

# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Institutions and Public Spaces

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# Progress since 2022 – WASH in schools

## Third sub-regional workshop on WASH in schools

11-13 December 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan

Representatives of health and educational authorities from:

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan

- UNICEF country offices
- WHO country offices

Contributing experts from:

- Lithuania
- Serbia
- Health Promoting Schools
- Schools for health in Europe (SHE) Network
- Media outlet on education and upbringing in Kazakhstan



# Third sub-regional workshop on WASH in schools

- Offered an up-to-date overview of health and education considerations for ensuring adequate WASH in schools
- Aimed to promote **leadership and cooperation between the education and health sectors**
- Served as a platform for discussing and exchanging **regional priorities for action**
- Strategized effective implementation of improvements at national and local levels



- Outlined concrete steps for strengthening national target setting and progressive action planning, including by **using the mechanisms offered by the Protocol on Water and Health**
- **Interactive sessions and group work** for sharing country-specific examples of initiatives and efforts to ensure adequate provisions

- Active participation of **pupils**
- Insights into first-hand experiences and challenges associated with using WASH facilities in schools



# Third sub-regional workshop on WASH in schools

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Central Asian region's vulnerability to climate change necessitates prioritizing **inclusive, climate-resilient, and environmentally sustainable** WASH infrastructure in schools.

Identified priorities for action include:

- Step-wise improvements towards compliance with national WASH standards.
- Engaging multiple stakeholders and strengthening access to WASH using systems approach such as Health Promoting Schools.
- Ensuring access to adequate WASH services in schools for promoting healthy nutrition and eating habits.
- Sustaining momentum on hand hygiene.

Positive feedback from workshop participants who found it highly useful and insightful, and valued **the exchange of experiences among countries**.



Report with case studies and practical examples

# Progress since 2022 – WASH in schools

## Development of booklets on menstrual hygiene and hand hygiene

### THE AIM

- To inspire action to accelerate progress on ensuring quality education through improved hand hygiene and menstrual health
- End product: a booklet of case studies from across the Region

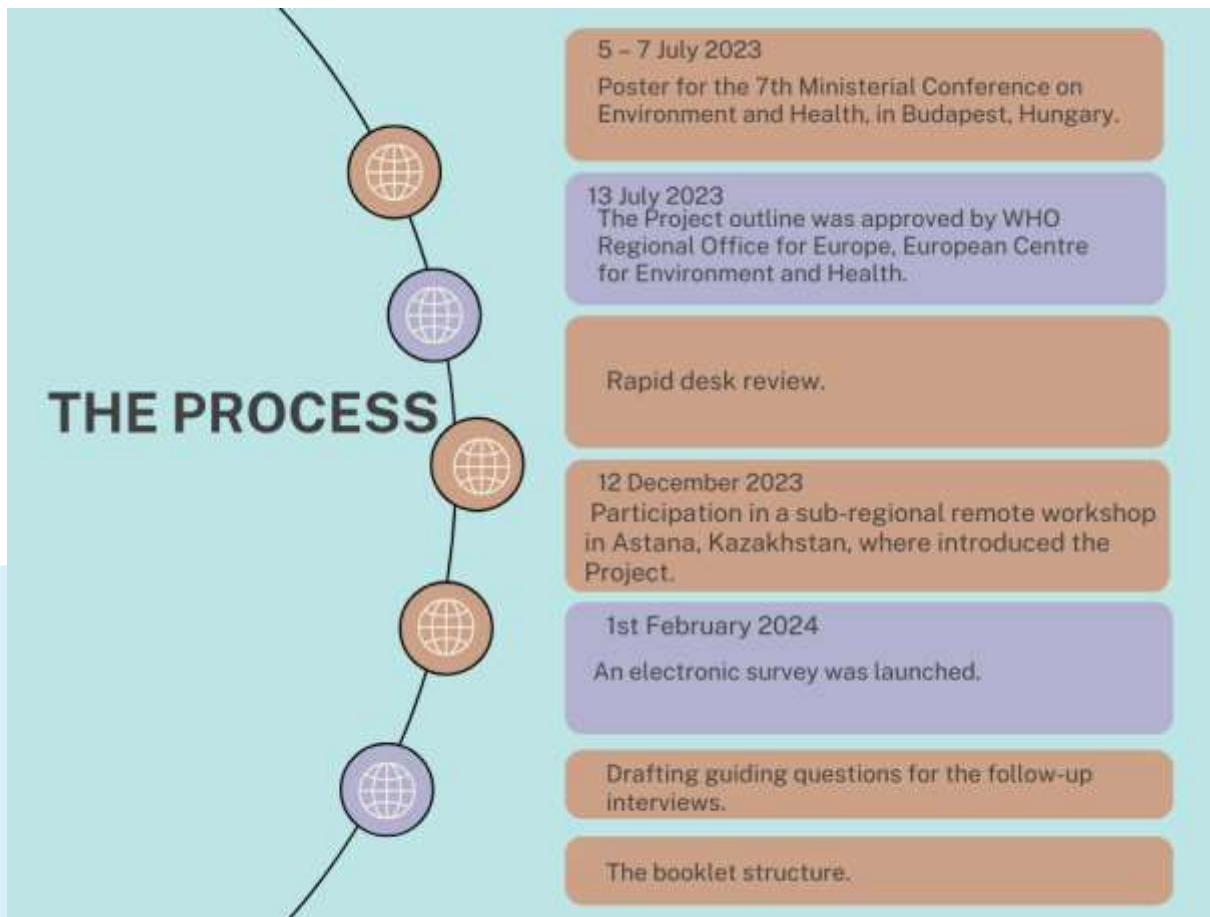
### Lead by:

