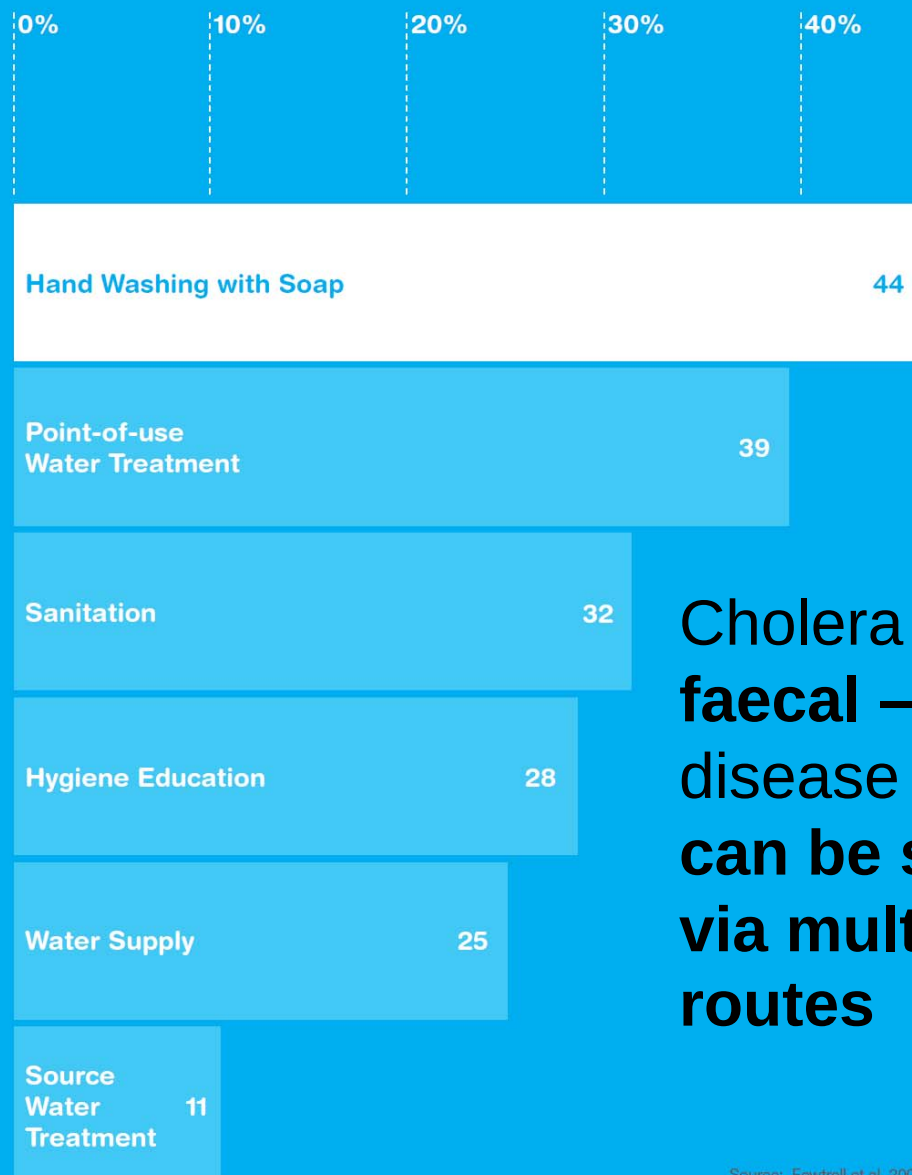
Trends in the access to improved drinking-water Dominican Republic



Source: JMP, 2010

Eliminating cholera from La Hispaniola will demand large efforts to put the island on track for accessing sanitation and water services

Reduction in diarrheal morbidity [%] per invention type

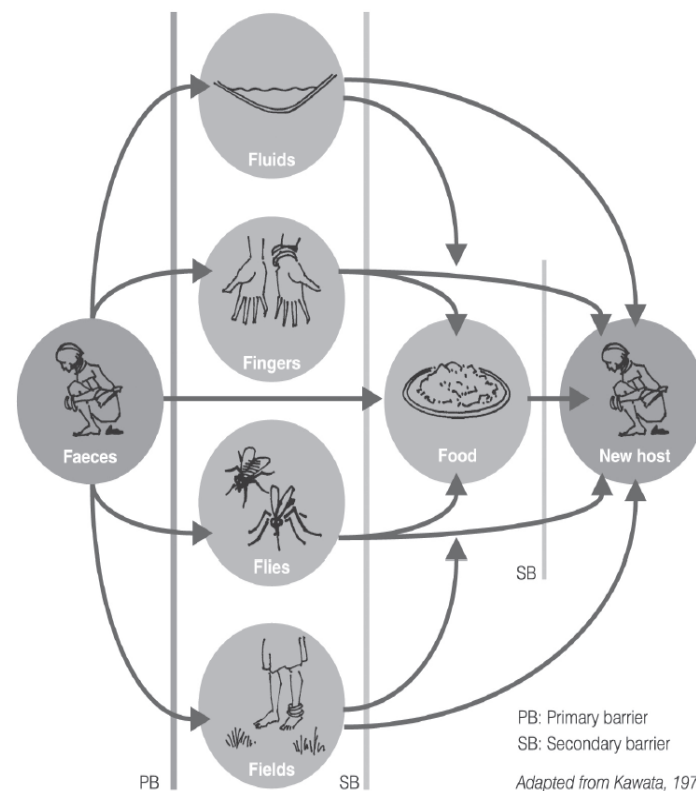


Cholera is a **faecal – oral** disease which can be spread via multiple routes

Source: Fewtrell et al. 2005

BUT...

Infrastructure alone is not enough to solve the problem.



What has been done, and needs to continue

Strategies for cholera control *and elimination*:

- Sectoral coordination
- Improvement of water supply systems
- Household water treatment and storage
- WASH in schools and health centres
- Hygiene education and health promotion
- Sanitation / Elimination of open defecation
- Community mobilization and mass communication



*Beyond the WASH sector: **Inter-sectoral coordination** and joint efforts with Health, Education...*

CALL TO ACTION

Investing in infrastructure is a must, ***BUT...***

- *it will take considerable time to attain adequate coverage.*
- *it has to be complemented by appropriate behaviour change to achieve maximum benefits.*

La Hispaniola cannot wait...

action is required now!

*efforts toward informed and improved
behaviour can begin without delay*

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