



# **WASH in HCF Global Learning Event**

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## **Soapbox Collaborative Basic Environmental Hygiene Training Package Pilot – The Gambia**

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# Background

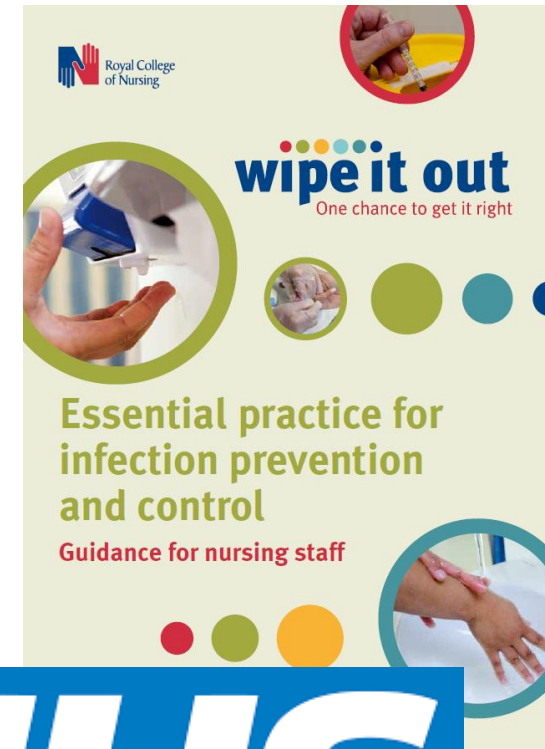
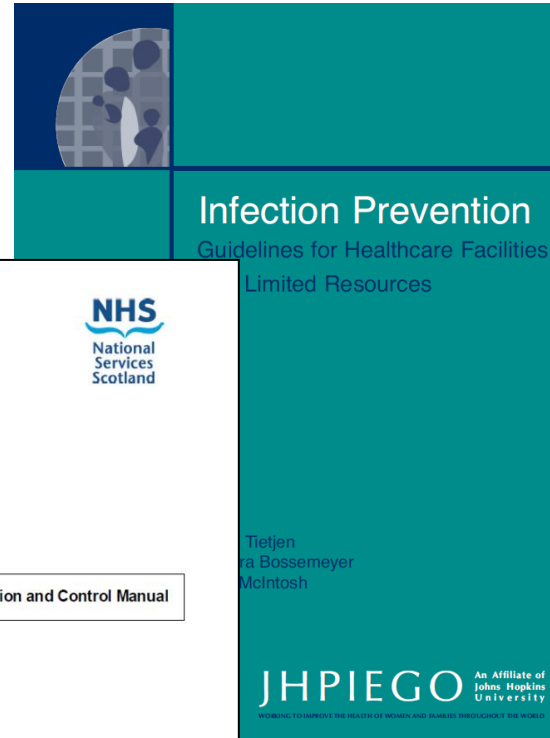
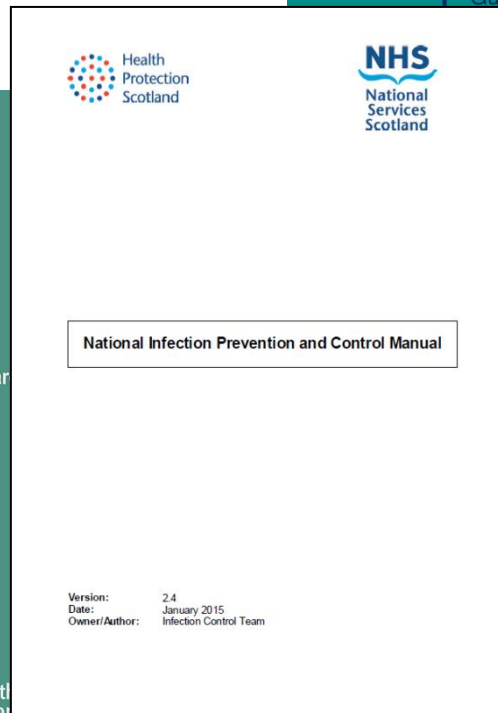
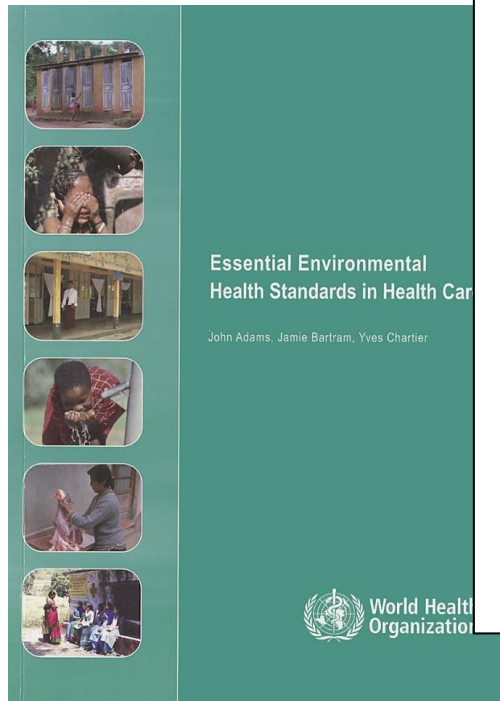
- Maternity unit needs assessments in focus countries – India, Bangladesh, Zanzibar, Ethiopia, Gambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe
- Absence of formal training of cleaning staff across all countries
- No pre-existing training available elsewhere