**Lithuania, National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health**

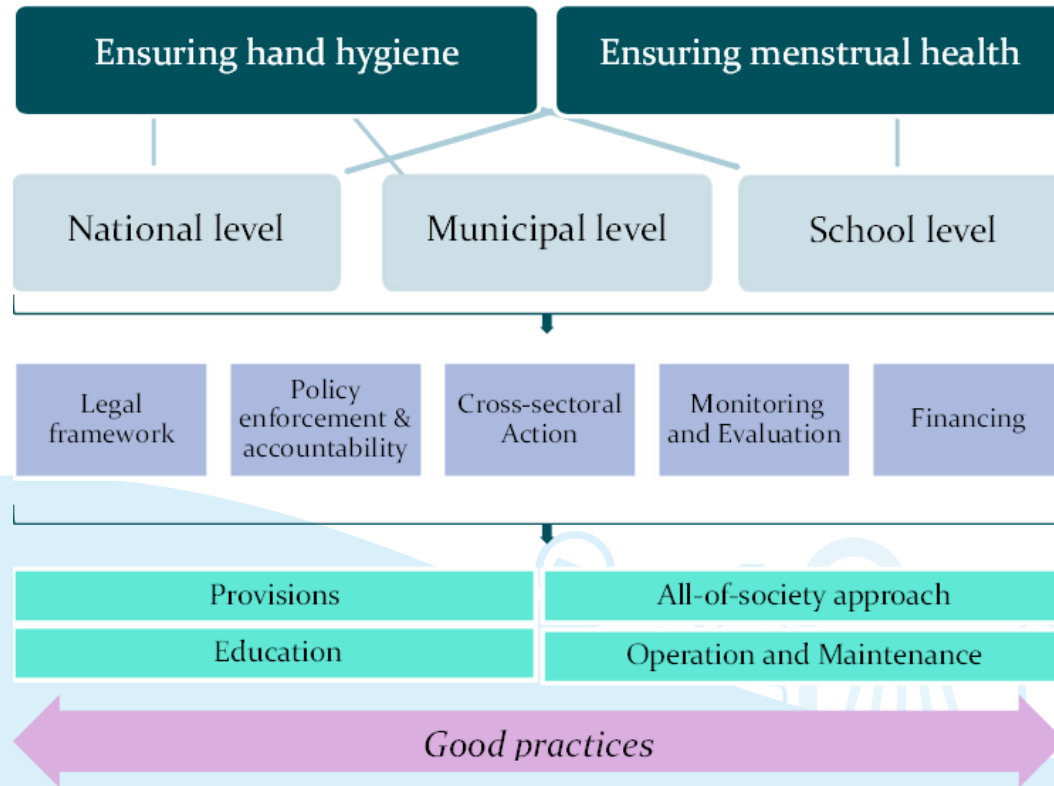
- in cooperation with Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania and with the Lithuanian Sports University
- together with the WHO/Europe and Institute of Public Health of the Republic of North Macedonia is collecting information on best practices on hand hygiene and menstrual health in educational institutions.



