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Developing a Roadmap for the Pacific Strategy on WASH for Health

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Overview

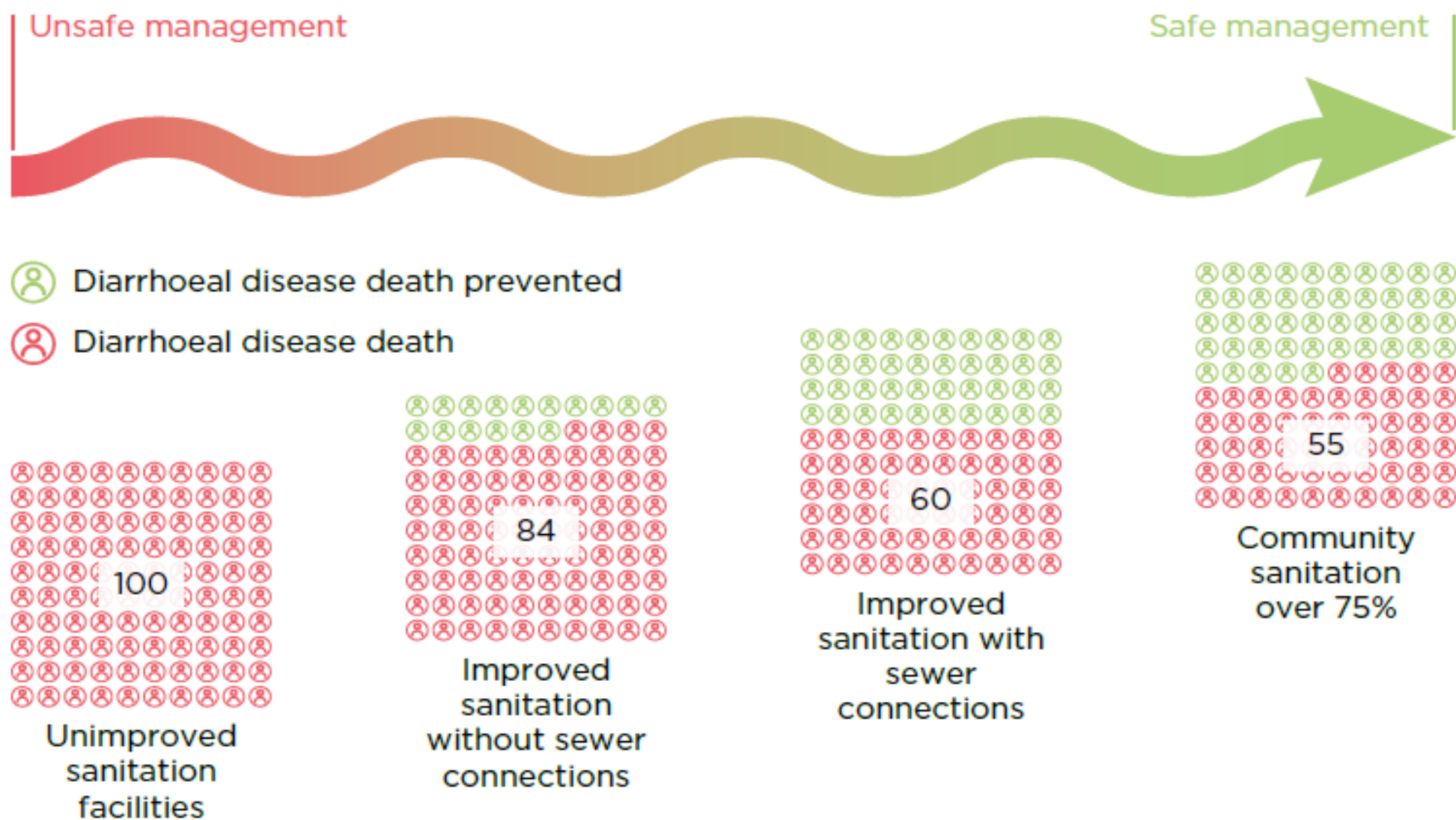
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Introduction

