



WASH in **Health**care
Facilities Initiative

Global framework for action on WASH in HCFs webinar

6 August 2024

Announcements

Monthly CoP newsletter is joining forces with WHO/UNICEF

- CoP content will be included in WHO/UNICEF newsletter
- No separate CoP monthly newsletter



Community of Practice Corner

The Community of Practice Corner is an effort to showcase the collaboration between the Global WASH in Healthcare Facilities Community of Practice (CoP), WHO, and UNICEF through a combined newsletter. The CoP aims to exchange knowledge, promote learning, and support cooperation among professionals, scholars, and activists to enhance WASH in HCFs. This segment of the newsletter will present achievements and insights from CoP participants. To become a member of the CoP, kindly reach out via email at washinhfcop@sph.unc.edu.

A project for budgeting and advocacy in Thakurbaba Municipality, Nepal is leading transformative change for WASH in healthcare facilities at the local and national levels.

The team has documented their learnings to help scale-up efforts to develop and implement

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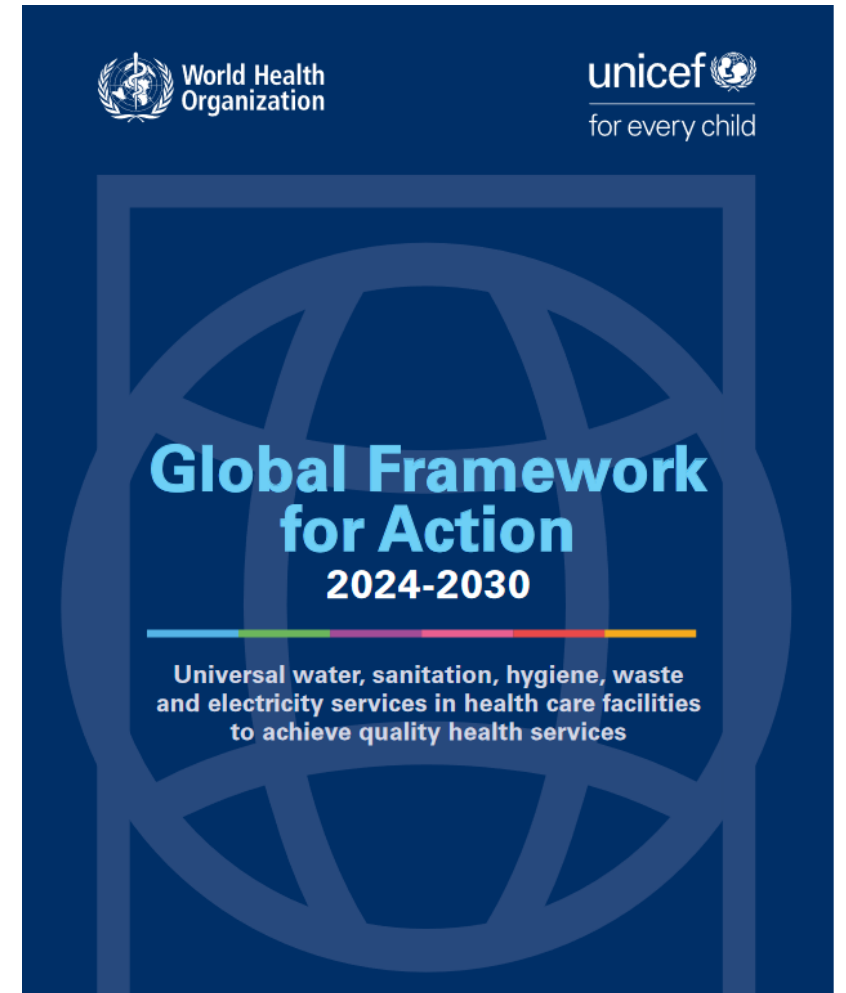
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Agenda

- Introduction to the Global Framework for Action on WASH in HCFs
- Country case study: Philippines
- Country case study: Nepal
- Moderated Q&A session





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A Pivotal Moment: The UN Resolution and Global Framework for Action

Universal WASH, waste and electricity services in
all health care facilities to achieve quality
health care services

Growing imperative for better WASH, waste and electricity services

Reduce costs and save lives

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

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

Growing crises & emergencies require cost-effective, sustainable investments

In 2023, 363 million affected by emergencies

Required to meet commitments for low-carbon & sustainable HCF

> 82 countries agreed at COP 27



Global community committed to strengthening WASH, waste and electricity in health care facilities

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)

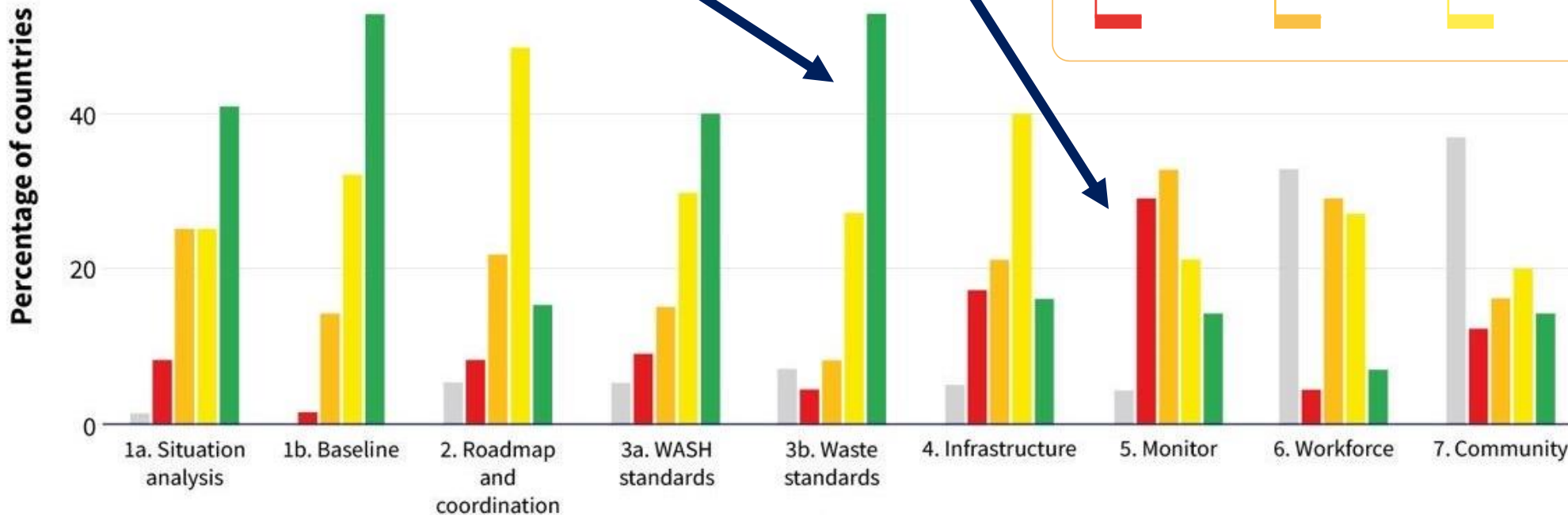
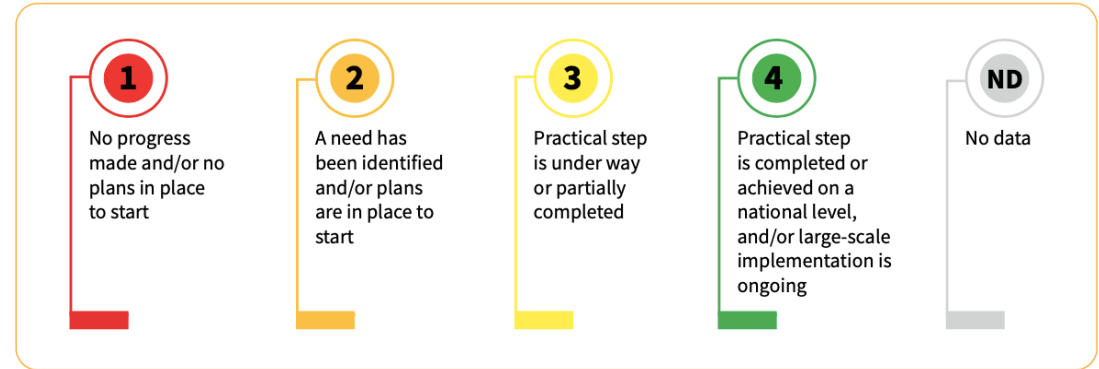
Global Knowledge Portal (www.washinhcf.org)