# Development of booklets on menstrual hygiene and hand hygiene

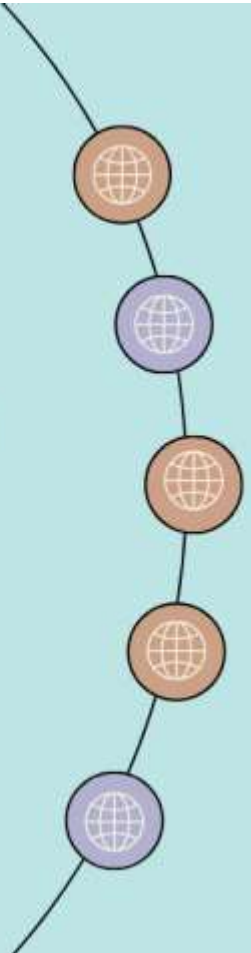


# Structure of booklets on menstrual hygiene and hand hygiene



# Booklets on menstrual hygiene and hand hygiene

## FUTURE PLANS




Follow-up interviews.

Qualitative and quantitative data analysis of the information gathered on good practices.

Summarise the information on good practices collected.

Prepare booklet for publication

August 2024  
Organise event remotely to present the review.





# Booklets on menstrual hygiene and hand hygiene

Do you have a story to share on good practices in your country for **hand hygiene** and/or **menstrual health** in schools?



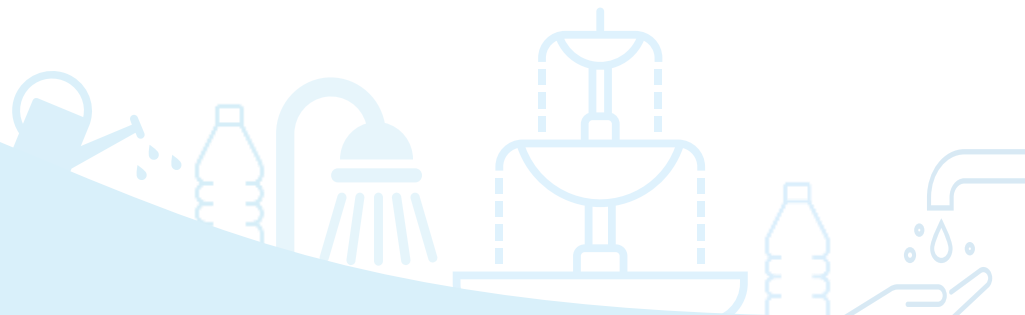
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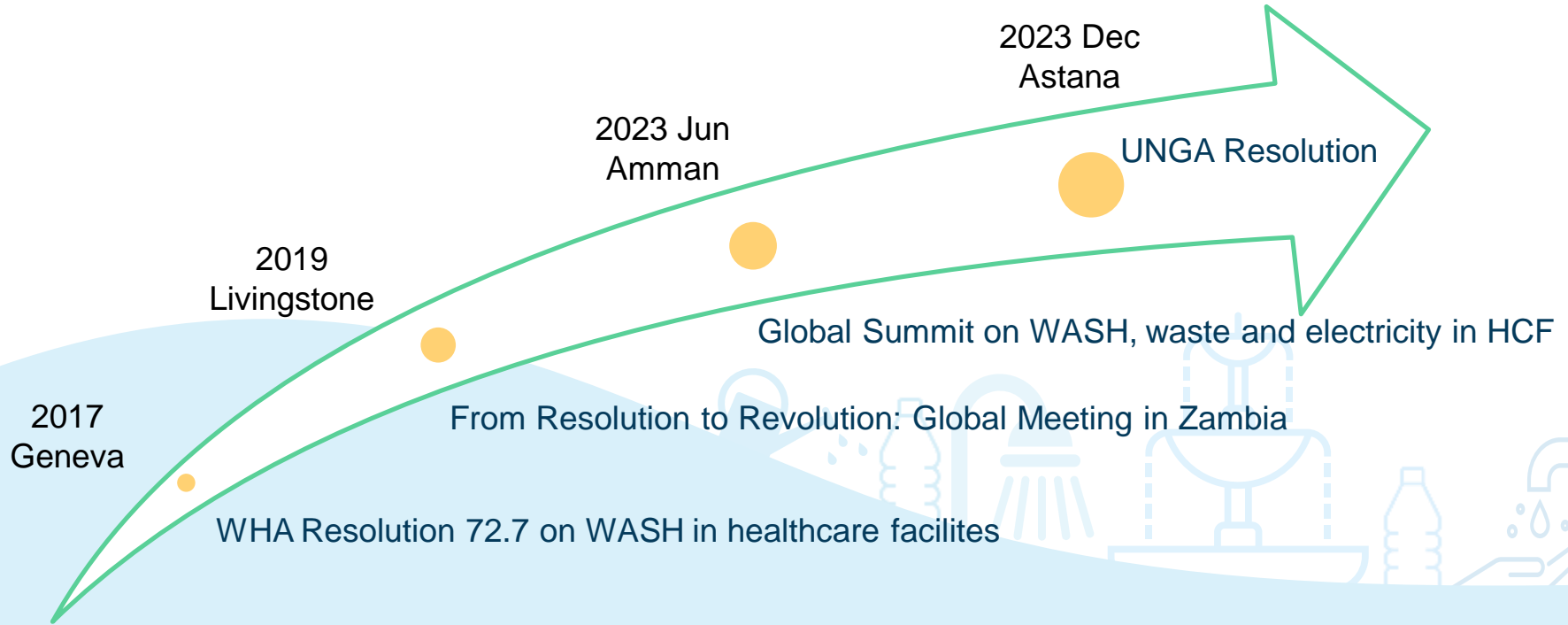
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# United Nations General Assembly Resolution Sustainable, safe and universal water, sanitation, hygiene, waste and electricity services in health-care facilities