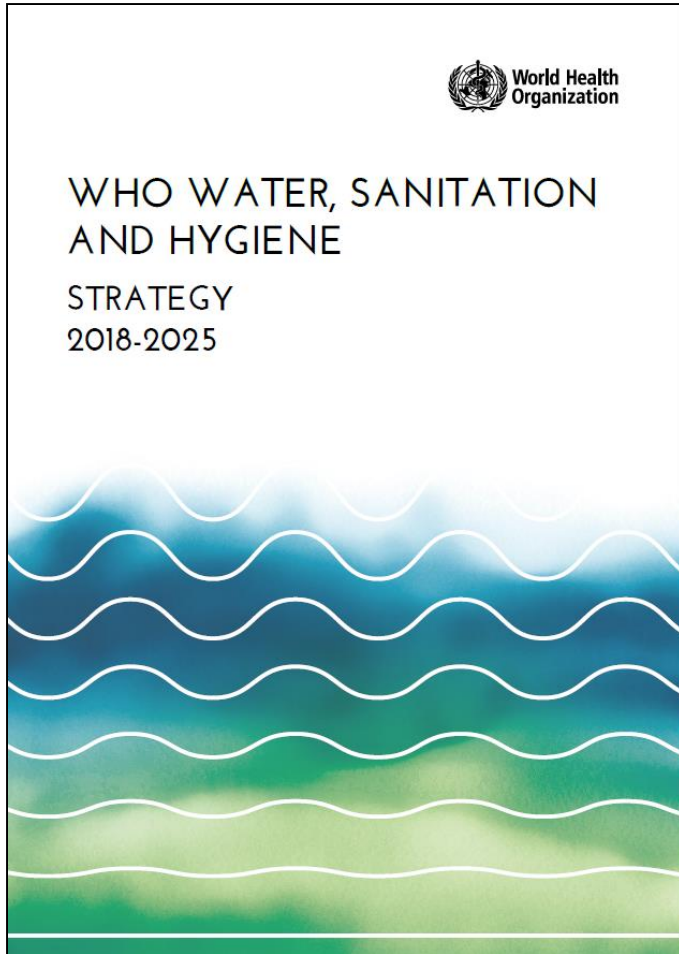
- Safe drinking- water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are crucial to human health and well being
- Not only prerequisite to health, but contributes to livelihoods, school attendance and dignity and helps create resilient communities living in healthy environments.
- Globally, 844 million people still lacked even a basic drinking water service (JMP).
- Over 800 women die every day from complications in pregnancy and childbirth.
- Drinking unsafe water ---□ impairs health through illnesses such as diarrhoea
- Poor WASH conditions – account for 842,000 diarrhoeal deaths every year and constrain effective prevention and management of other diseases (malnutrition, NTDs and cholera)



Figure 2: Reductions in diarrhoeal disease risk associated with improving sanitation services

