Institutional Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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Objectives for WinS for 2020-2022

a) Disseminate the Surveillance tool and the Information package and promote their national and local uptake
   ○ organize regional and subregional workshops to disseminate available evidence and tools and facilitate the sharing of good practices
   ○ promote leadership and cooperation between the education and health sectors
   ○ support target setting and action planning

b) Support pilot projects on WASH in schools in two countries

c) Collect evidence on drinking water consumption in schools to inform policy action to promote water consumption in schools

d) Develop a practical guidance document on available sanitation options for schools.
Objectives for WinHCF for 2020-2022

a) Review of evidence on WASH in health-care facilities in the pan-European region;

b) Develop a practical surveillance tool on WASH in health-care facilities to support national surveillance and reporting under the Protocol and relevant SDG targets;

c) Organize a regional meeting on WASH in health-care facilities to disseminate the findings of the regional evidence review, inform development of the practical surveillance tool and promote implementation of resolution WHA72.7;

d) Support baseline analysis of the WASH in health-care facilities situation in up to two countries to inform national target setting and action planning
The COVID-19 context

- The pandemic focused attention on WASH in general, and WinHCF in particular
- Enhanced efforts of IPC: emphasis on hand hygiene and environmental hygiene
- WinS also important both during operation (hand hygiene in school toilets, drinking water without cross-contamination) and after lockdowns (safe reopening)
- Hindered progress in many of the planned activities
Status of activities

On track

• Development of WinStraining materials
• Evidence review on WASH in health-care facilities
• Development of a surveillance tool for WASH in health-care facilities
• Support for baseline analysis of situation of WASH in health-care facilities in countries

On hold

• Expert group meeting on WinS
• Regional workshop on WASH in health-care facilities

Secondary priority

• Pilot projects on WASH in schools
• Development of a guidance document on sanitation for schools
• Support application of WASH FIT tool in two countries
Main achievements: Country work progress

- Countries increased interest and efforts for IPC and WASH in healthcare settings, especially in association with control and preparedness to outbreak response (work ongoing in GEO, HUN, TJK and others).
- Countries improved partnership with stakeholders and mobilized resources for activities on WASH in HCFs (KGZ, TJK)
- Countries used available tools (education posters, guidelines, information for schools) to strengthen WASH and in particular hygiene in schools reopening during the COVID19 pandemic
Main achievements: Contributing to the global agenda

- Increased number of countries in the region were able to provide estimates for WASH services in schools and healthcare facilities as part of the JMP reporting [https://washdata.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/jmp-2020-wash-schools.pdf](https://washdata.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/jmp-2020-wash-schools.pdf)


Lessons learnt for future work

a) Need for alternative and flexible ways of delivering capacity building and implementation activities

b) Need for strengthening attention on WASH from other sectors and increase cross-sectorial collaboration to integrate WASH as a strong basis for IPC, outbreak preparedness, patient safety and occupational health

c) Need for review national monitoring and surveillance systems and take actions to harmonise with SDG 6 monitoring efforts

d) Even more need for sound and empiric data to inform improvement work and more efficient use of available data
Plans for future work in this area: priority milestones

- **Subregional workshop on WinS (Co-hosted by Belarus 22-24 June 2021 Virtual format)**
- **Finalise a report of baseline assessment of WASH in HCFs in HUN, MDA, TJK (2021)**
- **Support the national assessment of WASH in HCFs in GEO and MNE (2021)**
- **Regional evidence report on WASH in healthcare facilities (2022)**
- **Surveillance tool for WASH in healthcare facilities (2022)**
Thank you for your attention!