- *Training and resource materials*
 - *Country tracker*
- *Latest news and case studies*

2023 Progress Report Informed the Resolution & Framework for Action

Most action:
80% finalizing and implementing updated waste standards

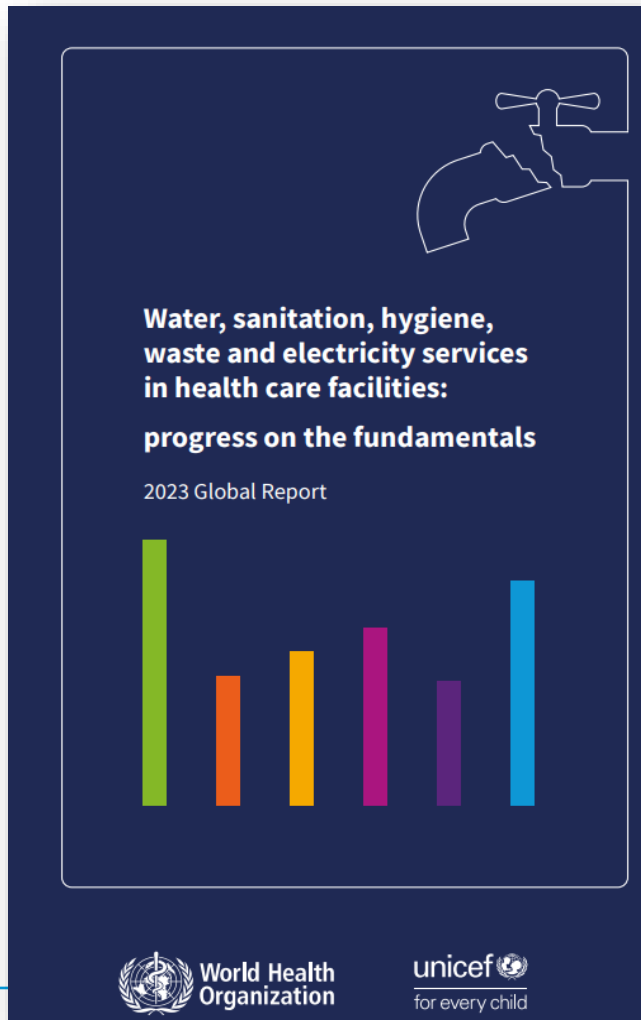
Least action:
14% monitoring WASH in HMIS



*note: Step 8 (research) is not tracked

8 Practical Steps for Improving WASH in HCFs

2023 Global Progress Report: Recommendations



1

Integrate WASH, waste and electricity services into health planning, programming, financing and monitoring at all levels.

2

Regularly monitor and review progress, strengthen accountability.

3

Develop and empower the health workforce to deliver and maintain WASH, waste and electricity services, and practice good hygiene.



2023 UN Resolution on WASH, Waste and Electricity in Health Care Facilities

Adopted by UN Member States in December 2023, the Resolution calls on:

- **Countries to:**

- **Integrate and mainstream** WASH, waste and energy services for HCFs into **national health sector** planning, programming, financing, monitoring and evaluation
- **Empower the health workforce** to demand, use, and maintain these services
- Strengthen **international cooperation**, including through enhanced official development assistance to support health financing

- **Partners to:**

- Enhance **coordination**, strengthen existing global initiatives, and bolster efforts to increase data coverage through the inclusion of global indicators in programme surveys

- **UN Agencies to:**

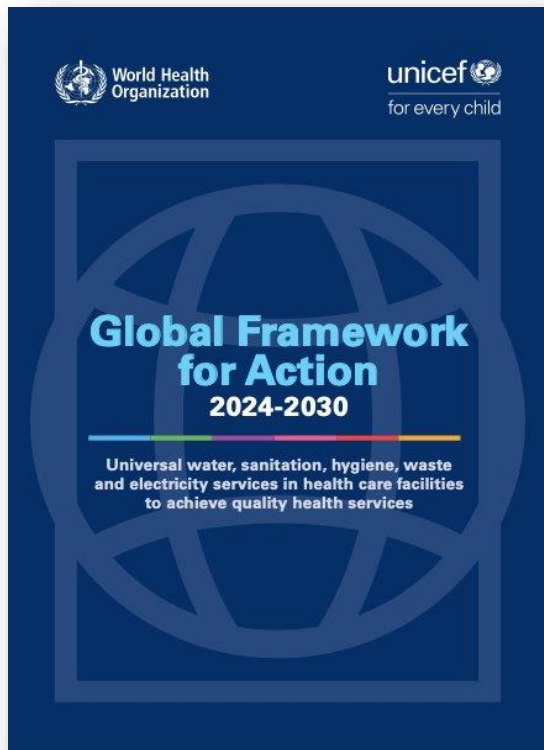
- Promote the **optimum use of resources** and to support countries on WASH, waste and energy in HCFs, at their request

Why is UN Resolution important?

- The **2019 World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution** was the first global policy document focused specifically on WASH in health care facilities.
 - This WHA resolution sparked action and brought greater attention to the issue by countries and partners alike.
 - Reporting on the WHA resolution closed in 2023.
- The UN Resolution not only picks up where the WHA resolution left off, it is a **whole-of-government commitment at the highest level**, supporting greater integration and cross-sectoral efforts. It also has expanded to include a closely related topic, electricity in HCFs.
- Its unanimous adoption by the UN General Assembly demonstrates **global support**. The UN resolution includes specific actions for countries, partners, and UN Agencies.
- This new resolution now carries through 2030 and will be guided in implementation by the **Global Framework for Action**.

Global Framework for Action to Support Implementation of the Resolution

WHO & UNICEF's new Global Framework for Action (2024-2030), published in May, **serves to guide collaborative global and national efforts** to deliver safe and sustainable WASH, health care waste management and reliable electricity in all health care facilities.



Framework Aims:

- Increase **political commitment** and **leadership** and scale up **investments**
- Support **systems strengthening** and **integration** of WASH, waste, electricity with health sector
- Develop, resource, implement **costed roadmaps** and programmes
- Regularly **monitor** and review progress in meeting national and global targets
- Capacitate the health workforce through **training** and **mentoring**
- Support **inclusive** and **equitable** services

Framework for Action's Plan for Monitoring & Reporting

- **Systems targets and tracking, based on the 8 Practical Steps**

- National standards
- Resourced roadmaps
- Health systems monitoring and financing
- Gender/disability/inclusion plans

- **Service targets and tracking**

- Water, sanitation, hygiene, waste and cleaning services in health care facilities (SDG 6)

- **Regular reporting to UN Secretary General (2025, 2028, 2030)**

Table A4.1. Full country tracker with all countries (n = 73)