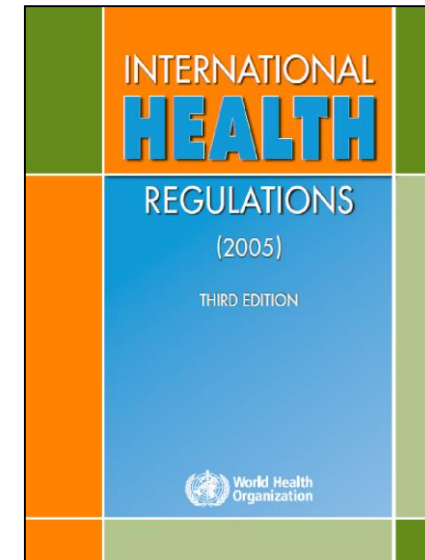
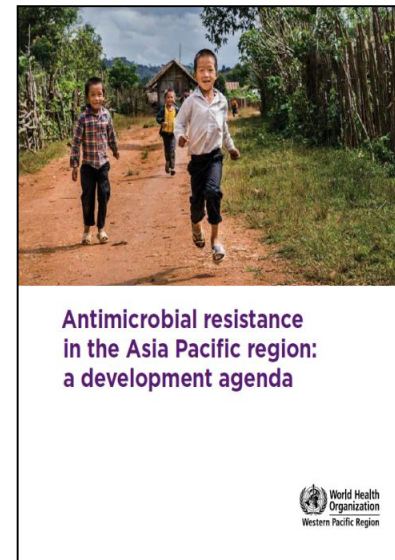
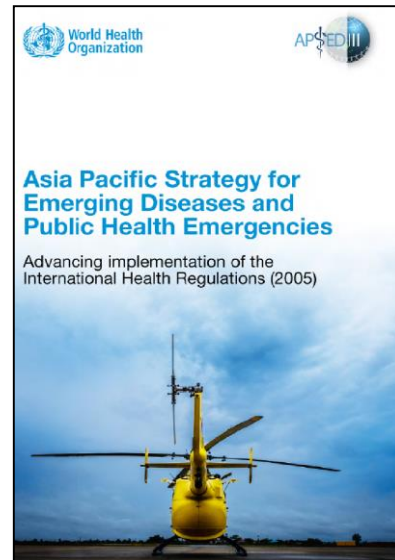
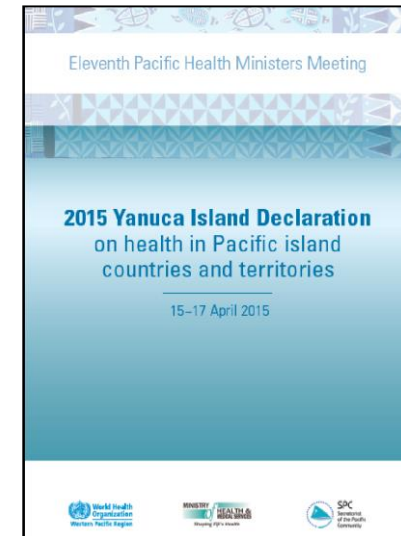
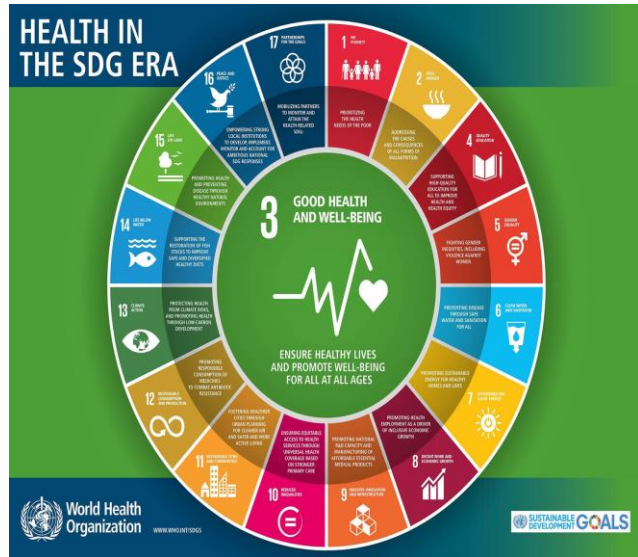


Current Situation in PICs



- PICs are vulnerable due to small size and geography, impacts of CC and high frequency of hazards such as cyclones and drought which impacts WASH and affects CDs and NCDs.
- WASH is an essential issue however not much progress made in PICs in the MDG era
- Existing Formal Commitments – SIDS Accelerated Modality of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, The Healthy Islands Vision, Yanuca Island Declaration 2015, SDGs etc.
- WHO WASH Global Strategy – WHO vision for WASH is “To substantially improve Health through the Safe Management of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services in All Settings”

Commitments related to WASH



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Challenges

- **access to safe and secure** WASH – remote islands and hard-reached populations
- addressing WASH from **public health and ecological** risk perspective
- **coherent** WASH **policies, strategies, regulations and processes**
- **coordination** across the WASH sector
- Environmental Health and Health **Promotion** for WASH
- **financial and human resources** for WASH development and services
- **Climate change and natural disasters**

WASH – HEALTH – EQUITY INTERPHASE





Healthcare waste and Wastewater management

- There is urgent need to also focus on this area which have an impact on water resources
- WASH in HCFs need to include health care waste management
- AMR ☐ Improved wastewater treatment will also help control discharges of pharmaceuticals and resistant microbes to the environment
- From preliminary assessment of Healthcare facilities in PICs this is an issue of concern



