A woman with glasses and a white lab coat is shown from the side, washing her hands at a stainless steel sink. A green liquid soap dispenser is mounted on the wall above the sink. The background is a white tiled wall.

# Fundamentals first: Ensuring every health care facility has WASH services for quality care

# The challenge: WASH in health care facilities, globally

- 1 in 4 lack basic water
- 1 in 10 have no sanitation
- 1 in 3 lack hand hygiene at point of care
- 1 in 3 lack systems to segregate waste
- Services drop by 50% in least developed countries

Find your country's data:  
[www.washdata.org/healthcare](http://www.washdata.org/healthcare)



New data for  
164 countries  
now online!  
(from 473 data sources)



For detailed analysis of 2019 baseline data see: WHO/UNICEF, 2019 Global Baseline Report  
[https://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/publications/wash-in-health-care-facilities-global-report/en/](https://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/wash-in-health-care-facilities-global-report/en/)

# Lack of services undermines quality care



Up to 90% of health workers **do not adhere** to recommended hand hygiene practices.



Up to 1 million mothers and newborns **die** from preventable infections linked with unclean births.



In Africa, up to 20% of women **get a wound infection** after a caesarean section.



Hospital-born babies in low-income settings are at a higher risk of being **affected by neonatal sepsis**, with infection rates 3 to 20 times higher than in high-income settings.



On average 15% of patients in LMICs will **acquire at least one infection** in acute care hospitals.

**5.0 million deaths** per year in 137 LMICs from **poor quality care**.

# A path towards improvement exists: From Resolution to Revolution

## WHO/UNICEF guidance for action: 8 practical steps

1 CONDUCT SITUATION ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT



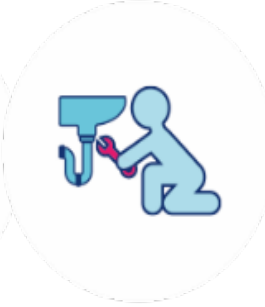
2 SET TARGETS AND DEFINE ROADMAP



3 ESTABLISH NATIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS



4 IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE



5 MONITOR AND REVIEW DATA



6 DEVELOP HEALTH WORKFORCE



7 ENGAGE COMMUNITIES



8 CONDUCT OPERATIONAL RESEARCH AND SHARE LEARNING



- **50 countries** making progress on implementing World Health Assembly Resolution & Practical Steps
- Over **100+ commitments**, totaling more than 100 Million USD
- **30 countries** implementing WASH FIT

### What women want

- Over 2 million users of reproductive/maternal health services surveyed from 114 countries
- WASH second most important “demand” after respectful and dignified care

Learn more at: [www.washinhcf.org](http://www.washinhcf.org)



# Join the movement-be a leader and an advocate



## Specific actions:

- **Lead and advocate** for including of WASH in HCF in national health policies and COVID-19 plans
- **Assess, prioritize** and make rapid WASH improvements
- **Implement 8 practical steps** and institutionalize WASH across health programmes, monitoring and funding
- **Engage WASH actors and private sector** for local solutions
- **Include WASH in operational research** and learning exchanges

- **LEARN:** Visit [www.washinhcf.org](http://www.washinhcf.org) for practical tools, case studies, news and stories.

- **CONNECT:** Join the conversation and share your questions & comments

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- **COMMIT:** Make a commitment and/or encourage others to commit at

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Global progress report coming December 2020!



### Fundamentals first:

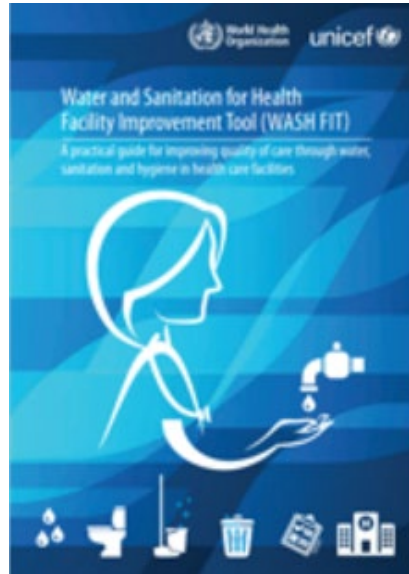
**Universal water, sanitation and hygiene services in health care facilities for safe, quality care for all**

Global progress, country actions and implications for collective action<sup>1</sup>

# Hygiene in HCF in LAC

## Situation:

- **10 out of 30** countries have any data on hygiene services
- **None** of the 30 countries can report on basic hygiene service yet → no regional estimates



## Specific actions:

### STEP 1

- **WASH Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT)** to rapidly collect data / baseline ([EN](#), [SP](#), [FR](#))
- **Adjust HMIS questions** using proposed JMP core questions available in [EN](#), [SP](#), [FR](#) (can go beyond basic service level)

### STEP 2 to 8...

# Global Hand Hygiene Initiative towards a “whole of society change”

**3 stages:** Responding to the pandemic, **Rebuilding** infrastructures & services and **Reimagining** hand hygiene in society

**4 core dimensions at each stage:**

- **Securing political leadership** to embed a culture of hand hygiene
- **Strengthening the institutional and policy environment** to drive progress
- **Ensuring the availability of hand hygiene stations** where needed
- **Drawing on evidence-based behavior change approaches** to encourage sustained hand hygiene practices



**HCF, schools, child-care centres, workplaces, transport hubs, households, institutions and places of worship.**

- Implement **WHO’s global recommendations** on hand hygiene to control COVID-19 + ensure lasting infra & behavior
- Calls for **countries to lay out comprehensive roadmaps** that bridge COVID preparation & response plans with mid- and long-term national development plans
- Proposes a framework for **coordination and collaboration** among global and regional partners to support country-led efforts and investments