Country	1		2		3		4		
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	
	1.a. Conduct situational analysis	1.b. Conduct (baseline) assessment	2. Set targets and establish coordination mechanism	3.a. Establish national WASH standards	3.b. Establish national health care waste standards	4. Improve and maintain infrastructure	5. Monitor and review	6. Develop health services	7. Engage communities
Angola	2	2	1	1	4	1	ND	2	ND
Bangladesh	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	3
Benin	1	4	2	2	2	1	4	ND	ND
Bhutan	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Bolivia	4	3	4	3	3	1	1	ND	ND
Brazil	4	3	2	ND	ND	3	3	2	3
Burkina Faso	2	4	3	3	4	3	1	ND	ND
Cambodia	4	3	4	4	4	4	2	ND	ND
Cameroon	3	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chad	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	3
Colombia	2	3	2	4	ND	1	1	2	ND
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2	3	4	4	3	4	3	ND	ND
Equatorial Guinea	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1
Eswatini	2	4	3	3	4	3	2	3	3
Ethiopia	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3



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

Area 2: Service Levels

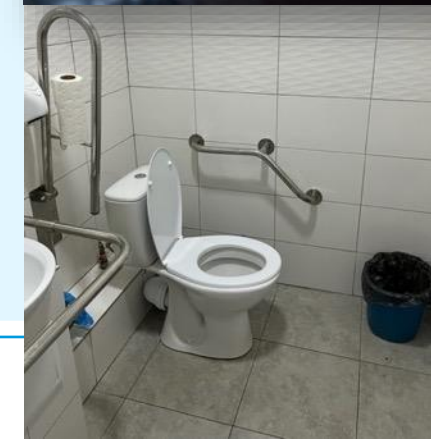
Action	Data		Targets	
	2020	2022	2026	2030
2.1 Improve services globally	Water: 76% Sanitation: ND Hand hygiene: ND Waste: ND Electricity: ND	Water: 78% Sanitation: ND Hand hygiene: 51% Waste: 61% Electricity: 1 billion health users with unreliable or no electricity	<p>80% of countries have universal basic services and all have established national standards and monitoring indicators for higher levels.</p> <p>At least 80% of HCF in every country have access to reliable electricity.</p>	<p>100% of countries have universal basic and higher levels of service.</p> <p>100% of HCF in all countries have universal access to reliable electricity.</p>
2.2 Improve services in LDCs	Water: 50% Sanitation: 37% Hand hygiene: ND Waste: 30% Electricity: ND	Water: 53% Sanitation: 21% Hand hygiene: 32% Waste: 34% Electricity: ND	<p>60% of HCF in LDCs have basic services.</p> <p>70% of HCF in LDCs have access to reliable electricity.</p>	<p>100% of HCF in LDCs have basic services and 50% have higher levels of service.</p> <p>100% of HCF in all countries have access to reliable electricity.</p>

Area 3: Equity, Inclusivity and Community Engagement

Action	Data		Targets	
	2020	2022	2026	2030
3.1 Improve inclusivity of WASH services and processes at national and facility levels	No data	No data	50% of countries have plans that address inclusivity of WASH services and mainstream gender-transformative WASH and rights (equity, disability) in planning, designing and implementing WASH systems.	100% of countries have plans that address inclusivity of WASH services, and these plans are resourced, implemented and monitored.

WASH FIT is a Practical Tool for Facility-Level Improvements

- Used in **about 70 countries**; covers water, sanitation, water, hand hygiene, waste, cleaning, energy and management
- Based on **catalytic practical actions** and **quality improvements** at facility
- Country examples:
 - **Ukraine**: Combined with IPC/antimicrobial resistance efforts, including on frontlines
 - **Philippines**: Higher level standards established and monitored through health systems
 - **Mali**: Locally based water and sanitation designs with focus on reducing maternal/newborn mortality



Next Steps



- Increase **political commitment** and leadership
 - Rapidly **scale up investments**
 - Support **systems strengthening** and **integration** of WASH, waste, electricity (in context of climate change) with health sector
 - Develop, resource, implement **costed roadmaps** and programmes
 - Regularly **monitor** and review progress in meeting national and global targets
 - Capacitate the health workforce through **training** and **mentoring**
 - Support **inclusive** and **equitable** services
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Progress is possible!





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Thank you!

WHO

<https://www.who.int/teams/environment-climate-change-and-health/water-sanitation-and-health>

UNICEF

<https://www.unicef.org/wash>

WHO/UNICEF knowledge portal on WASH in HCFs

www.washinhcf.org

Case study 1: Philippines

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Green and Safe Health Facilities Strategic Plan 2030

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

GREEN HEALTH FACILITIES

Investing for Resiliency
and Sustainability



01 WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The **environmental health*** issues of the Philippines are growing at an exponential rate and rapid pace.



The Philippines Remains At-Risk of Emergencies and Disasters

Rank	Country	Risk
1.	Philippines	46.82
2.	India	42.31
3.	Indonesia	41.46
4.	Colombia	38.37
5.	Mexico	37.55
6.	Myanmar	35.49



NHFR at a Glance

Total active health facilities and health-related facilities

Updated as of:
Monday, October 09, 2023
8:12:07 AM

Total Health Facilities	Total Hospitals	Total Infirmaries	Total Rural Health Units	Total Barangay Health Stations	Total Other Health & Health Related Facilities
39,610	1,345	656	2,605	25,664	9,340

Addressing these problems necessitate a whole-of government, whole-of-society approach. We must all work together to achieve our shared goal of protecting the health of present and future generations of Filipinos.



What Works: PHILIPPINE HEALTH FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2020-2040)

Philippine Health Facility Status



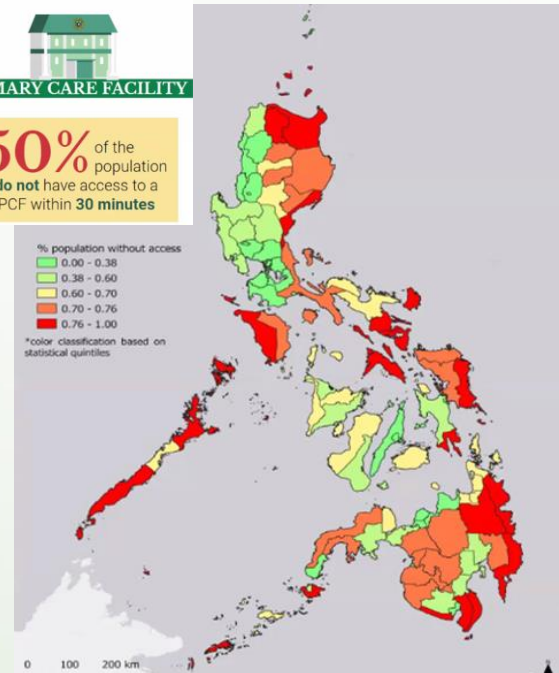
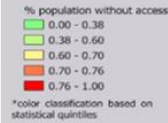
Health Facility Type	Total Facilities	Government	Private	No License	Licensed
Barangay Health Station	25,324	25,324	0	943	39
Birthing Home	2,957	1,232	1,725	8	2,926
Rural Health Unit	2,605	2,605	0	106	172
Hospital	1,352	464	888	31	1,318
Infirmiry	649	356	293	9	639
City Health Office	42	42	0	12	3

Inaccessible PCFs

Primary Care Facilities



50% of the population do not have access to a PCF within 30 minutes



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WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?



