



Revising the Equitable Access Score-card Climate change and other emergencies

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Introduction

Focus area:

Capturing existing policy measures or plans ***to enable effective emergency responsiveness*** of water and sanitation service providers ***to ensure the continuity of services without compromising their financial sustainability***

The proposed parameters seek to:

- 1) Capture ***all types of emergency situations*** such as pandemics, climate-induced extreme weather events and other natural disasters such earthquakes
- 2) Include measures to allow WASH service providers to implement effective ***emergency-responsiveness without jeopardizing their financial sustainability***

Glossary

Emergencies: An urgent, expected or unexpected, and usually dangerous situation that poses an imminent risk to health, life, property or the environment and requires immediate action. Such as pandemics, epidemics, natural disasters, climate-induced and conflict-induced disasters.

Proposed revisions

Area	Question	Before	After
Strategic framework for achieving equitable access	1.1.8.	Not included	The WASH sector's plans include <u>measures to ensure preparedness and response of the WASH sector in emergency* situations</u> with a particular focus to meet the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups, such as backup water sources, communication campaigns and mechanisms to address the immediate needs and long-term impacts identified in collaboration with vulnerable and marginalized groups
	1.1.9.	Not included	The WASH sector includes <u>measures to coordinate action between government authorities and service providers to ensure the continuity of WASH services for all</u> , particularly for vulnerable and marginalized groups during emergency situations, such as the creation of a coordinated platform and complaint mechanisms for all members of the population
	1.1.10.	Not included	The WASH sector's plans include <u>climate change adaptation strategies and measures</u> to ensure the continuous provision of WASH services for all

Proposed revisions

Area	Question	Before	After
Sector financial plans	1.2.7.	Not included	The <u>finance strategies for the WASH sector include measures to ensure that policy response to pandemics*</u> , epidemics*, climate-induced extreme weather events and other emergencies do <u>not undermine the financial sustainability of service providers, such as multi-actor emergency coordination mechanisms.</u>
Social protection policy measures	4.3.1	The public authorities have analyzed different options to address affordability issues through social protection measures.	The public authorities have analyzed different options to address affordability issues through social protection policy measures* (cross-sectoral general and urgent social protection programmes, preventative measures, disconnection bans) for regular and emergency situations, including climate change impacts.

Thank you for your attention

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