# United Nations General Assembly Resolution

## Sustainable, safe and universal water, sanitation, hygiene, waste and electricity services in health-care facilities

- Adopted on 18th December 2023
- Initiated by the UN Group of Friends on WASH in healthcare facilities, lead by Hungary and the Philippines
- Supporting core group: Colombia, Egypt, Nepal and Poland

### Main objectives

- Integrate WASH, waste and electricity services into health planning, programming, financing and monitoring at all levels
- Regularly monitor and review progress, and strengthen accountability
- Develop and empower the health workforce to deliver and maintain WASH, waste and electricity services, and practice good hygiene



# Progress since 2022 – WASH in health care facilities

## Country work

- Assessment tool developed under the Protocol and released at MOP-6
- Progressive uptake in undertaking comprehensive baseline assessments:
  - Serbia
  - Montenegro
  - Hungary
  - Tajikistan
  - Georgia
  - Turkmenistan



# Progress since 2022 – WASH in health care facilities

## Country work



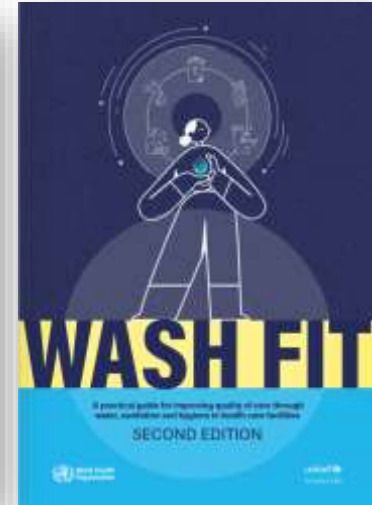
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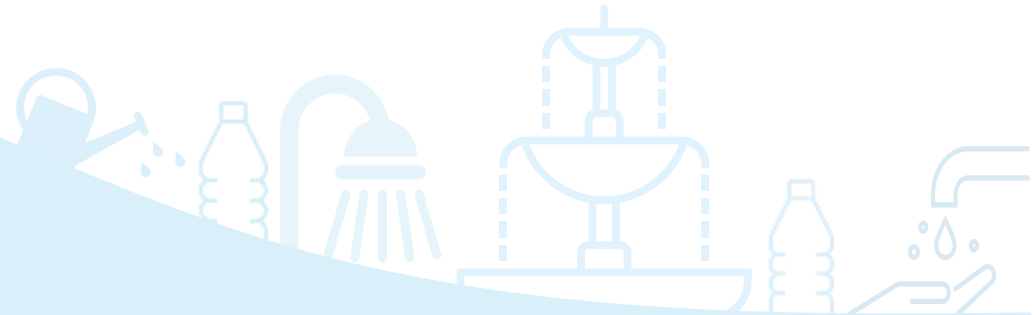