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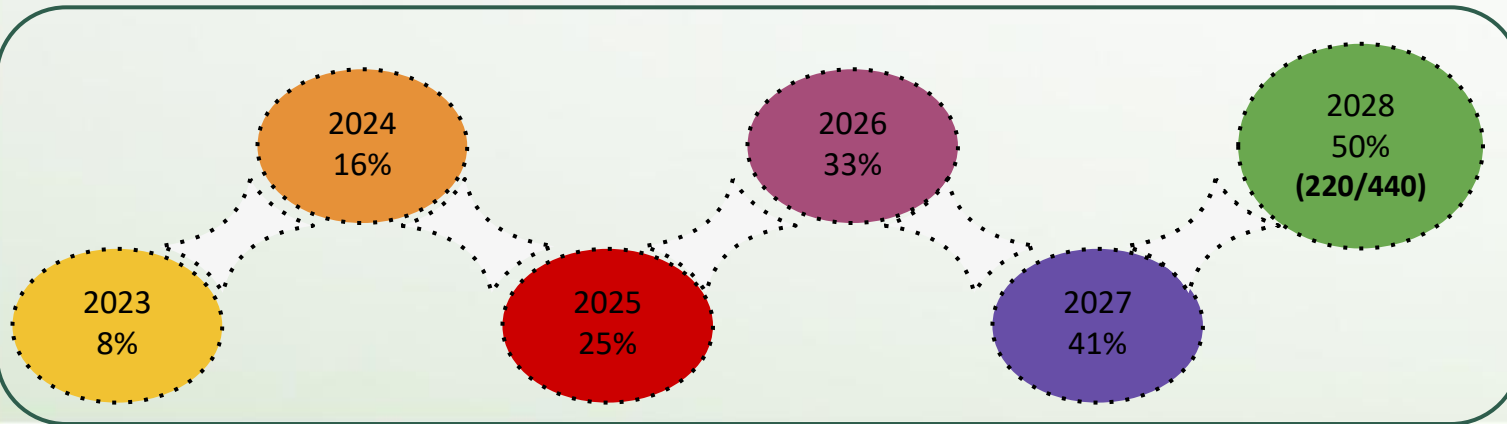


Strategic Objective:
Capacity to Recover From and Adapt to Future Disasters and Related Crisis



Strategic Intervention:

✓ **Strengthen the climate resilience and environmental sustainability of health facilities**



Targets:

Govt hospitals are **RECOGNIZED** as green, safe, and climate-resilient health facilities

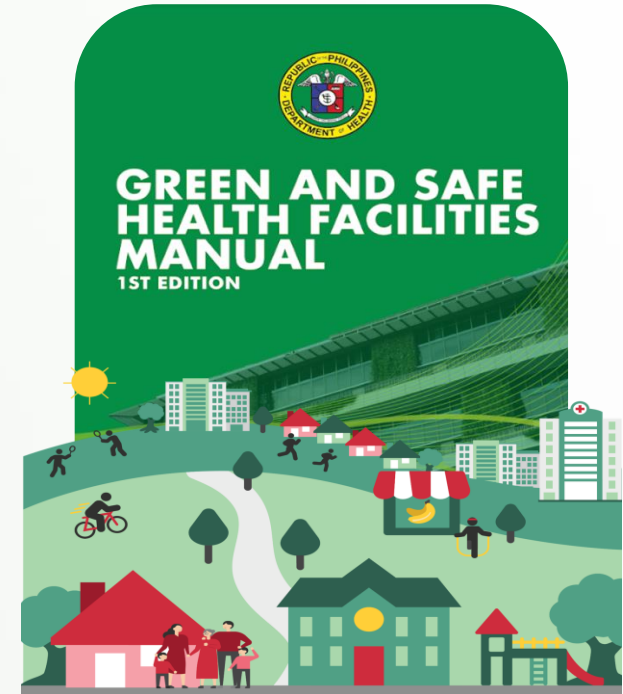


Green Viability Assessment (GVA) System

This is the **green rating of hospitals under the GVA system**. Assessment, validation, and recognition of hospitals using the GVA tool to determine the compliance to the green, safe, and climate resilient performance standards.



 Governance	 Energy efficiency	 Materials sustainability	 Site sustainability
 Water efficiency, sanitation and hygiene	 Health care waste management	 Environmentally resilient health facility	 Indoor environment quality



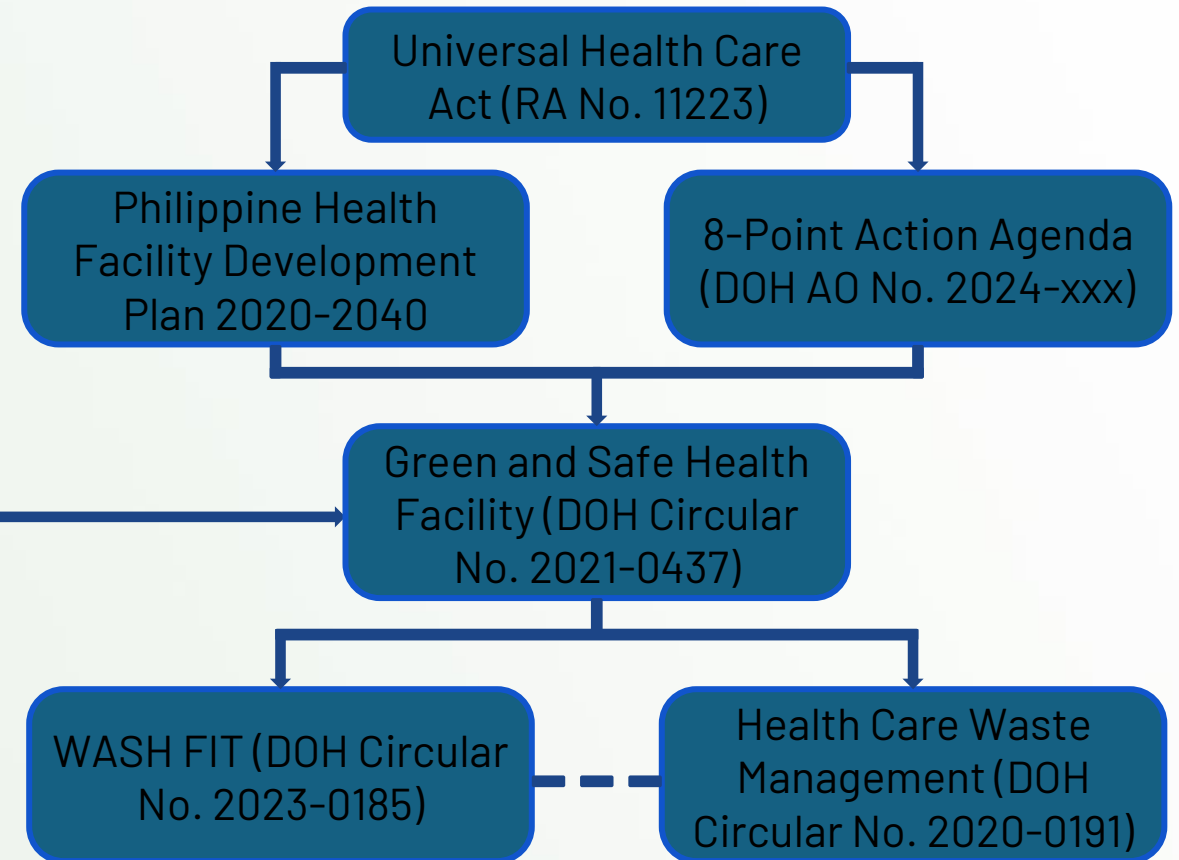
Objective of the Green and Safe

The Green, Safe, and Climate Resilient Health Facilities Strategic Plan 2030 shall provide a detailed sustainable program and overall direction in the planning, financing, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Green and Safe Health Facilities.



Green and Safe HF Framework

- Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (PD 856)
- Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (RA 8749)
- Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275)
- Renewable Energy Act (RA 9513)
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (RA 11285)
- Climate Change Act of 2009 (RA 9279)
- Philippine Disaster Reduction and Management (RA 10121)
- Philippine Green Building Code (Referral code of PD 1096)



Guidelines on the Green and Safe Health Facilities: Integration of Climate and Disaster Resilient Measures in the Construction of Health Facilities

- For new construction and for renovation/upgrading projects:
 1. Ensure that the building design of the facilities can withstand a Typhoon, minimum wind speed load of 300 KPH.
 2. Seismic / Earthquake load as requirement specified under the applicable code or ordinance.

