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in Health Care Facilities

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**Water, sanitation and hygiene and  
infection prevention and control: taking  
action to address the foundation of health**

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**Ministerial Roundtable**

**30 May 2024**

# WASH, waste and IPC fundamental to addressing most pressing health challenges

## Reduce costs and save lives

8 million die annually from poor quality care resulting in US\$ 6 trillion in losses

## Links to key issues at WHA 77

→ UHC/primary health care/quality care/AMR  
(UHC update; UHC and AMR HLMS)

**Fundamental to ending preventable maternal and newborn deaths** 47% of newborn deaths occur in Sub-Saharan Africa, where only 1 in 2 HCF have water

→ **Maternal, newborn, child mortality**  
(WHA 2024 Resolution)

**Growing crises & emergencies require cost-effective, sustainable investments**

In 2023, 363 million affected by emergencies

→ **Health emergency preparedness, readiness and resilience**  
(Revised IHR; Global Pandemic Agreement)

**Required to meet commitments for low-carbon & sustainable HCF**

> 82 countries agreed at COP 27

→ **(Climate change and health strategy)**

# Building on the past, looking ahead

Ongoing country implementation (75+) of standards, regular monitoring, WASH FIT, roadmaps



**Ultimate Aim:**  
Every person has quality, essential health care

**Global Efforts co-led** by WHO and UNICEF

**Contributions from 50+ Partners** (e.g. World Bank, UNDP, IFRC, Global Fund, Gavi, WaterAid, World Vision, Save the Children, Helvetas)

**Strategic Inputs from Core Partners** (trailblazer countries+ UN/NGOs + academia + donors e.g. FCDO, USAID, ROK, SIDA, GIZ)

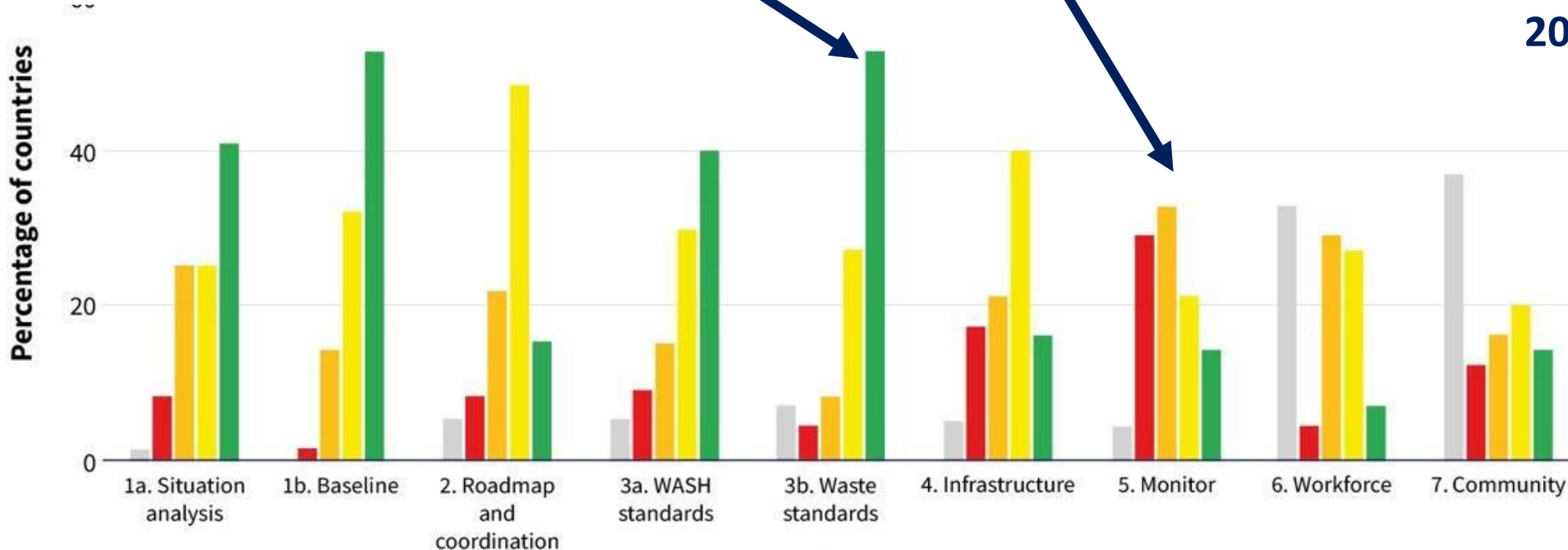
# Framework informed by 2023 progress report