# Aims & Objectives

- Develop a comprehensive, participatory training package in basic IPC & environmental hygiene targeted towards low-literate maternity unit cleaning staff
- Pilot the training package
- Informal process evaluation
- Incorporate changes and revise the package for further application

# Training Package Development





# The Pilot



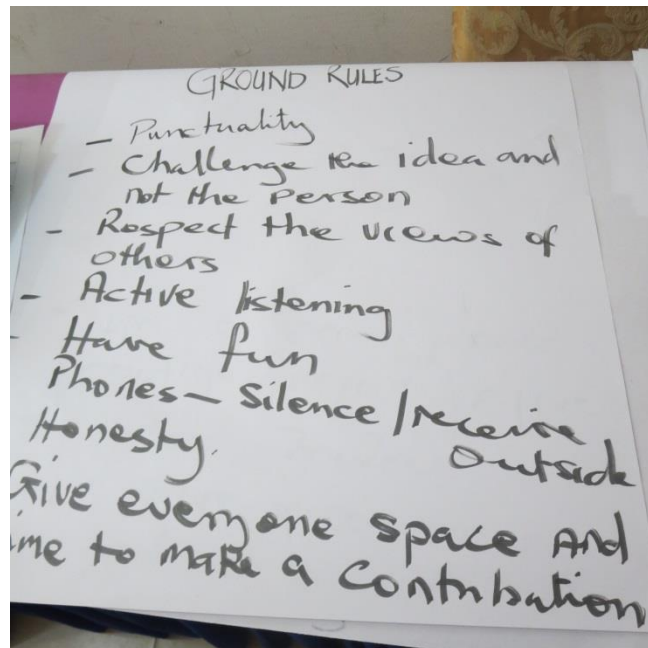
- Partners: Horizons Trust Gambia & MoH IPC Task Group
- Four maternity facilities
- Needs assessment & audit
- Local adaptation
- Training of Trainers
- Training of cleaning staff



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# 'Clean Box' Approach & Training of Trainers



