

**Equity, scalability and sustainability
in UNICEF water, sanitation and
hygiene programming:
Management Response**

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A Timely Endeavour

Conclusions & recommendations will be used to support governments & partners in programming to achieve SDG Goal 6, specifically targets 6.1 and 6.2 by:

- Implementing the UNICEF Strategy for WASH 2016-2030
- Fine-tuning our on-going programming at key moments (AWPs, MTRs)
- Informing WASH strategies in new Country Programme documents
- Informing the forthcoming 2018-2021 Strategic Plan



Actions:

Recommendation 1:

Develop the evidence base, with a focus on three themes examined in the report: WASH sustainability, equity and scalability

- Prioritise topics and programmes for generating knowledge (Q4 2016)
- Initiate innovative partnerships and long-term agreements with research institutions to generate evidence on the defined topics by the working group (ongoing)
- Generate knowledge through research and studies (significant progress by Q2 2017, ongoing)

Recommendation 2:

Better understand theories of change, and develop institutional / programmatic guidance to direct WASH staff programming for sustainable, equitable, scalable outcomes

Actions:

- Roll-out the WASH “enabling environment” package (Q1 2017)
- Support governments to put into practice a reference guide on “Accountability for sustainability” to look at the roles and responsibilities of governments, service providers and poor people to ensure the delivery of basic services. (Q2 2017)
- Expand Sustainability “compacts” setting out clear roles and responsibilities of government and partners, to additional countries, with M&E systems in place (Q2 2017)
- Test framework for diagnosing collective behaviours and practices on sanitation and hygiene (Q2 2017)
- Implement the WASH Bottleneck Analysis Tool with Governments and partners, and document impact of actions implemented (Q2 2017)

Recommendation 3:

Improve design and results framework of programmes

Actions:

- Prepare the UNICEF WASH planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting “resource pack” to better design, plan, implement country WASH programmes (Q3 2017)
- Define evaluable indicators and design monitoring processes to enable evaluations and research on UNICEF’s WASH programming (Q3 2017)