Most action: 80% finalizing and implementing updated waste standards

Least action: 14% monitoring WASH in HMIS



## 2019 Practical Steps





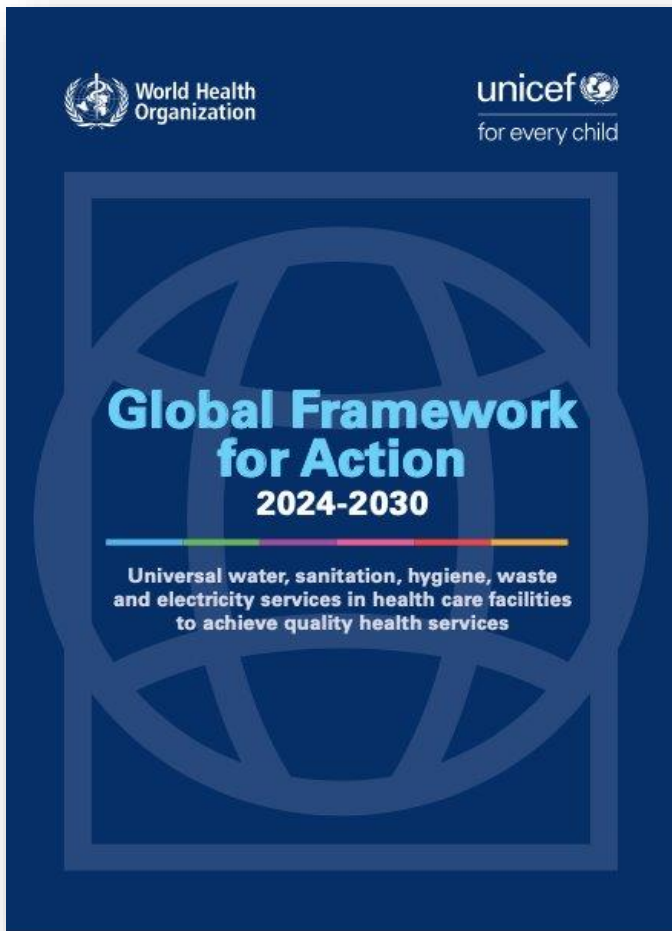
**VISION: All health care facilities have safe, sustainable, and inclusive water, sanitation, hygiene, and health care waste management and reliable electricity for quality care.**

- **Part 1: Framing & Context**

- Linkages to key health initiatives
- Contribution to climate change efforts
- Mechanisms and key actors

- **Part 2: Operational Targets & Actions**

- Areas for action with explicit targets
- National & global recommendations to achieve targets
- Tools for implementation
- Resourcing, monitoring, accountability