Table 208-5 Near-Source Factor N_a ¹

Seismic Source Type	Closest Distance To Known Seismic Source ²		
	≤ 2 km	≤ 5 km	≥ 10 km
A	1.5	1.2	1.0
B	1.3	1.0	1.0
C	1.0	1.0	1.0

Table 208-6 Near-Source Factor, N_v ¹

Seismic Source Type	Closest Distance To Known Seismic Source ²			
	≤ 2 km	5 km	10 km	≥ 15 km
A	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.0
B	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.0
C	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Table 208-4 - Seismic Source Types ¹

Seismic Source Type	Seismic Source Description	Seismic Source Definition
		Maximum Moment Magnitude, M
A	Faults that are capable of producing large magnitude events and that have a high rate of seismic activity.	$7.0 \leq M \leq 8.4$
B	All faults other than Types A and C.	$6.5 \leq M < 7.0$
C	Faults that are not capable of producing large magnitude earthquakes and that have a relatively low rate of seismic activity.	$M < 6.5$

¹Subduction sources shall be evaluated on a site-specific basis.



Green and Safe HF Strategic Plan

Vision:

Leader in Green, Safe, and Climate-Resilient Health Facility Development

Mission:

Health Facility Development Bureau is a team of driven, innovative, and competent professionals that develops policies, plans, standards, and programs; provides technical advisory services and capability building for safe, resilient, and sustainable health services and facilities to ensure universal access to quality health care

Objective:

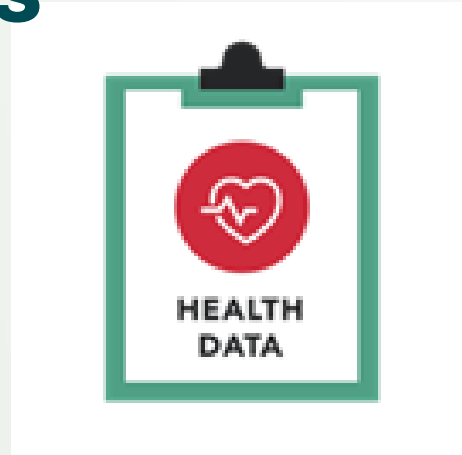
By 2030, at least 50 percent of hospitals and other health facilities owned and operated by the national and local governments are implementing green, safe, and climate-resilient health facility development



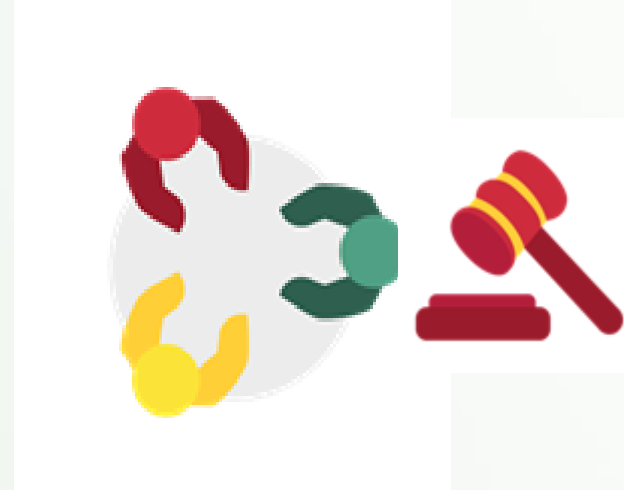
Moving towards Green, Safe, and Climate-Resilient Health Facilities



Strengthen green and safe health initiatives through the Green Viability Assessment System



Improve availability of high quality data on the impact of climate change on health



Raise awareness of stakeholders and policy makers



Continuous improvement and implementation of safe, sustainable and resilient health infrastructure



Sa Bagong Pilipinas, Bawat Buhay Mahalaga

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Case study 2: Nepal

Seema Rajouria

Global Framework for Action on WASH in HCFs: Applying it in Nepal



Seema Rajouria
WaterAid Nepal
August 6, 2024

The Policy Landscape in WASH in Health Care Facilities

Legal provisions

Solid Waste Management Act, 2068 (2011)

Date of Authentication and Publication

2068/3/1 (2011/7/21)

- 2) Notwithstanding anything written in Sub-section (1) the responsibility for the processing and management within the set standard of harmful waste, health institution related waste, chemical waste or industrial waste shall be of the individual or body producing such solid waste.

www.lawcommission.gov.np

The Public Health Service Act, 2075 (2018)

Date of Authentication

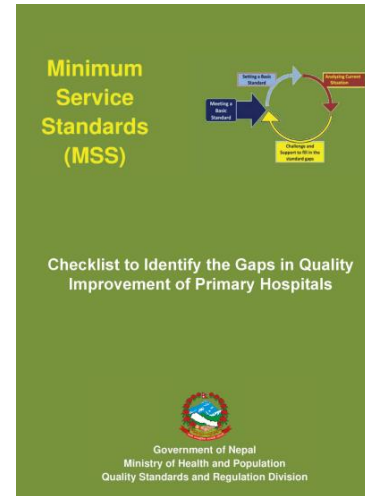
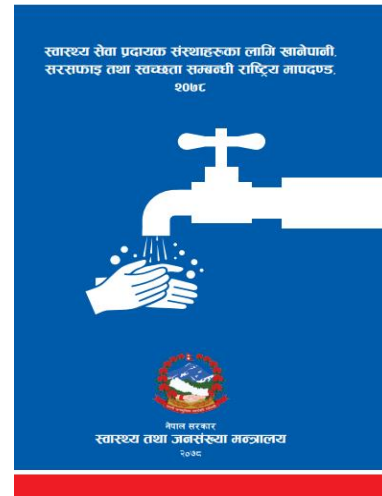
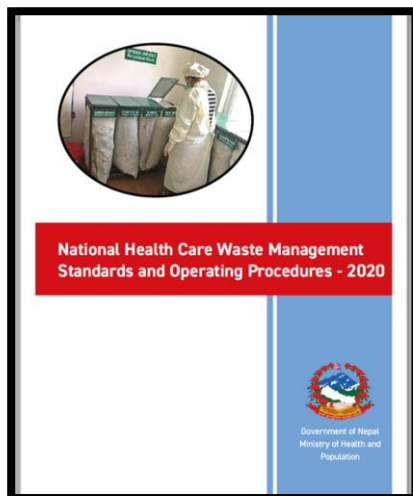
2075/6/2 (18 September 2018)

Act Number 11 of the year 2075 (2018)

41. **Sanitation and waste management:** (1) The Government of Nepal may, in order to control or cause to be controlled the adverse effect to the human health by environmental pollution and waste, make necessary standards in accordance with the prevailing Federal law.
- (2) The Government of Nepal shall make necessary standards for collecting, reusing, refining, disposing and regulating the health friendly waste.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Provincial and Local Level to comply with the standards referred to in sub-section (1) and (2).

Public Health Service Regulations, 2020

11. Related to management of health-related and other waste
12. Related to drinking water, sanitation, electricity supply, gas maintenance