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Assessments form a baseline to inform national spin off interventions: infrastructural, behavioral, regulatory, standards, including uptake of the WASH FIT tool

# Global guidelines on hand hygiene in community settings



# Hand Hygiene for All global initiative

## Flagship WHO commitments

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Stronger **monitoring** of hand hygiene coverage and enabling environment - GLAAS

Informed **planning** for stronger systems - HHAFT

**Costing and tracking** of hygiene expenditure

**Global guidelines** on hand hygiene in community settings



# Do we need Guidelines?



Scoping review of global recommendations on hand hygiene in community settings found some consistency but significant discordance and gaps

And all lacking in evidence

<10% recommendations evidence-based

MacLeod, C., Braun, L., Caruso, B.A., Chase, C., Chidzizwisano, K., Chipungu, J., Dreibelbis, R., Ejemot-Nwadiaro, R., Gordon, B., Mills, J.E. and Cumming, O., 2023. [Recommendations for hand hygiene in community settings: a scoping review of current international guidelines.](#) *BMJ open*, 13(6), p.e068887.



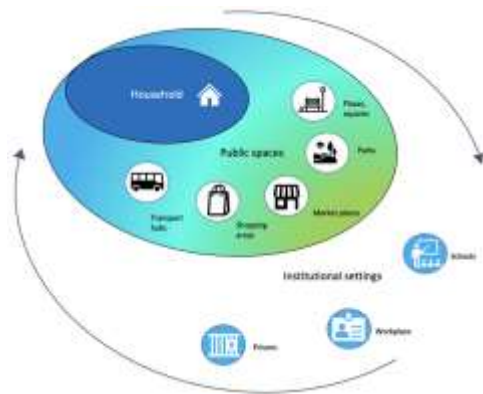
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## Settings

### Community settings

Non-healthcare

Household, public spaces,  
institutional



## Target audience

### Lead/apex ministry

Strong ministerial lead  
required to sustain progress

Which ministry? Context-  
specific. In absence of existing  
lead, **health sector has the  
mandate.**