# Snapshot of targets; Area 1: Integration, Policy & Governance

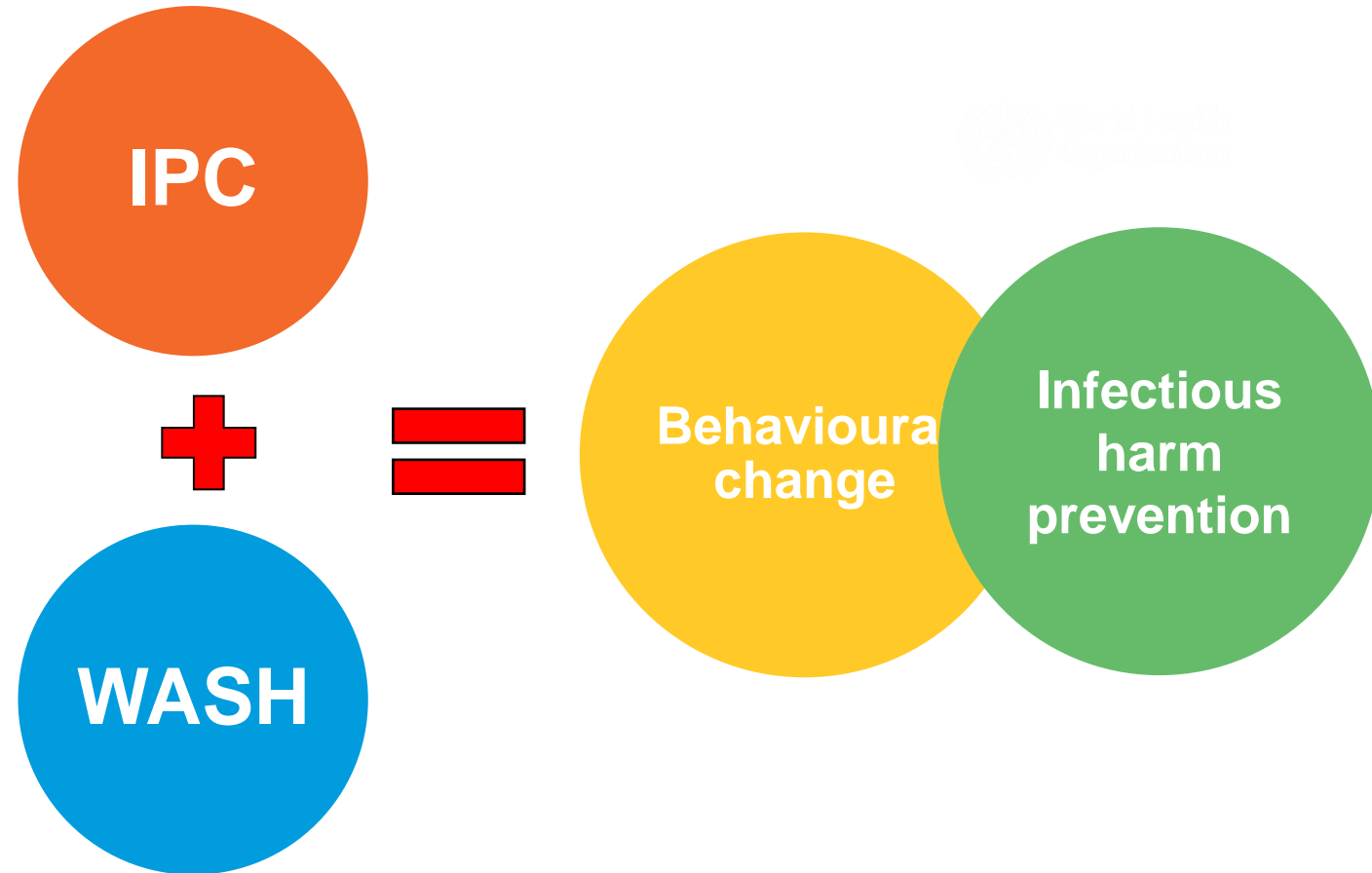
Action	Data		Targets	
	2020	2022	2026	2030
1.1 Establish baseline service levels	75%	92%	100% of countries	100% of countries regularly update the status of the baseline (every 5 years).
1.2 Update national standards	52%	53%	75% of countries	100% of countries
1.3 Develop and implement costed roadmaps for improved WASH, waste and electricity.	ND	63%	80% of countries	100% of countries
1.4 Establish national coordination mechanism and strengthen intersectoral governance and action	ND	63%	70% of countries	100% of countries
1.5 Monitor WASH, waste and electricity within health information systems	10%	14%	50% of countries	100% of countries
1.6 Secure sufficient financing of services	11%	12%	40% of health care facilities	100% of health care facilities