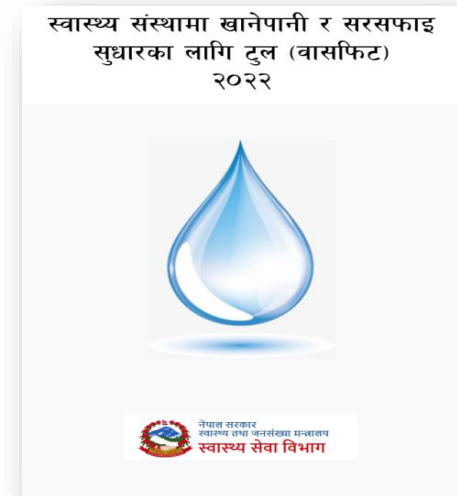


National Road Map on WASH in Health Care Facilities of Nepal 2023-2030

Draft



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Health and Population



Engaging leaders and stakeholders



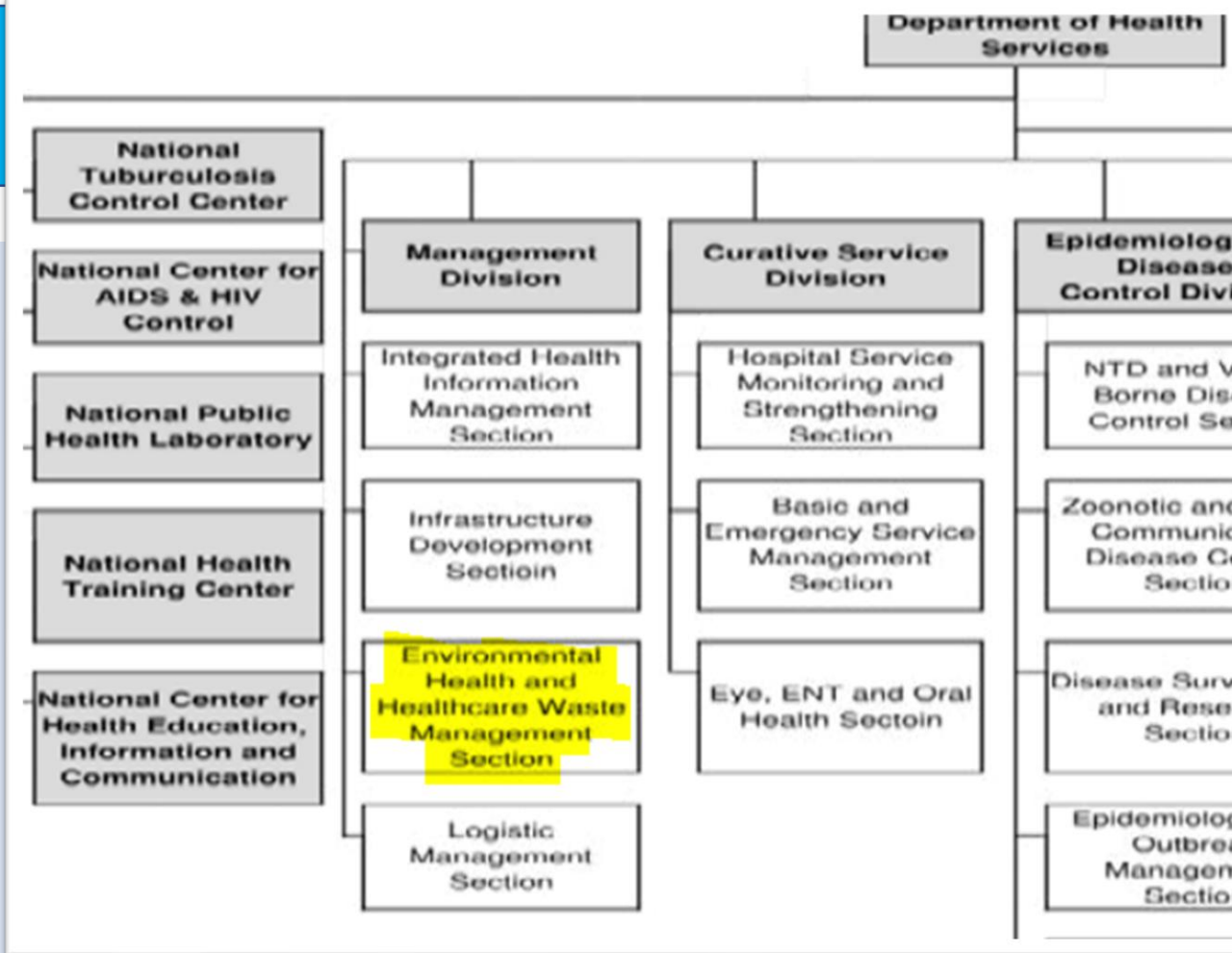
- Nepal shared its plans on WASH in HCF and HCWM at a Global Learning Event – 2017
- National workshop by MoHP in Dec 2019 - 12 points collaborative actions to work on WASH in Health Care Facilities, HCWM promoting environment-friendly technologies. Training package also developed on both areas.
- Highest level commitment to prohibit burning 1400 HFs by 2030 – NDC and NDC Implementation Plan
- Participation of high-level political leaders and managers in Provincial level dissemination of standards and operating procedures of HCWM and WASH in healthcare facilities
- Steering committees and technical working groups at all three levels
- On the leadership of the Director/ In-charge, Health facility level HCWM committees
- Operation and Maintenance policy and funds in some Local level
- Matching funds for WASH and HCWM infrastructures & supplies at Municipal level



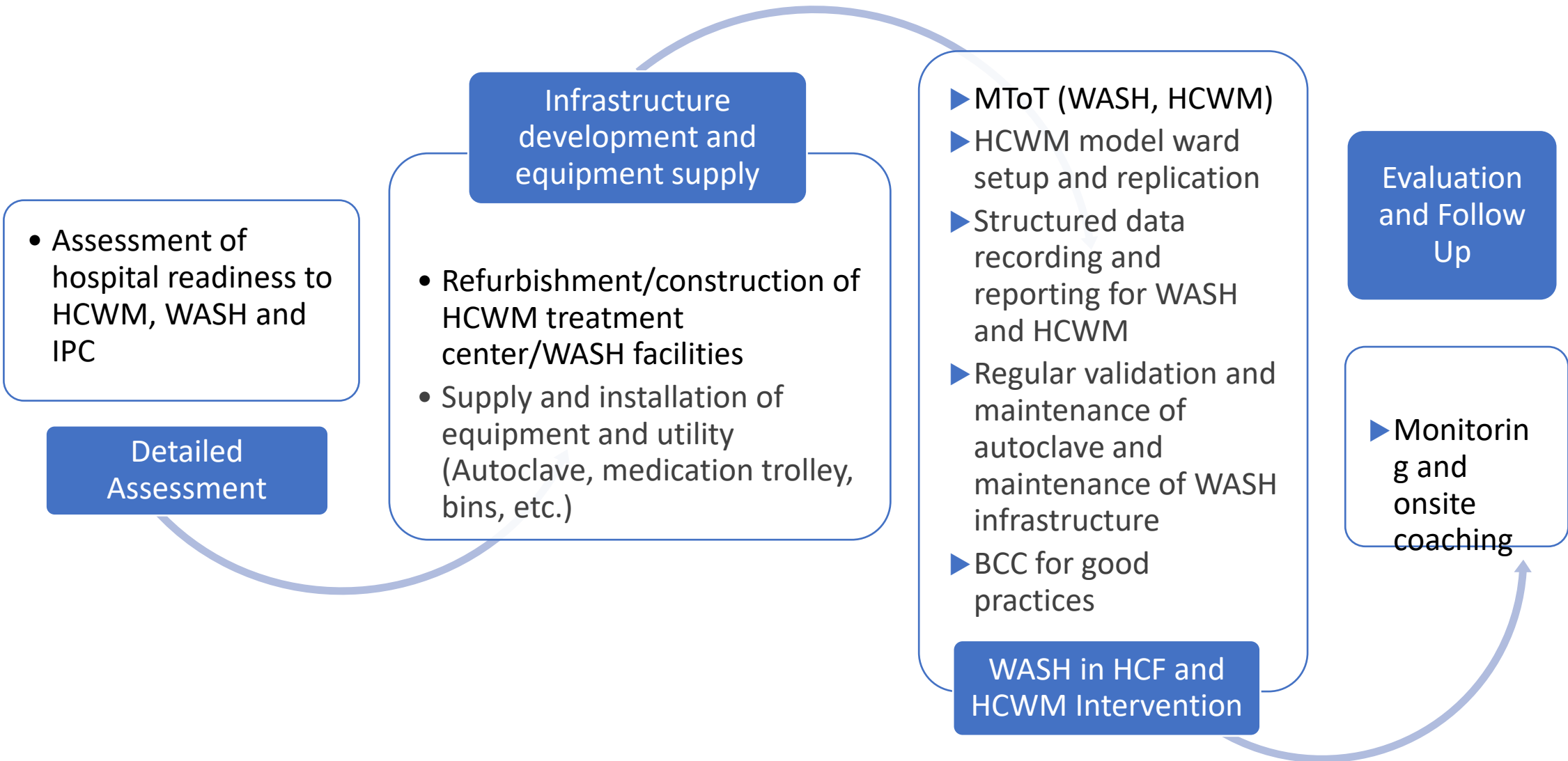
Key enablers of success



- Dedicated section under Management Division of Department of Health Services
- WASH in HCF National Standards 2021
- HCWM Guidelines (2014) followed by SOP (2020)
- Minimum Service Standards by MOHP sets out WASH & HCWM indicators
- Significant Collaboration with partners
- Effective Leadership of Hospitals/ Health Facilities
- Utilisation of COVID 19 response assistance funds for procurement and supply of Autoclaves and other accessories
- Technical assistance from National and International level
- Focused monitoring and implementation support to the hospitals