## Content

### 'What?'

Effective hand hygiene

Minimum requirements for  
practice of effective hand hygiene

Effective behaviour change  
approaches for sustained practice

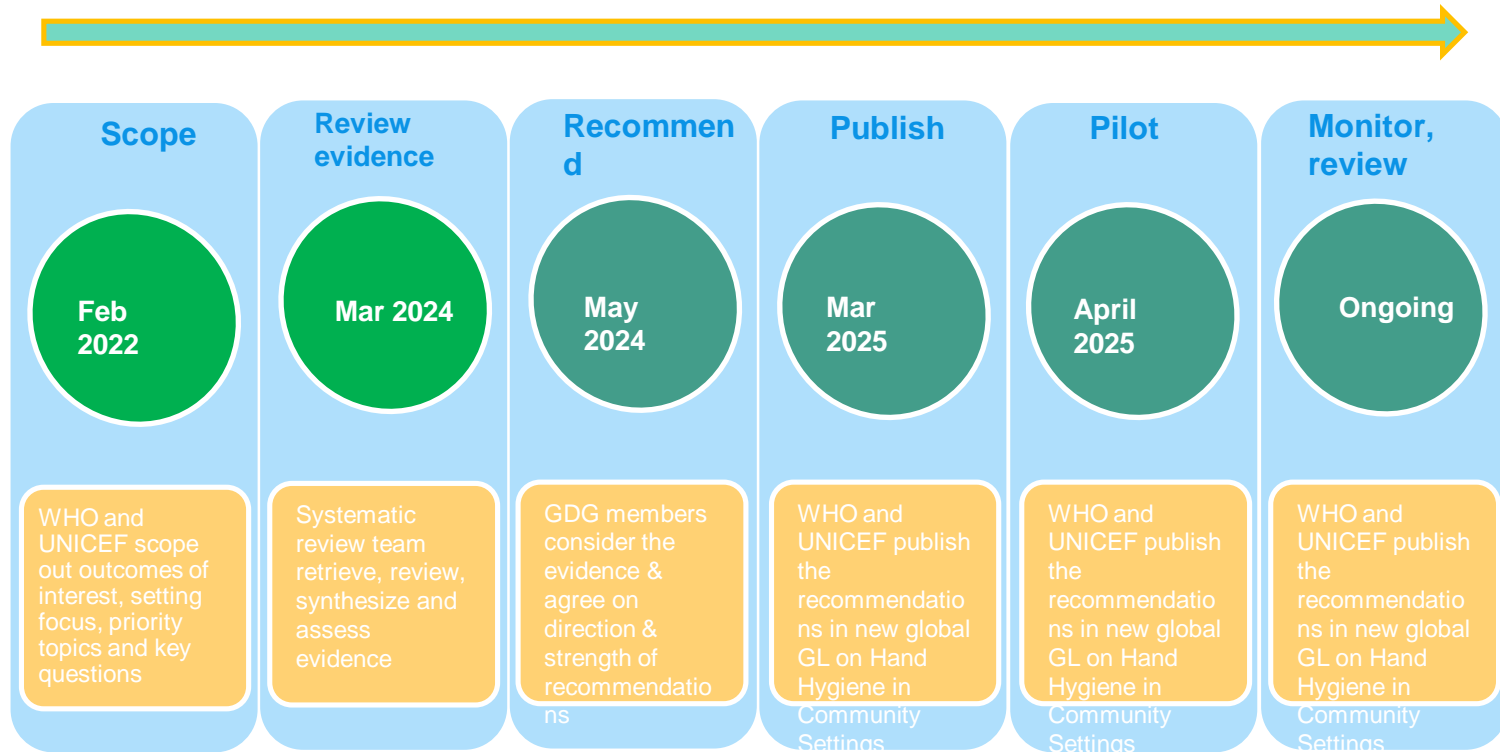
### 'How?'

A system-strengthening approach  
to implementing global standards

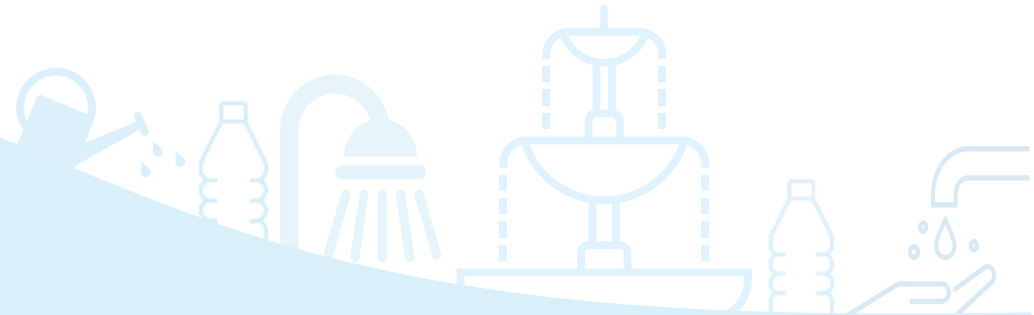
### Roadmap

Step-by-step guide, targeted at  
apex ministry, for adapting and  
implementing recommendations  
nationally.