# Complementarity between IPC & WASH

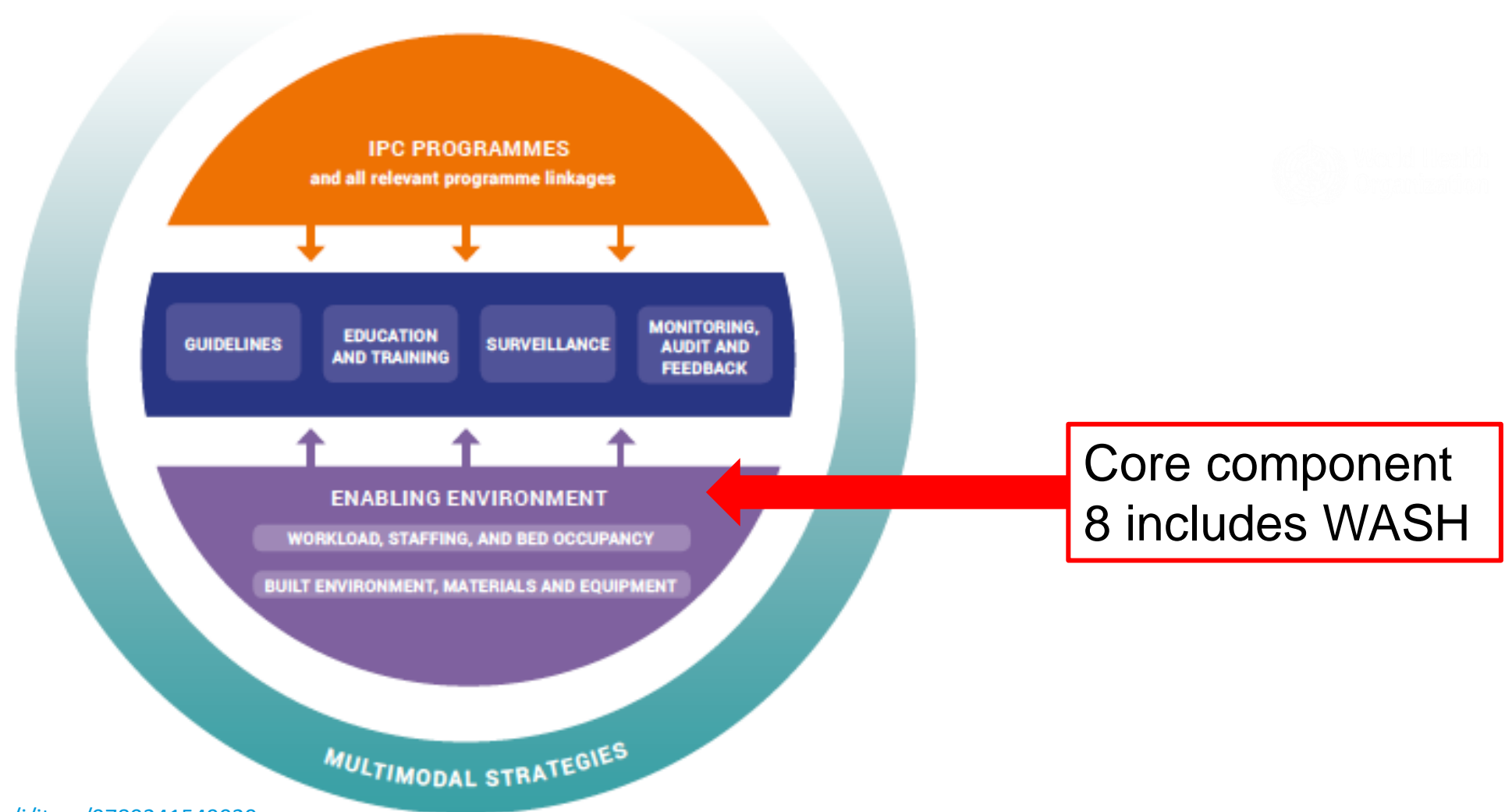
**IPC** is central to achieving quality care for all by ensuring that those who access and provide care are safe from infection through evidence-based, timely, efficient and compassionate interventions integrated within clinical pathways.

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**WASH** provides the necessary infrastructure, procedures and equipment enabling the implementation of appropriate IPC practices and behavioural change among health workers and the community.

