

WASH in COVID-19

UNICEF COVID -19 NGO Briefing

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Agenda

WASH: UNICEF's response in COVID-19 (60 mins)

Moderator: Luc Chauvin, Chief, Interagency and Humanitarian Partnership Section, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF Geneva

1) Introduction and updates including funding (5 mins)

- Luc Chauvin, Chief, Interagency and Humanitarian Partnership Section, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF Geneva (5 mins)

2) UNICEF's WASH response to COVID-19 (15 mins)

- Laure Anquez, WASH in Emergencies specialist, Programme Division, UNICEF New York

Experience from UNICEF's NGO partners on WASH response

- Fatima Mohammed, International Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA), Iraq

3) Coordinating the WASH response, the Global WASH Cluster (15 mins)

- Ross Tomlinson, WASH Cluster Coordinator, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF Geneva
- Michelle Farrington, Public Health Promotion Advisor, OXFAM

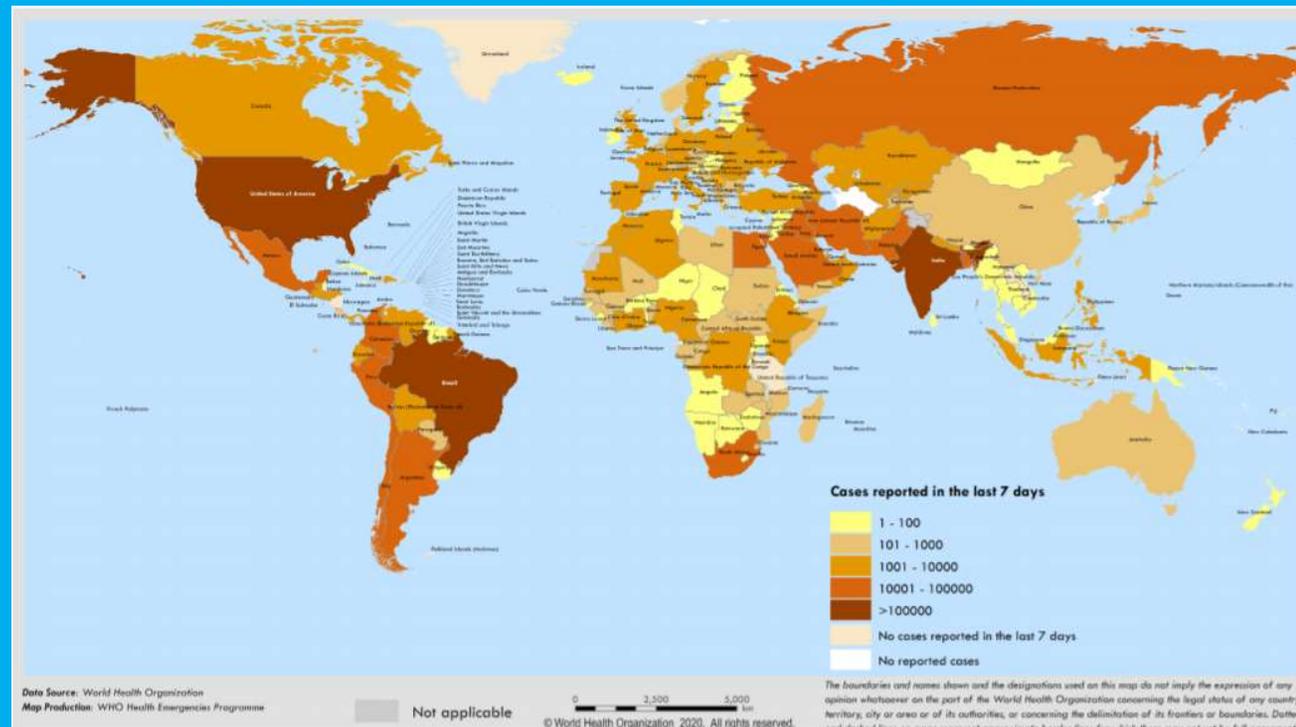
4) Q + A session The panel will take questions from the floor **(25 minutes)**

1. COVID-19: an unprecedented global crisis

- Far from over
- Different realities in different regions and countries
- Deepening socio-economic impact
- Double/triple burden

As of 8 July, globally:

