The Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation

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Objectives of the Guide

(1) Highlight the **benefits of joint implementation** of Protocol and SDGs

(2) Provide **step-by-step guidance** for coordinated action

**Audience**

- **Government officials** from different sectors and **focal points** involved in the implementation of SDGs related to water, sanitation and health
- National focal points under Protocol
- National **decision-makers** working on water, sanitation and health, **UN and other agencies** supporting SDG implementation, water and sanitation **service providers, civil society, donors**
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Main messages – Benefits of joint implementation

Protocol and 2030 Agenda are mutually reinforcing!
✓ Protocol is legally binding and facilitates implementation
✓ 2030 Agenda provides momentum and raises attention on water, sanitation and health

Protocol goals and principles are aligned with the 2030 Agenda
✓ Addresses the whole water cycle
✓ Intersectoral approach
✓ Focuses on inequities and on leaving no-one behind

Protocol target areas are closely related to SDG targets on water, sanitation and health

Procedural synergies, including data collection, reporting, follow-up and review
SDG targets relevant to water, sanitation and health
Main messages – Step-by-step guidance

**Coordination mechanisms** facilitate joint implementation – Build on existing ones

**Assessing the situation** - Use Protocol **baseline analysis for data collection**
✓ Identify areas for action under the SDGs, improve evidence base, enable informed decision-making

**Setting targets** - Align Protocol targets and SDG targets on water, sanitation and health
✓ Establish the same indicators to review progress

**Implementing targets** - Use Protocol **framework and tools** to implement SDGs

**Monitoring, follow-up and review**- Protocol reporting supports SDG monitoring
## Examples – Protocol targets and their relevance to SDG6

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<td><strong>Access to drinking water</strong></td>
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<td>Secure xx% access to safe water for all educational, medical and social facilities</td>
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<td><strong>Access to sanitation</strong></td>
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<td>Increase the level of the population connected to centralized and local sewerage systems of xx% for rural populations.</td>
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<td>Publish regular reports and consumer information on drinking water quality</td>
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Protocol’s programme of work and tools

- Improving governance for water and health
- Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases
- Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene
- Small-scale water supplies and sanitation
- Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation
- Equitable access to water and sanitation
- Increasing resilience to climate change
- Assistance to support implementation at national level
- Compliance Committee
Thank you for your attention