

PA3 Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene

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1. Progress made since 2020

...on WASH in schools

- **Communication materials:** Poster series on WASH in schools for pupils, and advocacy tiles for menstrual health
- **Capacity building package for health and education decision makers**
 - **Topics included:** enabling environment (policies, surveillance, financing), school provisions (quality services, menstrual health, education, O&M), provisions for COVID-19 response
- **Sub-regional (virtual) workshops**
 - For Eastern Europe (July 6-8, 2021) and South-Eastern Europe (April 4-6, 2022)
 - With the Participation of 15 countries and the contributions by national experts (HUN, UK, SRB) and partner organisations (UNICEF, Schools for Health in Europe)
- **Technical support to countries (KAZ, KGZ, MDA, MNE, SRB, TJK) and partner organizations for surveys, policy development, and implementation of WASH tools for school improvements**


1. Progress made since 2020

...on WASH in healthcare facilities

- Improved national data collection and reporting
 - >30 countries reported data to track progress for WASH in Schools under SDG 4 and 6
 - >10 countries reported for WASH in HCF under SDG 3 and 6
 - In-depth situation analyses and (pilot) surveys conducted in 6 countries (SRB, HUN, GEO, MDA, MNE, TJK)
 - Technical support to countries on policy development and partners' surveys (MDA, TJK)
 - Two publications in the final stages of development
 - Regional report on water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities
 - Survey tool/checklist on water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities
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1. Progress made since 2020

...additional activities

- Expert meeting on improving drinking water consumption for decreasing the intake of sugar-sweetened beverages and reducing plastic waste (February 27-28, 2020, Moscow)
 - With 22 participants including experts from Member States, EU, academia, and NGOs
 - To exchange on good practices and discuss solutions for tap water promotion in the Region
 - Toolkit to support the promotion of drinking-water for local decision-makers in final stage of development
 - Webinar on universal access to hand hygiene and practices (April 21, 2021)
 - To kick-off of Hand hygiene for All initiative in the pan-European region and showcase national initiatives in the Region (HUN, KGZ, LTU) for universal hand hygiene with focus on public spaces
 - Participation by more than 270 attendees and engagement by WHO, UNICEF and several Member States
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Publication on WASH in health care facilities

Regional report
on water,
sanitation and
hygiene in health
care facilities

Survey
tool/checklist on
water, sanitation
and hygiene in
health care
facilities



Regional report on WASH in health care facilities

Target audience: decision makers at the national and local level from the health sector

- Describes the policy framework and the evidence base for action on WASH in health care facilities,
- Highlights data gaps, as well as common and different improvement needs across the Region
- Explores existing frameworks and entry points for strengthening WASH services for quality of care
- Links WASH with health care delivery, sustainable health systems and quality of care
- Sets the base for a call for accelerating action for ensuring delivery of universal quality of care in the pan-European Region through improved WASH services addressing priority areas identified in the presented analysis

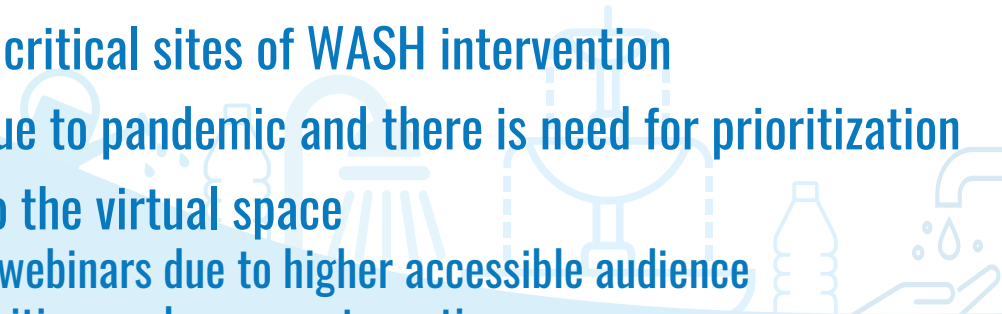
Survey tool/checklist on WASH in health care facilities

Target audience: public health officers, NGOs and other interested stakeholders

- To support the assessment of WASH services in healthcare facilities and reporting under the SDGs 3 and 6
- Provides a ready-to-use checklist, tips and instruments for supporting data collection, data entering and evaluation
- Offers questions and indicators for countries to develop definitions for national surveillance of advanced WASH services
- Based on the WHO guidelines and on the WHO/UNICEF JMP Core questions and indicators for monitoring WASH in health care facilities in the SDGs
- Developed for the Regional context through piloting and implementation in 7 countries in the Region, including the review by numerous public health experts

2. Lessons learnt for future work

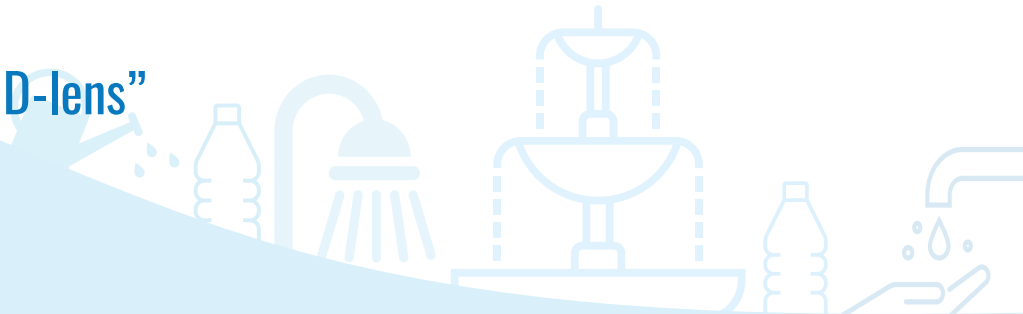
WASH in a pandemic

- The COVID-19 pandemic focused attention on WASH and especially hand hygiene as primary tool for preventing disease transmission
 - Health care facilities and schools remain priority settings
 - Pandemic response concentrated high investment for rapid action and more attention is needed on sustainability of WASH services and maintenance
 - Public places were also identified as critical sites of WASH intervention
 - Several activities were put on hold due to pandemic and there is need for prioritization
 - Other activities were transferred into the virtual space
 - Excellent for dissemination, such as webinars due to higher accessible audience
 - Very challenging for interactive activities, such as expert meetings
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Plans for future work in this area