Over 11.6 million cases and 539,906 deaths



2. UNICEF strategic approach

COVID-19 HAC appeal

- Public health response to reduce COVID-19 transmission and mortality
- Continuity of essential services and responding to socio-economic impact of the pandemic

In line with WHO and IASC strategic response plans



2. WASH response framework

Areas of work

1. Hygiene
2. IPC and WASH
3. WASH service continuity and socio-eco impact mitigation

Phasing the response:
Respond, Rebuild, Reimagine

Adjusting core WASH
programmes to COVID context



2. WASH area of work #1

Scaling-up Hand Hygiene Initiative

An opportunity: systems approach to achieving universal hand hygiene



2. WASH area of work #2

Infection prevention and control in:

1. Health care centers
2. Schools
3. Public spaces and communities
4. Households



2. WASH area of work #3

Continuity of WASH services and socio-economic impact

1. Governments
2. WASH service regulators and authorities
3. WASH service providers
4. Supply chains for users
5. Households
6. Institutions



2. Insights and ways forward

1. Pandemic not going away
2. WASH as an essential service and need for WASH service continuity
3. Opportunity: renewed engagement for WASH partnerships





IFMSA-IRAQ

International Federation of Medical Students' Associations-Iraq

Description of NGO

- IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Student association);
- established in Denmark, 1951;
- 1.3 million medical students from 126 countries;
- Vision: create a healthier world;
- partners with UNICEF since 2017.



Project Objectives: WASH contribution to COVID-19 prevention and response in vulnerable health care facilities.

Achievements:

- **1,412,525 individuals** reached on social media through dissemination of critical key messages;
- Pre KAP survey collected and conduction of awareness campaigns in **40 HCFs**;
- **24,088 individuals (40% female)** reached with essential WASH supplies;
- **100 medical undergraduates** reached through online sessions on IPC;
- **250 peers** reached through **3 webinars** on COVID-19.

Activities:

- Conduction of Pre and post-KAP surveys;
- Distribution of critical WASH supplies;
- Dissemination of critical key messages on social media (Facebook and Instagram).

Budget: UNICEF contribution (Cash and Supplies): 61,500\$
IFMSA contribution: 2,000\$



- **Harmonization in the intervention** in IFMSA teams (3 teams in each of the four governorates).
- **Accessibility:** Despite the lock down and movement restrictions.
- **Virtual training:** 100 and 250 individuals engaged in three webinars.
- **Gender equity** in IFMSA (females around 67%)



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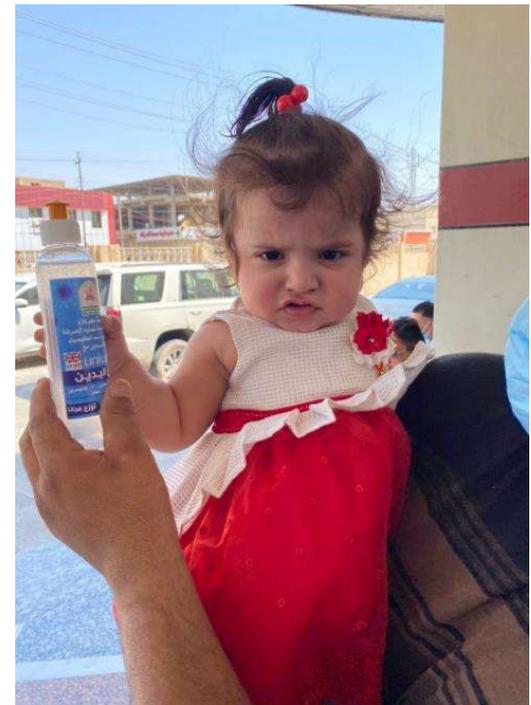
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Thank You UNICEF!