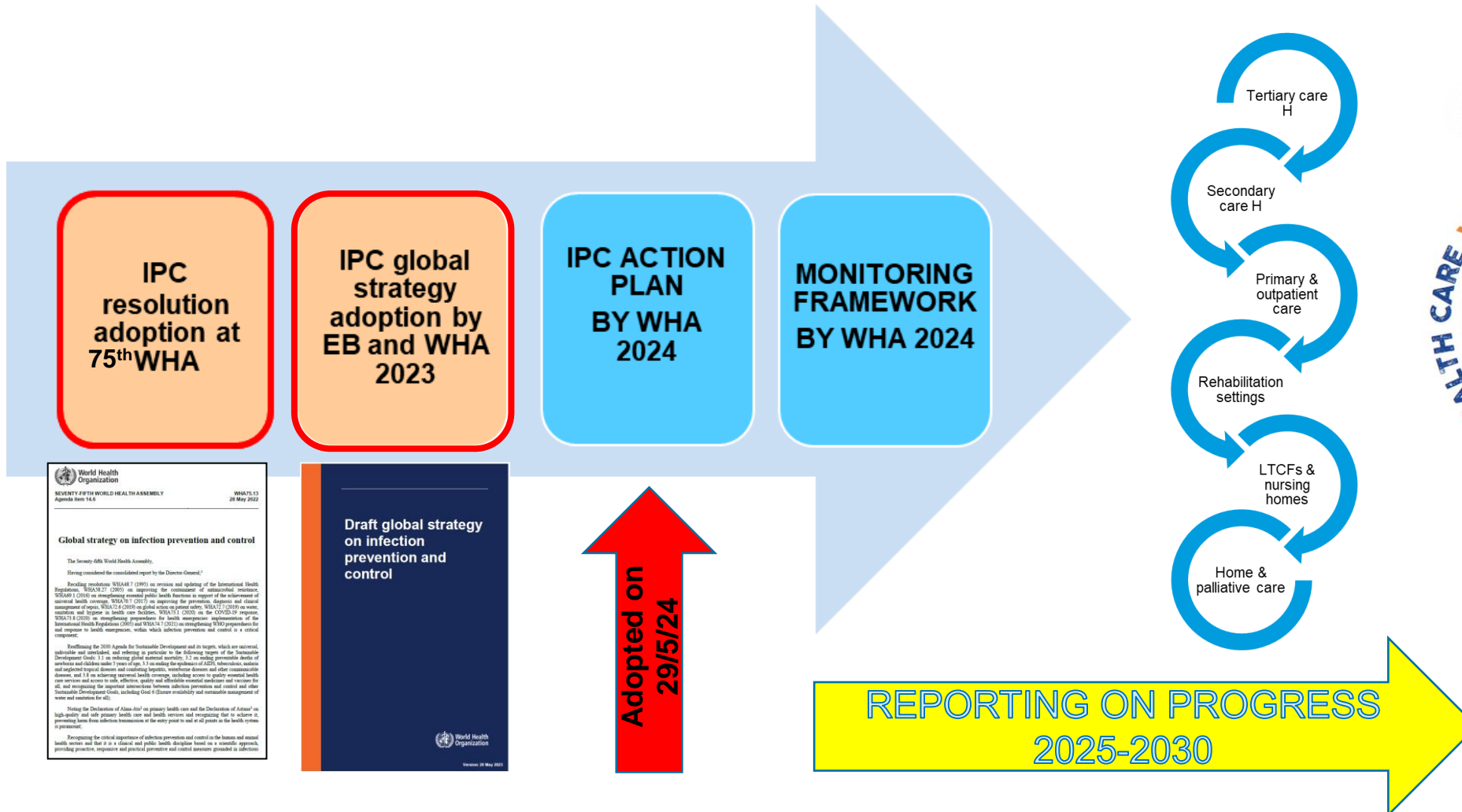


# Core Components of effective IPC programmes

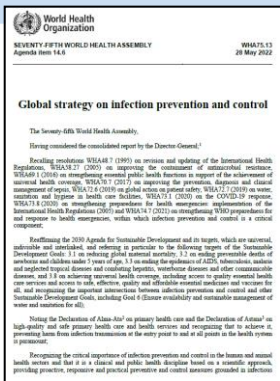




# IPC 2022-2030: Elevating IPC in the global health and political agenda



**IPC resolution adoption at 75<sup>th</sup> WHA**



**IPC global strategy adoption by EB and WHA 2023**

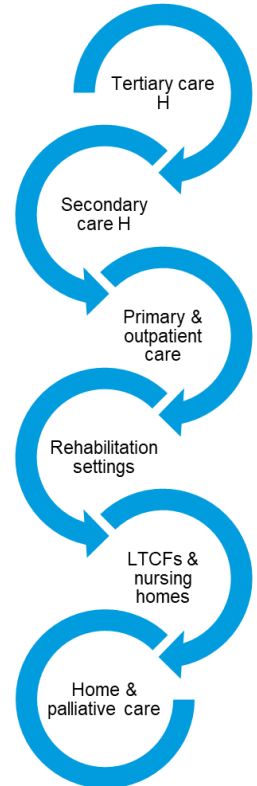


**IPC ACTION PLAN BY WHA 2024**

**Adopted on 29/5/24**

**MONITORING FRAMEWORK BY WHA 2024**

**REPORTING ON PROGRESS 2025-2030**



# Global strategy on infection prevention and control



Eight strategic directions provide the overall guiding framework for country actions to implement the GSIPC