Approaches for Efficacy of WASH in HCFs



Success story

NEPAL

Use of alternative waste treatment technologies and recycling of vaccination waste



Use of alternative waste treatment technologies and recycling of vaccination waste

Remote, rural facilities, including those in Nepal, often struggle with safe management and treatment of vaccine waste. Facilities from the periphery of Kathmandu Valley regularly request help to manage safety boxes, which frequently pile up around vaccination sites and health posts. Open burning of safety boxes is still the main treatment option in many places, posing health and environmental risks. Data on the quantity of waste generated are rarely collected, which makes planning for waste management more difficult. A partner organization, Terre des hommes, has piloted a method for measuring waste in three rural healthcare facilities. Waste produced from the delivery room, from the outpatient department and by facility staff was segregated and collected in plastic bags. Waste generated over a 24-hour period was transferred for digital weighing, and a new plastic bag was replaced at the point of collection to collect the waste for the next 24 hours. The number of people who produced the waste each day was also recorded. This continued for 7 consecutive days. This tracking effort allowed facilities to identify where segregation could be improved, thereby reducing the amount of waste that needs to be treated.

Budgeting and advocacy to improve water, sanitation, and hygiene in healthcare facilities: a case study in Nepal

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Autoclave



Microwa



Segregation



Transportation



Treatment



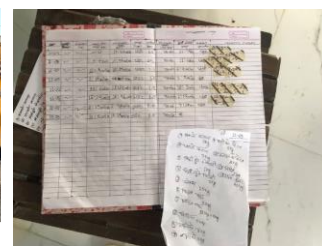
Post Rx segregation



Storage/Resource recovery



Disposal

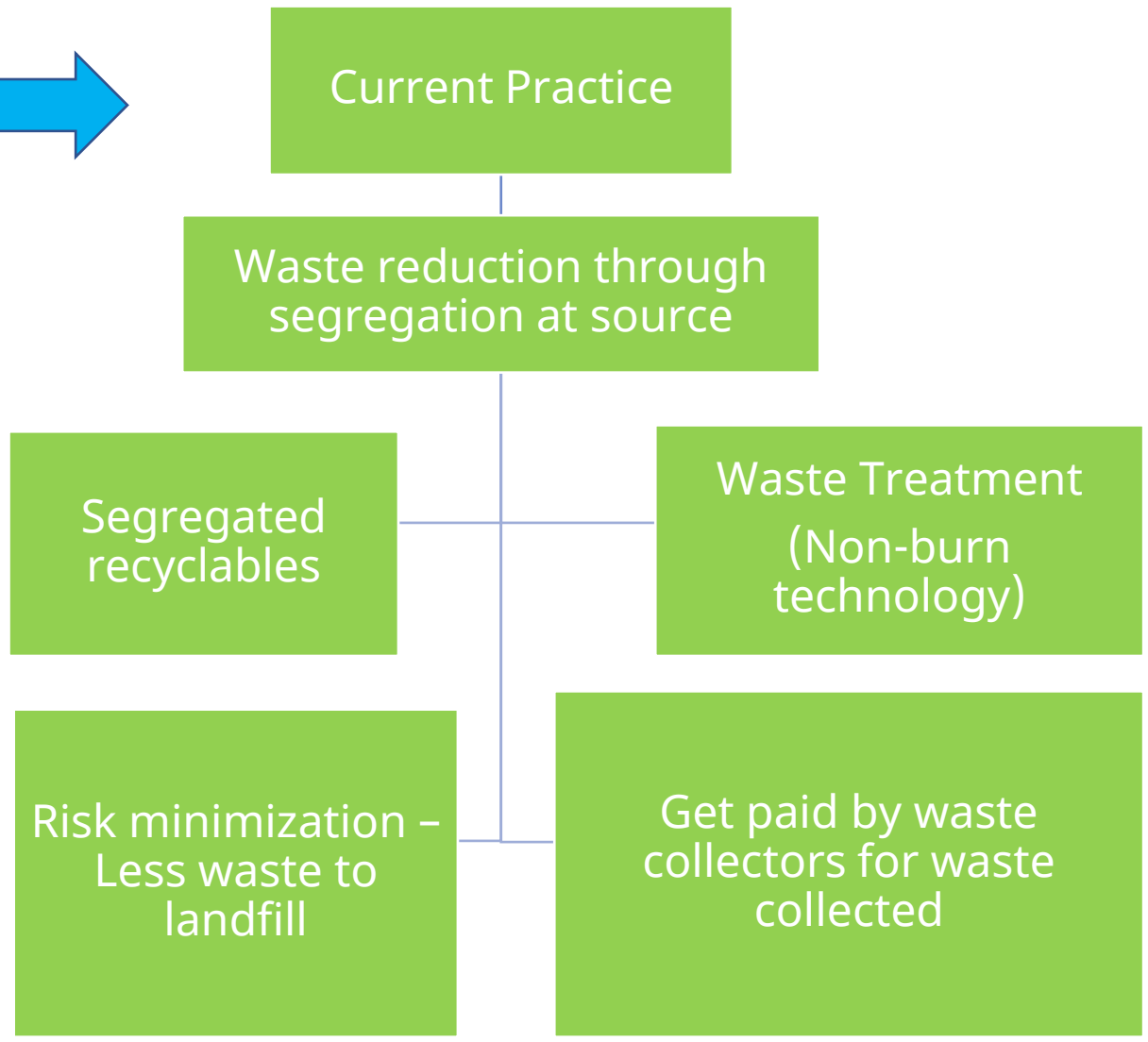
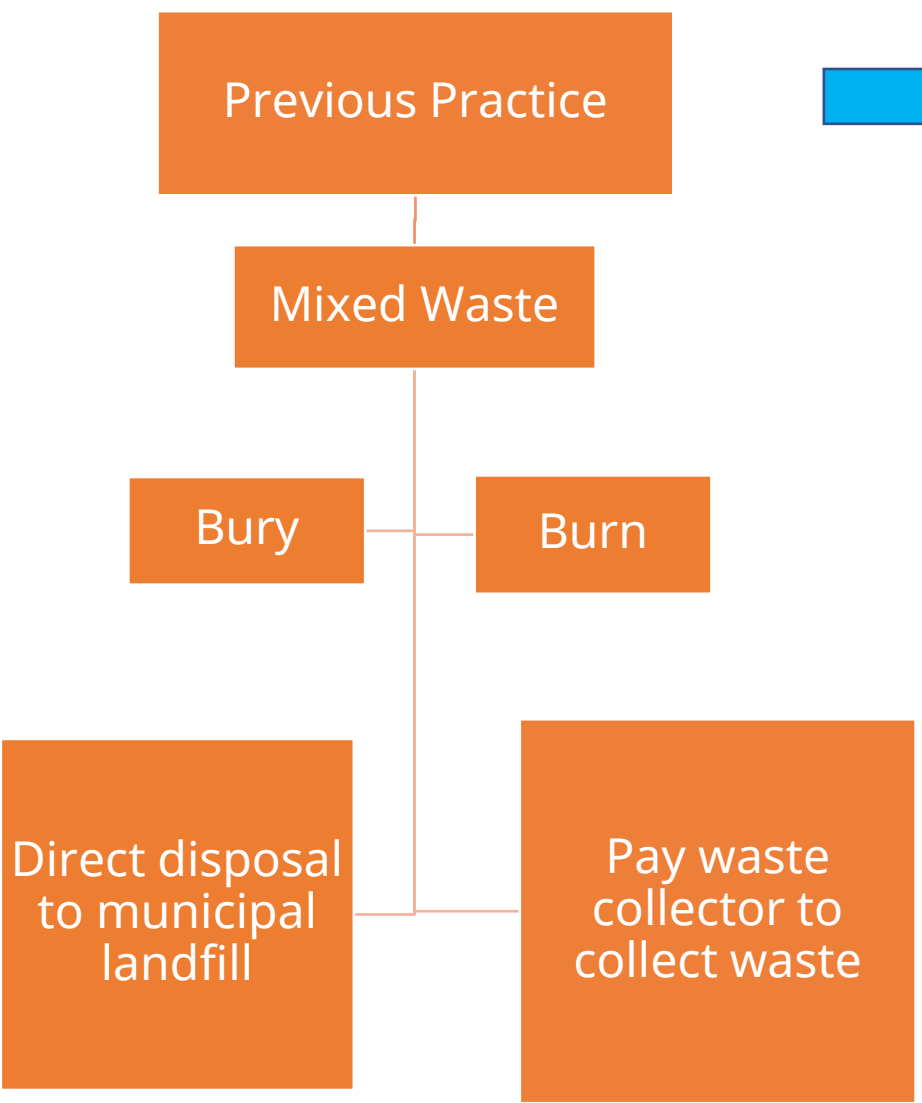


