Sanitation

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Rationale for sanitation

What is the problem and emerging trends in the pan-European region?

Sanitation related disease

- Diarrhea (600k global deaths attributable to sanitation and hygiene)
- * Neglected Tropical Disease (Mass Drug Administration for Soil-transmitted helminths in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)
- Unsafe reuse and recreational use are major exposure routes
- * Poor sanitation and hygiene is a driver for anti-microbial resistance

Status of sanitation access in the European Region

- * Open defecation is largely eliminated <1% (1.7m people mostly in Azerbaijan, Croatia, Georgia, Russian Federation and the FYR Macedonia)
- * Small but significant unimproved 3% (30 million mostly rural in predominantly rural in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation)
- Next challenge is to move to higher levels of service

Investing in sanitation

- Creating healthy environments and resilient communities
- * Greater health impact from higher levels of service (64% higher) (Sewerage and faecal sludge management and drainage)
- Sanitation has a high health return on investment (USD 4.50:1)

What is already happening?

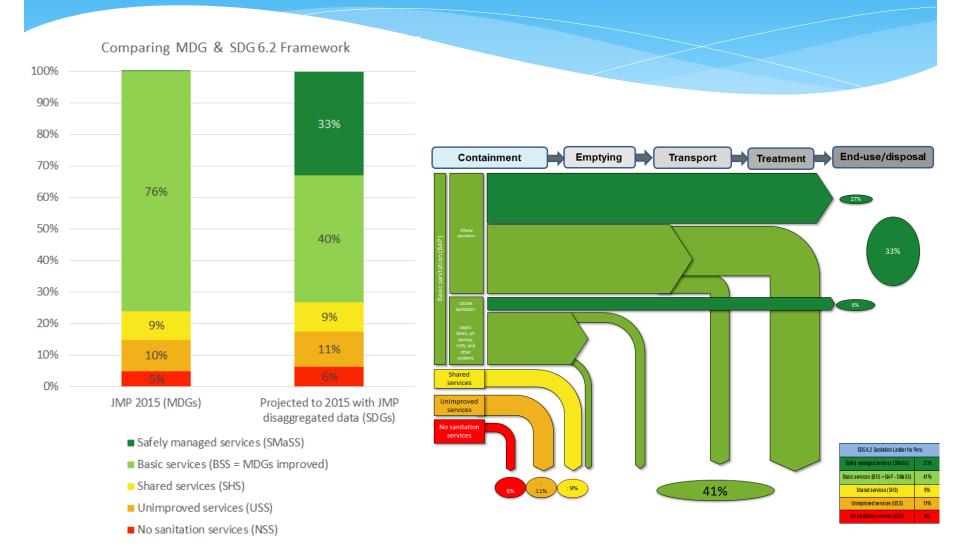
A new global ambition in the SDGs (Targets 6.2 and 6.3)

- * "Sanitation for all" leaving no one behind
- Higher service levels indicators for "safely managed sanitation" and "safely treated wastewater"
- * Safe reuse of wastewater (6.3) and water scarcity (6.4)

Stubborn challenges

- * Fragmented responsibilities along the sanitation chain
- Missing or unhelpful policies and standards (especially for reuse)
- Poor dysfunctional wastewater treatment plants and high O&M
- * Low investment
- Competition between wastewater and sanitation actors

Safely managed sanitation / wastewater



Possible Protocol's contribution

Policy environment and standards

- Advocate for policy attention
- Support to national target setting (for SDGs 6.2 and 6.3) and action planning
- * Co-ordination mechanism for policy dialogue between sectors and actors involved on the sanitation chain
- Inequalities focus on hard to reach populations
- Policy and standards to support safe reuse
- * Evidence review

Implementation and capacity building

- * Support uptake of "Sanitation Safety Planning"
- * Support integrated water and sanitation safety planning in local contexts
- Strengthening WASH as a response to neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)
- Implementation of WASH aspects of Global Action Plan on AMR
- Sanitation and hygiene in health facilities

Documents available at

www.who.int



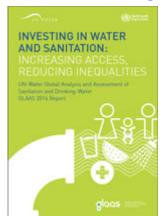
Burden of Disease



Anti-microbial Resistance

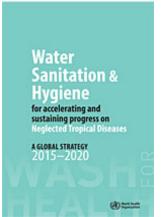


Global Monitoring





Sanitation Safety Planning



Neglected Tropical Diseases



Wastewater Reuse - Policy