Item 14
Launch of the Affordability Brochure and update on the Score-Card revision

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Outline of the Policy Brief

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- Why does affordability matter?
- What is affordability?
- What policy options are available to ensure affordability?
- Adopting strategic approaches
- Implementing water and sanitation policy measures
- Implementing social protection policy measures
- How can affordability measures be financed?
- What needs to be done now?
Exploring policy options to address affordability concerns

Water and sanitation policy measures include:
- Access to subsidies;
- Tariff measures;
- Payment facilities.

Social protection policy measures include:
- General social protection programmes;
- WASH-specific social protection initiatives;
- Disconnection bans.

They have an effect on expenditures in water and sanitation services.

They have an effect on the income of households.
Featuring good practices from 12 countries from region:

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• Recognize that affordability of water and sanitation services is a **national policy issue** and identify the extent and importance of affordability concerns.

• Adopt a **strategic and tailored approach** to addressing affordability constraints.

• Enhance the **engagement of relevant stakeholders** across the WASH and social protection policy communities.

• Evaluate past and new efforts to address affordability concerns and promote **internal and cross-country learning**.
Revision process of the Equitable Access Score-card

- 2011-2013: Development of the Score-card
- 2013-2019: Applied in 12 countries
- June 2022: Regional Workshop
- August 2022: Revision rounds
- 2023: Piloting in Montenegro & Albania
- 2020: COVID-19 pandemic
- July 2022: Literature review and first draft
- September 2022: Revised Score-card
- 2024: Expert Group Meeting

Score-card published in 2013 and later developed and applied in various stages.
Thank you for your attention!

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