Fundamentals first: Ensuring every health care facility has WASH services for quality care
The challenge: WASH in health care facilities, globally

- 1 in 4 lack basic water
- 1 in 10 have no sanitation
- 1 in 3 lack hand hygiene at point of care
- 1 in 3 lack systems to segregate waste
- Services drop by 50% in least developed countries

Find your country’s data: www.washdata.org/healthcare

New data for 164 countries now online! (from 473 data sources)

Lack of services undermines quality care

Up to 90% of health workers do not adhere to recommended hand hygiene practices.

Up to 1 million mothers and newborns die from preventable infections linked with unclean births.

In Africa, up to 20% of women get a wound infection after a caesarean section.

Hospital-born babies in low-income settings are at a higher risk of being affected by neonatal sepsis, with infection rates 3 to 20 times higher than in high-income settings.

On average 15% of patients in LMICs will acquire at least one infection in acute care hospitals.

5.0 million deaths per year in 137 LMICs from poor quality care.

A path towards improvement exists: From Resolution to Revolution

WHO/UNICEF guidance for action: 8 practical steps

1. Conduct Situation Analysis and Assessment
2. Set Targets and Define Roadmap
3. Establish National Standards and Accountability Mechanism
4. Improve Infrastructure and Maintenance
5. Monitor and Review Data
6. Develop Health Workforce
7. Engage Communities
8. Conduct Operational Research and Share Learning

- 50 countries making progress on implementing World Health Assembly Resolution & Practical Steps
- Over 100+ commitments, totaling more than 100 Million USD
- 30 countries implementing WASH FIT

Learn more at: www.washinhcf.org

What women want
- Over 2 million users of reproductive/maternal health services surveyed from 114 countries
- WASH second most important “demand” after respective and dignified care
Join the movement—be a leader and an advocate

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Global progress report coming December 2020!

**Specific actions:**

- **Lead and advocate** for including of WASH in HCF in national health policies and COVID-19 plans

- **Assess, prioritize** and make rapid WASH improvements

- **Implement 8 practical steps** and institutionalize WASH across health programmes, monitoring and funding

- **Engage WASH actors and private sector** for local solutions

- **Include WASH in operational research** and learning exchanges
Hygiene in HCF in LAC

Situation:

- 10 out of 30 countries have any data on hygiene services.
- None of the 30 countries can report on basic hygiene service yet → no regional estimates.

Specific actions:

**STEP 1**
- WASH Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT) to rapidly collect data / baseline (EN, SP, FR).
- Adjust HMIS questions using proposed JMP core questions available in EN, SP, FR (can go beyond basic service level).

**STEP 2 to 8...**
Global Hand Hygiene Initiative towards a “whole of society change”

3 stages: Responding to the pandemic, Rebuilding infrastructures & services and Reimagining hand hygiene in society

4 core dimensions at each stage:

- **Securing political leadership** to embed a culture of hand hygiene
- **Strengthening the institutional and policy environment** to drive progress
- **Ensuring the availability of hand hygiene stations** where needed
- **Drawing on evidence-based behavior change approaches** to encourage sustained hand hygiene practices

Implement **WHO’s global recommendations** on hand hygiene to control COVID-19 + ensure lasting infra & behavior

Calls for **countries to lay out comprehensive roadmaps** that bridge COVID preparation & response plans with mid- and long-term national development plans

Proposes a framework for **coordination and collaboration** among global and regional partners to support country-led efforts and investments

HCF, schools, child-care centres, workplaces, transport hubs, households, institutions and places of worship.