**1** Political commitment and policies



**2** Active IPC programmes



**3** IPC integration and coordination



**4** IPC knowledge of health and care workers and career pathways for IPC professionals



**5** Data for action



**6** Advocacy and communications



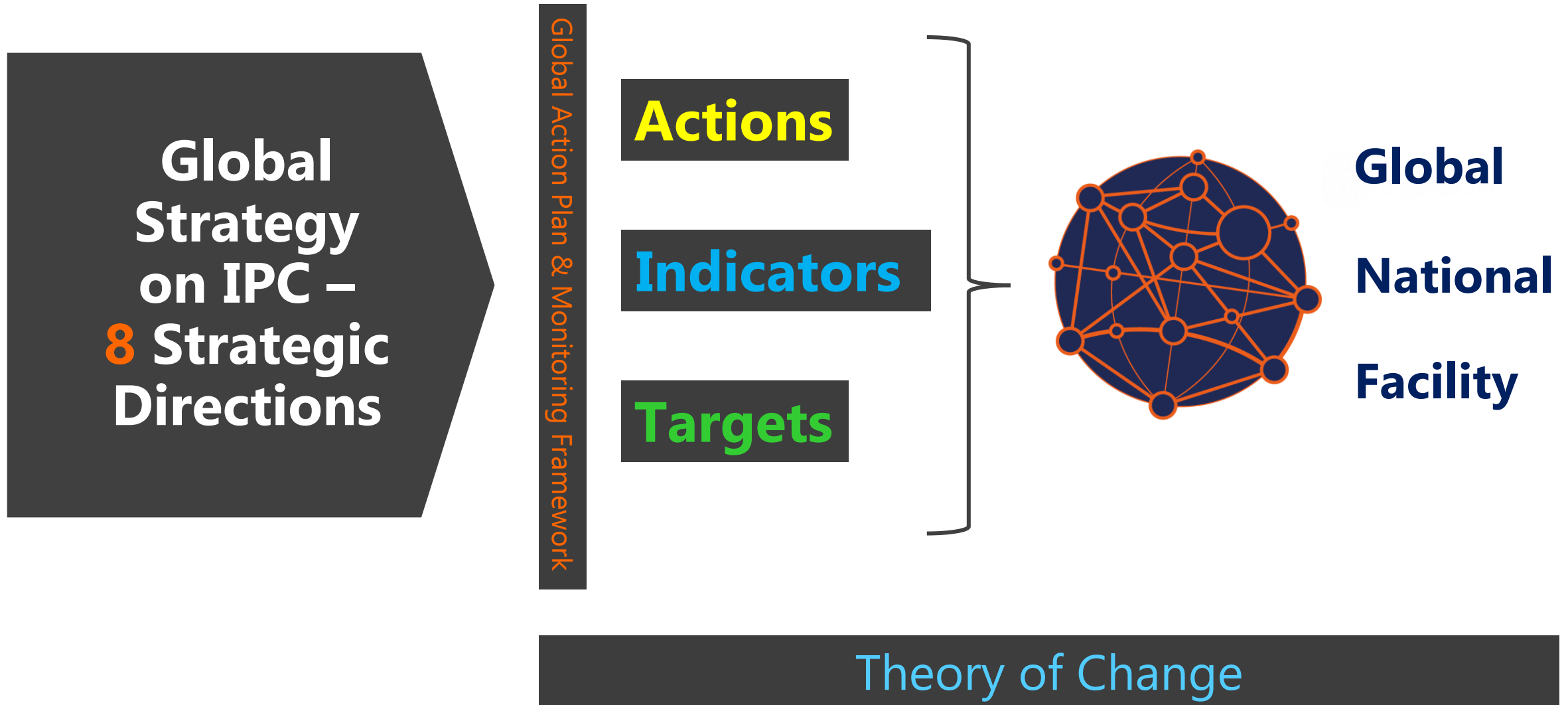
**7** Research and development



**8** Collaboration and stakeholders' support



# From Global Strategy to Action Plan and Monitoring Framework



# WASH in IPC GAP/MF: strategic direction 2 – ACTIVE IPC PROGRAMMES



Action	Indicator(s)
<b>National level</b>	
<p><b>Key action 1</b></p> <p><i>Establish a national IPC programme and/or demonstrate evidence of improvement of IPC programmes, including WASH (namely, meet WHO’s minimum requirements at national and facility levels)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All WHO’s minimum requirements for IPC at national level (see document EB154/8 Add.1) met (to be assessed through WHO’s Global IPC portal)</li> <li>2. Proportion of health facilities meeting all WHO’s minimum requirements for IPC at facility level (to be assessed through WHO’s IPC portal)</li> <li>3. Proportion of health care facilities with basic water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste services (per each indicator, to be assessed through the definitions of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene)</li> </ol>
<b>Strategic direction 2 – Global targets and related indicators</b>	
<p><b>Core target 6</b>/top 8 global targets</p>	<p><i>Proportion of countries with basic water, sanitation, hygiene and waste services <u>in all health care facilities</u> (per each indicator as monitored in the definitions of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene)</i></p> <p><b>Increase of the proportion of countries with basic water, sanitation, hygiene and waste services in all health care facilities to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>60 % by 2026</b></li> <li><b>80% by 2028</b></li> <li><b>100% by 2030</b></li> </ul> <p>Baseline (2022) – water: 78%; sanitation: not determined; hand hygiene: 51%; waste services: not determined</p>