Data and quality assurance



OSH

Result



A missed opportunity



Source: NHRC conference 2024 paper “An experience on HCWM intervention of 13 hospitals”

Barriers for success/ sustainability



Inadequate tech.
knowledge of
Health sector/
Lack of Dedicated
HR



Procurement
O & M
Lack/ Insufficient
annual budget



Evidence/ advocacy to
support Non-burn
HCWM practices, not
WASH



Replication of WASH/
HCWM good
practices to basic/
rural HF's



Difficulty in Co-
ordination among
3 tiers of
Government









No HCW data,
WASH M&E
through HMIS

Country progress



Nepal

Legend (see below)

-  Practical step completed or achieved on a national level and/or large-scale implementation ongoing
-  Practical step underway or partially completed
-  A need has been identified to and/or plans are in place to start
-  No progress made and/or no plans in place to start
-  No data
-  Linked resources

Government Plan

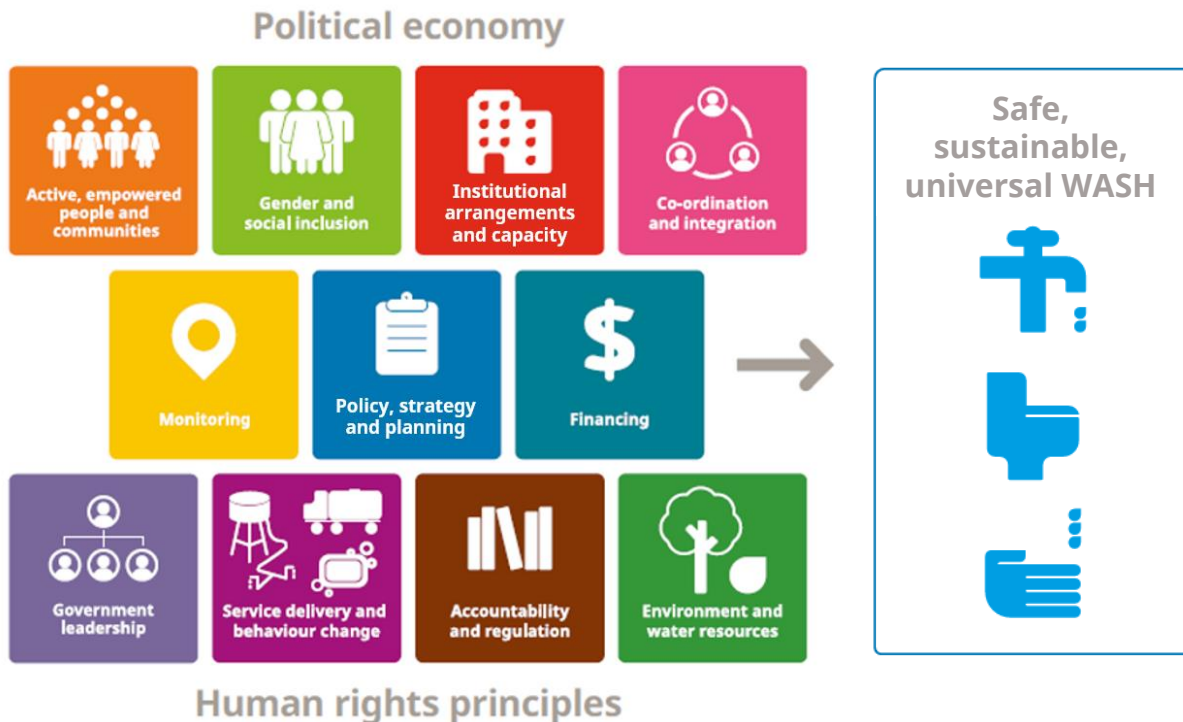


- Moving from district to basic level health facilities for WASH and HCWM
- Financing Costed Roadmap to meet SDG for WASH in Healthcare Facilities
- Cheaper climate smart Non burn techniques for HCWM can be replicated to other parts
- Immunization waste management by using hub cutters at vaccination sites
- Clear guideline for the Expired COVID 19 vaccine management
- Strong evidence, comparison of different methods including Non burn in addition to existing WHO guideline and recommendation
- Bring technology closer and cheaper to LMICS

Breaking down system complexity using building blocks

Interactive components of a system

WASH system



Health system

System building blocks



Access coverage



Quality safety

Overall goals/outcomes



The six building blocks of a health system: aims and desirable attributes

System strengthening building blocks



Leadership and governance



Government leadership



Policy, strategy and planning



Institutional arrangements and capacity



Accountability and regulation



Co-ordination and integration

Service delivery



Service delivery and behaviour change



Environment and water resources

Financing



Financing



Policy, strategy and planning

Health workforce



Active, empowered people and communities



Accountability and regulation



Gender and social inclusion



Institutional arrangements and capacity

Health information systems



Monitoring



Policy, strategy and planning



Co-ordination and integration

Access to essential medicines

← Lessons learned to inform practice and policy →

Fundamentals of WASH in HCF

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Water: Water is available from an improved sourceⁱⁱⁱ on the premises.



Sanitation: Improved sanitation facilities^{iv} are usable, with at least one toilet dedicated for staff, at least one sex-segregated toilet with menstrual hygiene facilities, and at least one toilet accessible for users with limited mobility.



Hygiene: Functional hand hygiene facilities (with water and soap and/or alcohol-based hand-rub) are available at points of care, and within five metres of toilets.



Healthcare waste management: Waste is safely segregated into at least three clearly labelled or colour coded bins, and sharps and infectious waste are treated and disposed of safely.



Environmental cleaning: Basic protocols for cleaning are available, and staff with cleaning responsibilities have all received training.



Reliable electricity to run and operate services smoothly.



Competent management and workforce to operate and support systems and practices.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding two stainless steel cups filled with water. The person is wearing a blue shirt and purple gloves. The cups are wet with condensation droplets. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Thank you, any questions?

Q&A session