Global WASH Cluster

Cluster Lead Agency: UNICEF

Strategic Advisory Group: UNICEF, UNHCR, IFRC, Welthungerhilfe, Solidarité, ACF, NCA & National Representative Palestine

Partners: **47** full members, **32** Associate members (see full list [here](#))

2019 GWC General Data



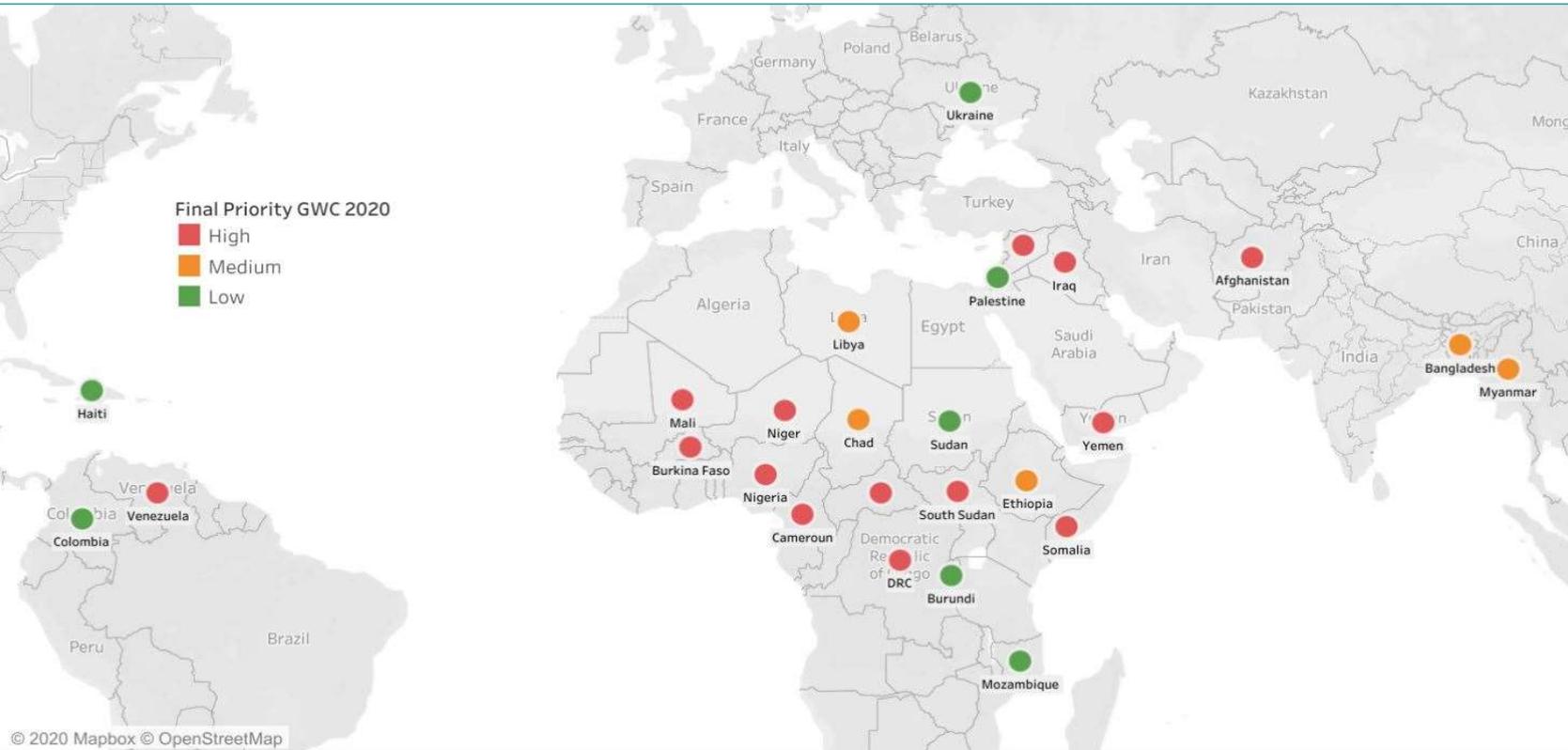
Active National WASH
Humanitarian
Coordination Platforms
26-30

WASH People in Need
89 Million

WASH Target
70 Million

Funding Appeal
\$1.6 Billion

Funding Received
\$700 million



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GWC Strategy

The GWC's vision is that **increased coordination and response quality and capacity** of national **WASH coordination platforms** will result in the **improved relevance, quality, coverage and effectiveness** of WASH assistance provided to **people affected by emergencies**. Read the full strategy [here](#).