# WASH in IPC GAP/MF: additional targets

Strategic direction 1 – Global targets and related indicators	
Additional target	<p><i>Proportion of countries with dedicated and sufficient funding for WASH services and activities</i></p> <p><b>Increase of the proportion of countries with dedicated and sufficient funding for WASH services and activities to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>40% of countries by 2026</b></li><li><b>80% of countries by 2028</b></li><li><b>100% of countries by 2030</b></li></ul>

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# Consensus Statement: Implementation and Integration

- **Integration:** Bolster integration with health planning, programming, financing and monitoring
  - *What are you doing to integrate WASH/IPC? What more can/should be done? How will you do it?*
- **Monitoring:** Strengthen monitoring of services and dissemination of data as the basis for taking action and investments.
  - *Are you monitoring WASH and IPC in HMIS? If not, how and by when will you do this?*
- **Health workforce:** Develop and support the health workforce to deliver and maintain WASH, waste and electricity services and practice good hygiene
  - *WASH FIT and IPCAF provide a strong basis for empowering and supporting the health workforce. What are you doing to support them?*
- **Leadership: Leverage major political opportunities to amplify and take action**
  - At which events (e.g. UN AMR HLM, SADC Heads of States Summit, CoP 29, G20) will you speak to and prioritize WASH in HCF/IPC?
- **Investments:** Increase investments and budgets for WASH, waste and electricity infrastructure and services and track spending as part of financial accountability.
  - *Improving WASH in HCF comes at a modest cost 0.60/USD/person/year and results in significant gains. How is your country working to improve and track investments and better allocate existing funding?*





# Thank you

WHO/UNICEF knowledge portal:  
[www.washinhcf.org](http://www.washinhcf.org)

WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme:  
[www.washdata.org](http://www.washdata.org)

WHO IPC Global Hub  
<https://www.who.int/teams/integrated-health-services/infection-prevention-control>