Recommendations for Governments

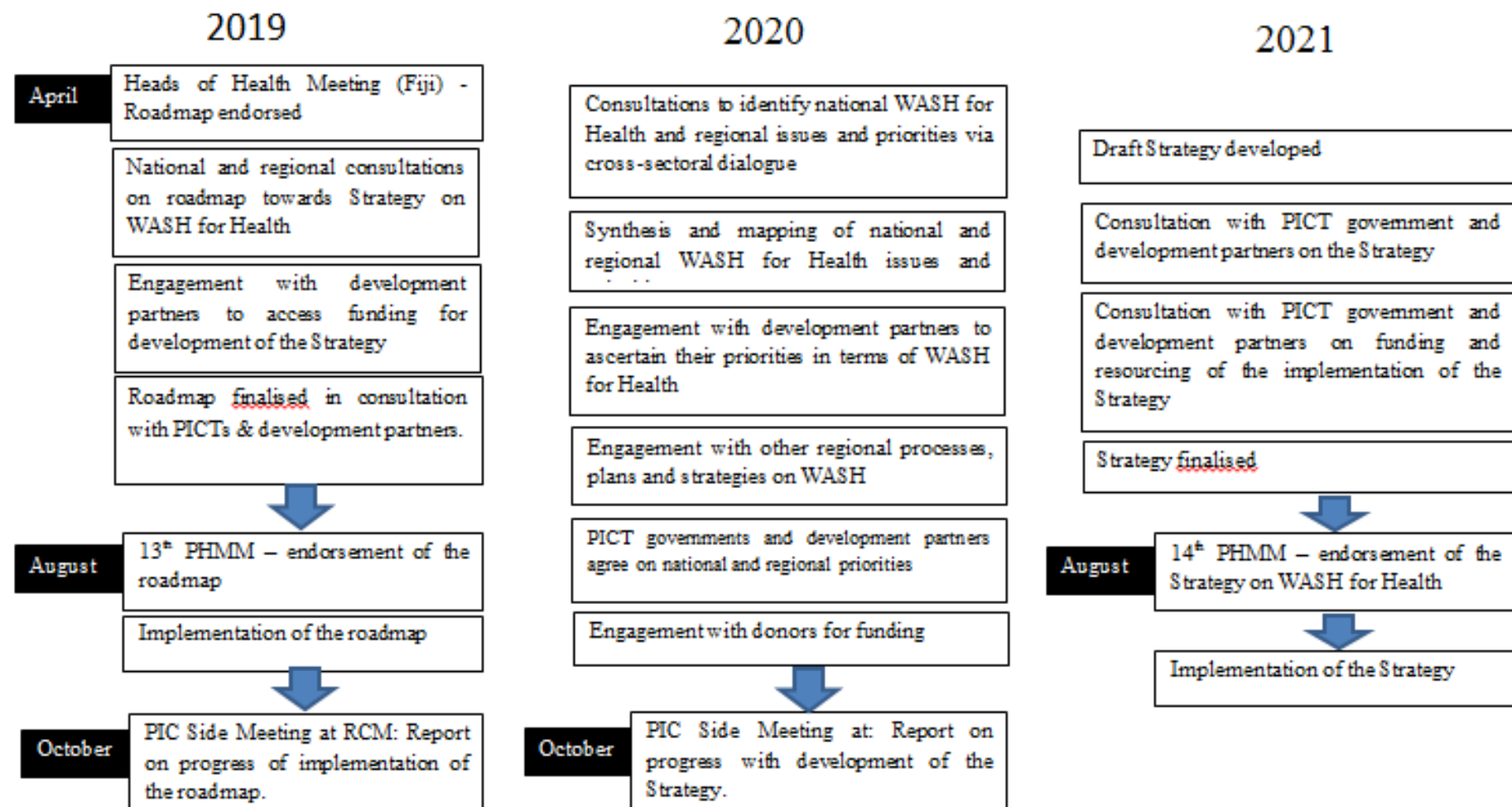
The Heads of Health may want to consider to agree with a proposal for a roadmap to develop a Pacific Strategy on WASH for Health. The roadmap will then be presented at the 13th PHMM for endorsement

The Strategy may include, but will not be limited to the following elements:

- Stronger health representation across entire WASH sector
- Improve coordination and integration through strategic planning on WASH
- Increase financial and human resource support and their coordination of WASH in health
- Strengthen WASH risk management and surveillance programmes in particular for rural communities and outer-islands
- Develop a national monitoring and evaluation system that closely aligns to reporting on SDG's and Healthy Island initiatives and ensures consistency across the country
- Strengthened and more coherent policies and regulations for WASH
- WASH services which are resilient to climate change impacts and emergencies including the principles of “Build Back Better”

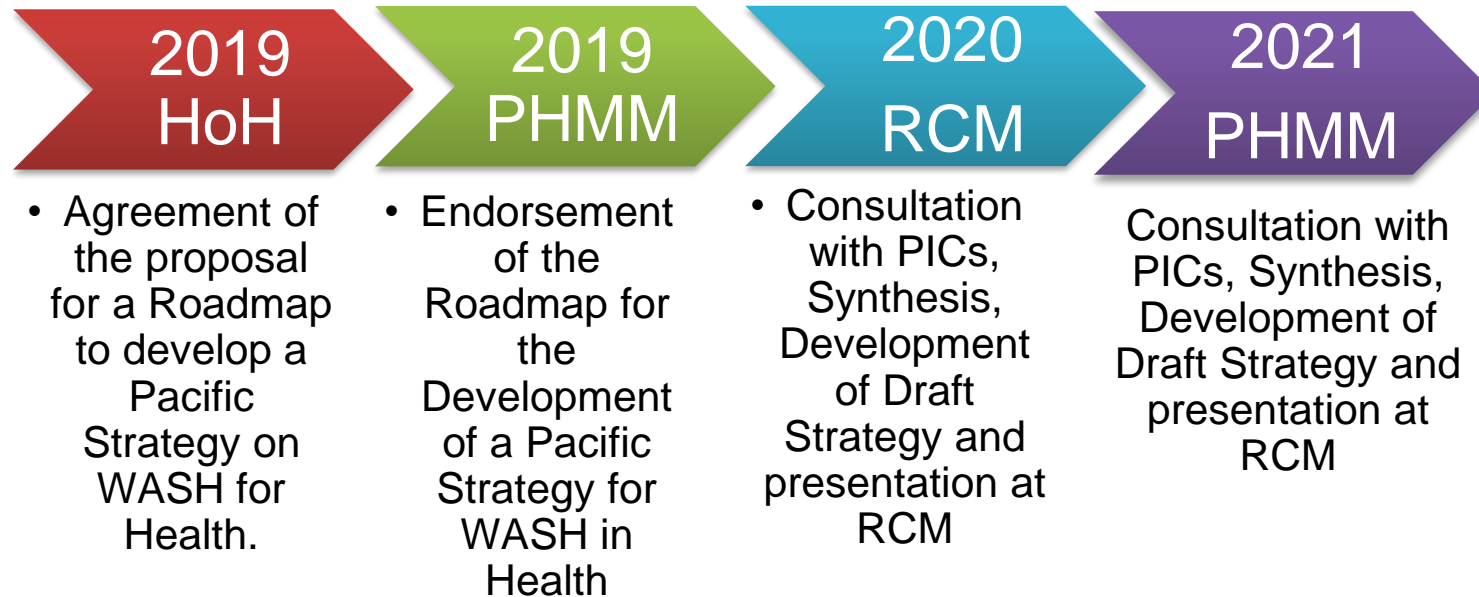
Roadmap at a glance

Annex 2: Roadmap at a glance




The Way Forward

Proposed Roadmap



Recommendations For Development Partners:

- All development partners to work closely together to secure the required funding for greater levels of WASH development across the region.
- Key development partners for health to actively seek involvement in national programme WASH to strengthen health protection outcomes and provide more consistency and coordination.
- Ensure development partner plans, strategies and frameworks are well aligned with national WASH programming and the local context and that initiatives designed to improve WASH services are aligned with local governance arrangements and needs.
- Provide financial support and technical expertise to train personnel with surveillance and risk management plan surveillance audit responsibilities to deliver programme implementation plans and provide guidance to communities and individuals on WASH.



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