# Overview of guideline development process



# Agenda item 19



# Plans for future work

## Improving WASH in health-care facilities

- Facilitate policy dialogue and capacity building through regional or subregional workshops to disseminate evidence-based guidance and recommendations and regional evidence on WASH in health care facilities
- Foster national baselines and informed action planning: Support to two countries – upon request – in undertaking a national assessment of WASH in health-care facilities
- Strengthening governance: Assist up to two countries – upon request – in strengthening surveillance of WASH services in health-care facilities and in the development of national definitions for an advanced WASH service level
- Foster facility-based improvement through the application of the WHO Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT)

Regional meeting is planned for 2025 in Budapest

Continued support of country work



# Regional meeting on WASH in healthcare facilities (Budapest, 2025)

## AIM

To create a platform for sharing knowledge, foster leadership, and consolidate a compendium of action for improving quality of care and environmental sustainability of health systems through improved WASH services in health care facilities

## OBJECTIVES

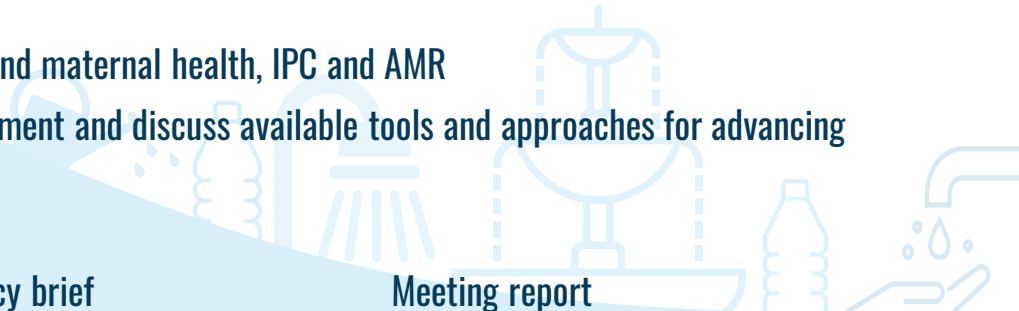
- Present on the global and regional progress (new regional data on WASH in HCF, UNGA Resolution, Budapest Declaration, Regional report on WASH in HCF)
- Discuss translation of the global action plan to regional and national level, including defining advanced level indicators
- Exchange on country experience, including best practices on integrating climate, environment and equity considerations
- Highlight the linkages to quality health care, child and maternal health, IPC and AMR
- Share the outcomes of the regional situation assessment and discuss available tools and approaches for advancing WASH in HCF at the national and sub-national level.

## OUTCOMES

Regional vision statement

Regional Policy brief

Meeting report



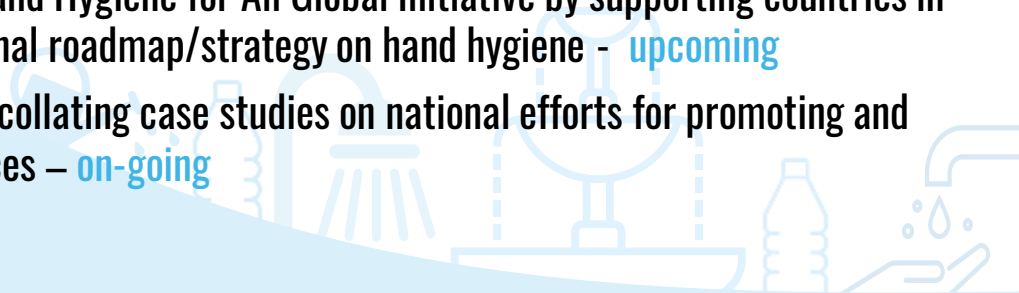
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## Improving water, sanitation and hygiene in schools

- Facilitate policy dialogue and capacity building by organizing subregional workshops on available evidence, recommendations and tools for WASH in schools - **completed**
- Facilitate partnerships and expertise exchange by collate best practices related to **hand hygiene, menstrual hygiene** and on-site sanitation in schools – **finalisation of the booklets**
- Organize an expert group meeting to share country experiences - **upcoming**

## Scaling up action for hand hygiene in institutions, public and workplaces

- Support regional roll out of the WHO/UNICEF Hand Hygiene for All Global Initiative by supporting countries in the development and implementation of a national roadmap/strategy on hand hygiene - **upcoming**
- Foster learning exchange and best practices by collating case studies on national efforts for promoting and sustaining hand hygiene practices in public places – **on-going**



# Thank you for your attention!

