WASH in Health Care Facilities

Plans for global reporting

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for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene

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A Global Call to Action
“Today, I am using the launch of the Water Action Decade to make a global call to action for water, sanitation and hygiene – or WASH -- in all health care facilities.

A recent survey of 100,000 facilities found that more than half lack simple necessities, such as running water and soap - and they are supposed to be healthcare facilities.

The result is more infections, prolonged hospital stays and sometimes death. We must work to prevent the spread of disease. Improved water, sanitation and hygiene in health facilities is critical to this effort.”

António Guterres, UN Secretary General, World Water Day 2018
Plans for WASH in Health Care Facilities report 2018

Data drive
Consultation
Publish

May-Jun-Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct-Nov-Dec

Draft estimates
Finalize estimates

WHO and UNICEF, 2015
WASH in Health Care Facilities
Global Indicators

1. Basic drinking water
Water from an improved source is available on premises

2. Basic sanitation
Improved sanitation facilities are available and usable, separated for patients and staff, separated for women and allowing menstrual hygiene management, and meeting the needs of people with limited mobility.
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3. Basic hand hygiene

Hand hygiene materials, either a basin with water and soap or alcohol hand rub, are available at points of care and toilets.

4. Basic health care waste management

Waste is safely segregated into at least three bins in the consultation area and sharps and infectious wastes are treated and disposed of safely.

5. Basic environmental cleaning

A basic standard written policy or protocol for cleaning exists, and cleaning and health care staff have all received training within the last 24 months.
Most available data are from Africa

- All are facility assessments
  - SARA, SPA, PMA2020
  - Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EMONC)
- 291 assessments,
  - 115 from 2012+
- Only 75 reports and 77 datasets from 2012+
Most data from Europe are old

- 3 old EMONC surveys
- 3 other old reports
  - Azerbaijan ACQUIRE 2001
  - Albania SAM 2006
  - Tajikistan 2008
- 3 very recent/planned/ongoing national assessments
  - Hungary, Kazakhstan, Serbia
  - Not yet final
Besides the report…

- Developing and testing indicators for WASH in delivery rooms
- Developing and testing indicators for HMIS
- Reviewing standards, identifying gaps
- Tools for facility improvement (e.g. WASH-FIT)
  - Mobile apps
- Deep dive country analyses
  - Ethiopia, Cambodia
  - Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Serbia, Tajikistan
Thanks!

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