Water, sanitation and hygiene in institutional settings and public places

- Extended scope to include other priority settings besides schools and health care facilities , e.g. workplaces and public places (transport hubs, market places, etc.)
- Increased focus on hand hygiene
- Looking at activities through a “COVID-lens”



Plans for future work in this area

Objectives

- (a) Prioritize, improve and monitor WASH services in schools, health care facilities and other priority settings
 - (b) Promote effective cooperation with the education and health system sectors to foster improved health and educational outcomes and higher quality of health-care services
 - (c) Support translating regional and global commitments addressing these settings into national targets and actions in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol
 - (d) Foster implementation of the global recommendations for WASH and hand hygiene to prevent and control COVID-19 in these settings
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Plans for future work in this area - Activities

1. Improving WASH in healthcare facilities

- (a) Conduct a regional and/or up to two subregional workshops to disseminate the developed publications and facilitate sharing of good country practices
- (b) Support up to two countries – upon request – in undertaking a national assessment of WASH in health care facilities
- (c) Assist up to two countries – upon request – in strengthening management, monitoring and surveillance of WASH services in health care facilities, and the development of national definitions and indicators for an advanced WASH service level



Plans for future work in this area - Activities

2. Improving WASH in schools

- (a) Organize up to two subregional workshops to foster dissemination of available evidence, recommendations and tools, promote leadership and cooperation between the education and health sectors, facilitate the sharing of good practices, support target setting and action planning
- (b) Collate best practices related to hand hygiene, menstrual hygiene and on-site sanitation in schools in the region and organize an expert group meeting to share experiences and challenges (in collaboration with PA4 and PA6)



Plans for future work in this area - Activities

3. Scaling up action for hand hygiene in institutions, public places and workplaces

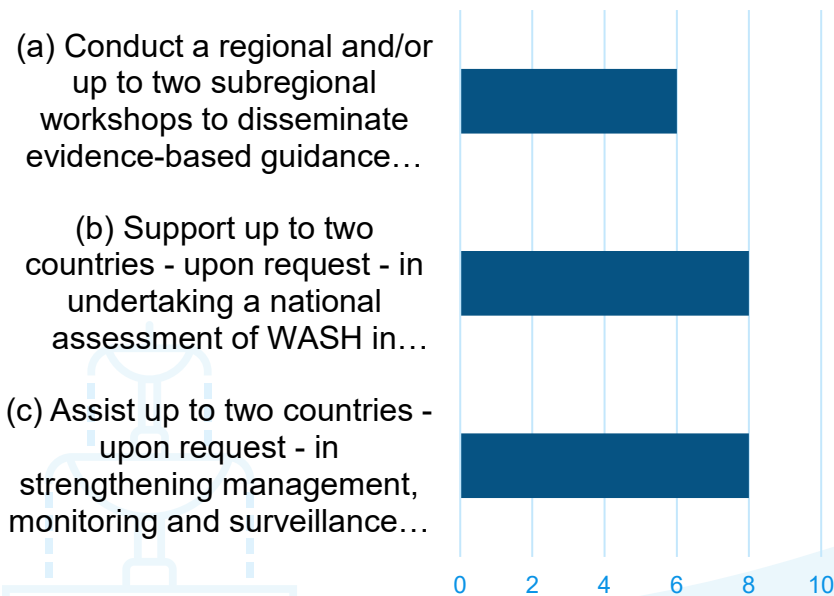
- (a) Support up to two countries – upon request – to respond to the WHO/UNICEF Hand Hygiene for All Global Initiative through the development and implementation of a national road map/strategy on hand hygiene (In collaboration with PA6)
- (b) Collate best practices on national policies, standards, monitoring, implementation programmes, financing and behaviour change approaches and activities for promoting and sustaining hand hygiene practices in public places



Priorities for next triennium from the draft PoW

Responses from the countries' survey

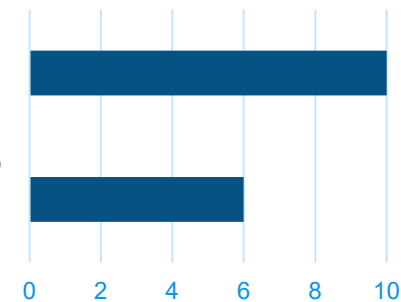
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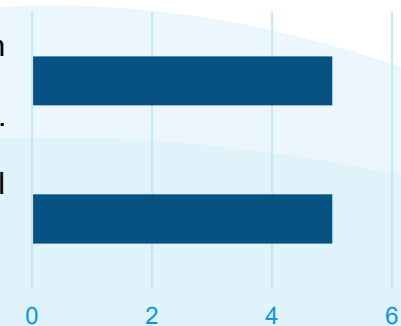
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Thank you for your attention!