WASH Coordination trainings on [Agora](#)

- Partners Briefing package - 2 hour online
- 2 day online WASH Co Induction
- 5 day WASH Operational Coordination
- 5 day WASH Information Management
- 5 day Leadership & Coordination
- (5 day WASH Assessment Training)

Key Advocacy

- [Water Under Fire Vol.1](#) (vol.2 coming soon)
- [WASH Sector Roadmap 2020-2025](#)
- [Mitigating the secondary impacts of COVID-19 on WASH service delivery](#)

Operational Support in COVID 19

Field Support Team ([web space](#))

Consortium: led by Norwegian Church Aid

Partners: ACF, NCA, Oxfam, Solidarités International, iMMAP, REACH

Coordination Rapid Response Team:

- 4 x WASH Cluster Coordinators
- 4 x Information Managers
- 1 x Assessment Specialist

Means of Support

- Deployments / virtual deployments
- Remote Support
- Helpdesk globalwashcluster@gmail.com
- Guidance: [Coordination Toolkit](#)
- Webinars

COVID-19

- Weekly [COVID-19 Newsletter](#) ([subscribe](#) to mailing list)
- Comprehensive [COVID-19 webspace](#) for Country and Agency technical documents, webinars, trainings and other resources in multiple languages
- 3 [Coordination](#) and [Technical](#) guidance documents
- Advocacy: [mitigating the secondary impacts of COVID-19 on WASH service delivery](#)
- Collaboration with [COVID Hygiene Hub](#) – realtime technical support from global experts, led by LSHTM



Oxfam's wash response during covid-19

Our experience in Zimbabwe



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COVID-19 IN ZIMBABWE

- Multi-layered complex crisis existing pre-COVID-19
- First confirmed case reported March 20th; preparation began March 1st.
- UNICEF and Oxfam have a strong partnership in Zimbabwe
 - Additional funding for COVID-19 response in Chipinge



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COVID-19 IN ZIMBABWE: HYGIENE PROMOTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

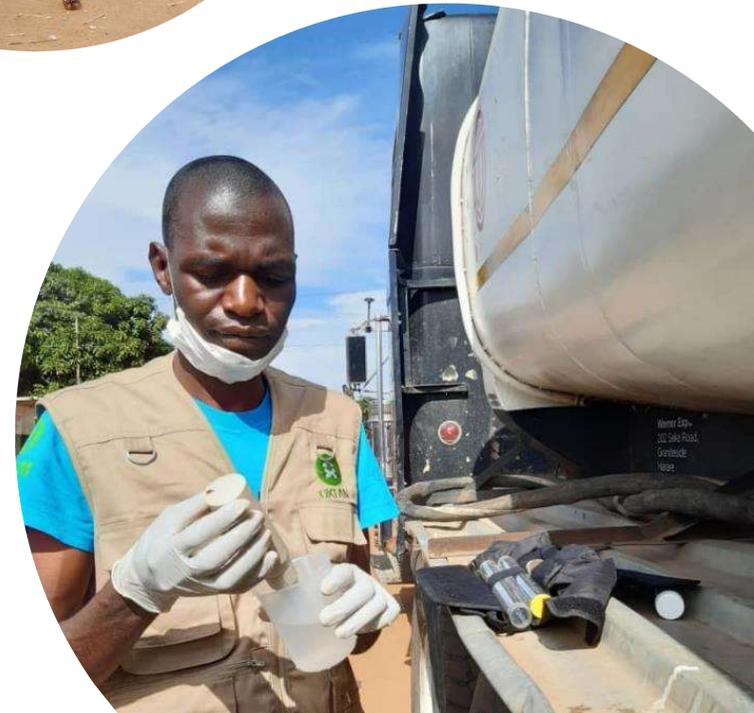
- Radio Sessions – handwashing, wearing a facemask, water sources and treatment options – streamed on Facebook
- Handwashing stations at water points and schools
- Distribution of hygiene materials to 4814 families; waivers with suppliers



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WATER SUPPLY

- Water trucking to quarantine centres and suburbs
- Support to Harare Water and Environmental Health Department with HTH
- Water quality testing



LESSONS LEARNT

- Early planning supported rapid response
- Regular tailoring of activities in reaction to changes and community feedback
- The role of local partners and development actors in supporting response





Q+ A(25 mins)

Panelists

Please type your question in the **chat box** so that panelists can answer.

Please raise your hand if you **want to take the floor** to ask our question.

If you take the floor, please introduce yourself, your Organization, and the country you are working and briefly state your question/comment.



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Thank You!

For webinar resources, please go to [UNPP](#)

<https://unpartnerportalco.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/360008793473-COVID-19-Resources>