# Training of Cleaning Staff



# Output

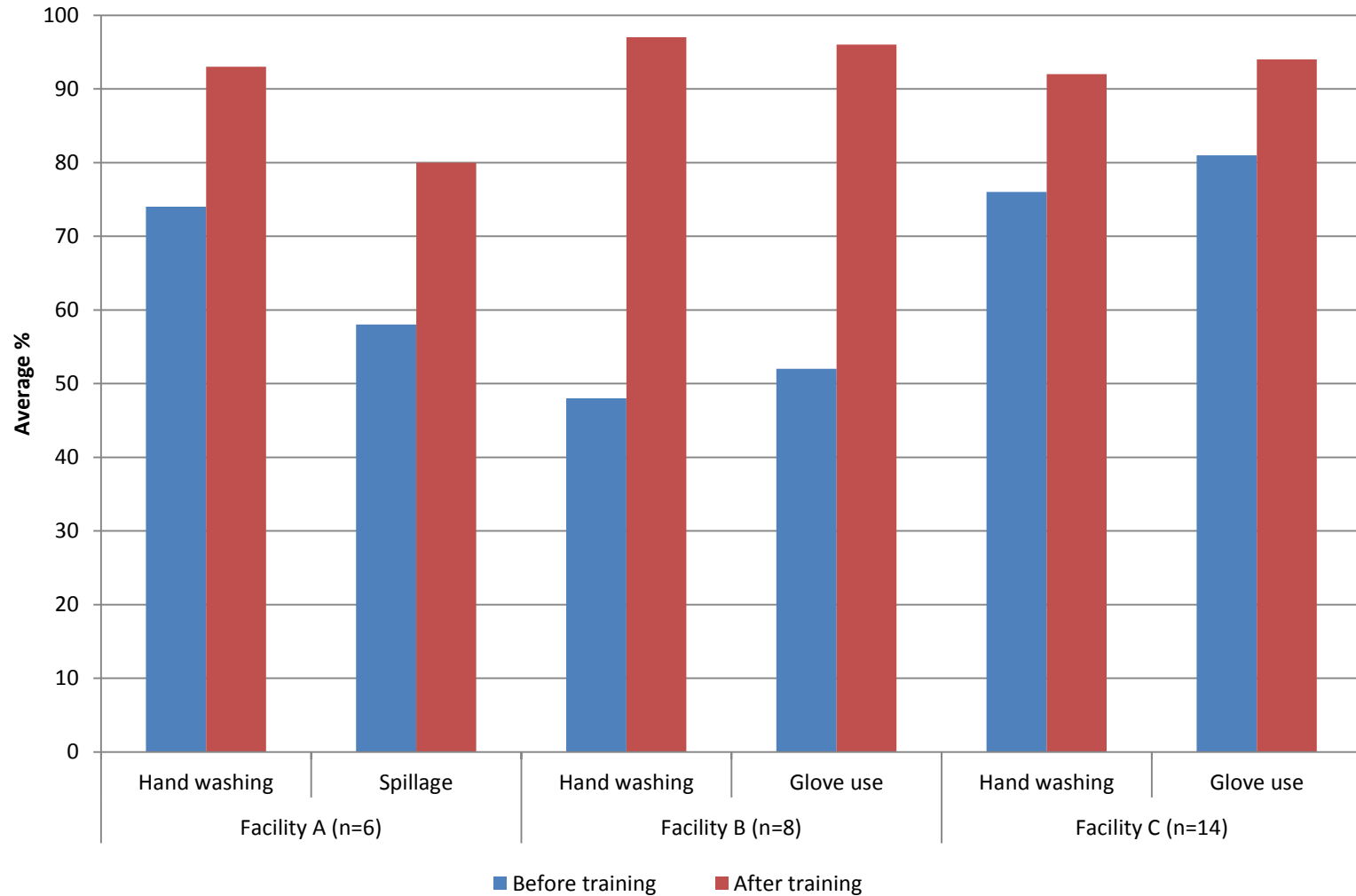
- Capacity strengthening: 4 facilities, 9 trainers trained & approx. 50 cleaners
- Evidence of relationship changes

*“We are very happy afterwards because, for me, to be frank enough, they surprised me. Because me, I don’t know that they are so much talented... I underrate them... but the time I stood in front of them to teach them, the ideas they bring out and their understanding level is very fast”*

- Empowerment of neglected cadre of the workforce
- Immediate improvements to environmental hygiene/IPC standards



# Competency Based Assessment Results



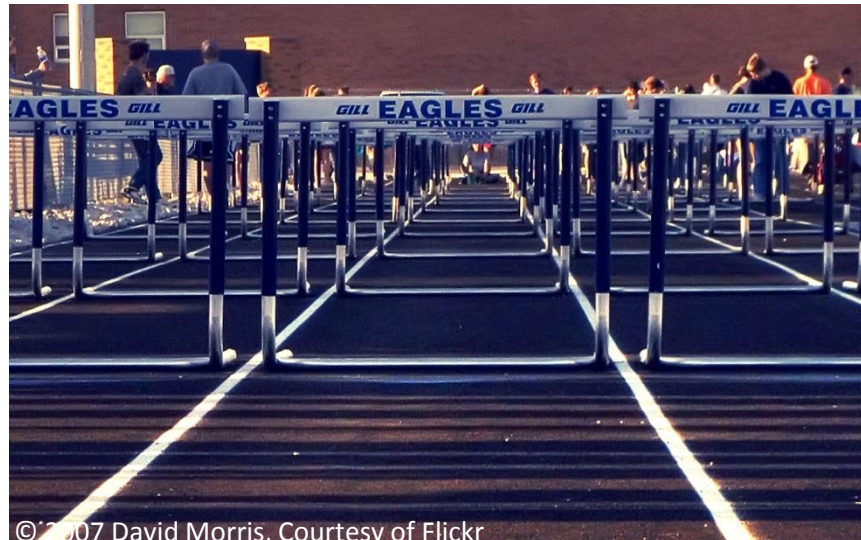
# Strengths

- Participatory – accessible to low-literate staff
- Locally led & adapted to context
- Trainers sourced from health facilities
- Applicable beyond the maternity unit



# Challenges

- Lack of capacity of MoH IPC Task Group & impact on integration of training & monitoring as standard
- Wider buy-in from Ministry of Health
- Staff & resource shortages



# Opportunities

- Increasing recognition of the importance of training cleaning staff – WHO Core Components for IPC Programmes
- Increasing attention on Antimicrobial Resistance

## Further work:

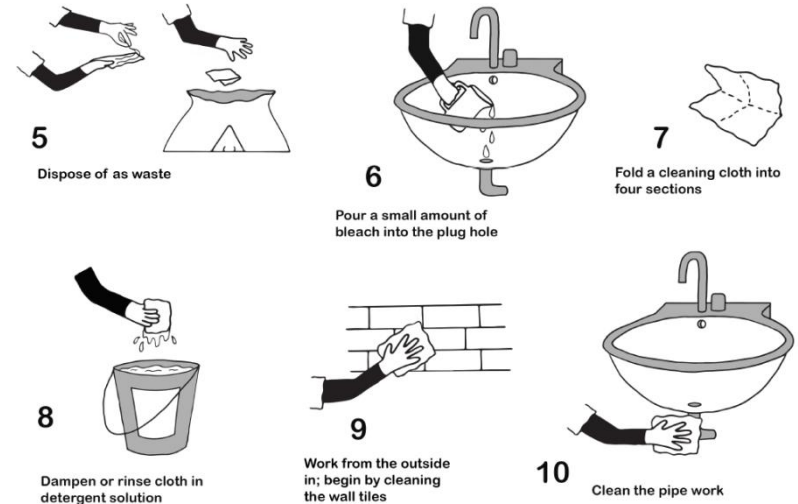
- Strengthen evidence around contribution of healthcare environment to infection
- Requirement for routine supervision & monitoring
- Ensure focus on cleaning & training put in broader context of quality improvement





# Next steps & Recommendations

- Training package revised
- Roll out to remaining facilities in the Gambia
- Illustrated cleaning procedure guidelines (pilot underway)



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- Integrated into midwifery training?
- Establish & support network of users



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