Indonesia has made substantial progress in increasing access to improved drinking water, improved sanitation, and basic hygiene services, yet progress in access to safely managed WASH service remains low. Practical actions that “build forward better” need to be implemented to accelerate higher levels of WASH services for all. The WASH Acts vol. 7 highlights UNICEF efforts to accelerate the provision of safely managed WASH services in Indonesia including support to the successful hosting of the Sanitation & Water for All – Sector Minister’s meeting in Jakarta and strengthening capacities of sector practitioners to better integrate humanitarian preparedness and response into development plans and policies.

Summary support:

Together with the SWA Secretariat, UNICEF supported the Government of Indonesia in hosting the first multi-sectoral SMM involving Ministers representing WASH, Finance, Environment, and Health to address the triple crises (COVID-19, economy, and climate).

In collaboration with Bappenas, UNICEF Indonesia supported the preparation of the various Ministerial dialogues, review and drafting of the country commitments, development of the Country Overview and the compendium of case studies showcasing Indonesia’s best practices at the SMM.

At the GPDRR 2022, UNICEF showcased efforts to build community resilience through stronger public-private partnerships including the WASH Innovation Platform and National Coalition for Handwashing with soap.

UNICEF conducted promotion and campaign on safely managed WASH services through a webinar in collaboration with the Indonesian Journalist Association (AJI) and an Instagram live and video messaging in collaboration with Bappenas as side-events of SMM.

UNICEF supported the local government in piloting the on-site sanitation inspection tool in South Sulawesi Province with potential for wider scale-up.

To strengthen WASH in Emergency sector coordination and capacity for emergency preparedness and response, UNICEF rolled out WASH in Emergency training in partnership with RedR Indonesia across 6 provinces.

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SWA - Sector Ministers’ Meeting 2022

Indonesia’s high-level participation in the SMM 2022

Together with the SWA Secretariat and UNICEF, The Government of Indonesia has succeeded in hosting a high-level meeting for responsible ministers for WASH to progress towards national SDG targets known as the Sector Ministers’ Meeting (SMM) in Jakarta from 18-19 May 2022, with the central theme of “Building Forward Better for Recovery and Resilience” Accompanied by the Vice President of Zimbabwe, the Vice President of Indonesia opened the event and followed by sharing Indonesia’s new commitments by the Minister of Public Works and Housing, Bappenas, the Ministry of Finance, and the Deputy Minister of Bappenas actively participated in the various ministerial dialogues. More than 350 participants from 57 countries, including 54 ministers from the planning, infrastructure, health, environment, finance, and other WASH-related sector attended this event.

UNICEF supported the intensive preparatory process over nearly 6 months including providing technical, logistic, and funding support. With Bappenas, UNICEF carried out a series of high-level and strategic meetings with relevant ministers and the WASH sector stakeholders in Indonesia, including development partners and embassies aimed to raise stakeholders’ awareness regarding the 2022 SMM event and gathering support required for Indonesia’s participation. Furthermore, UNICEF assisted in the coordination with various stakeholders, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, national and sub-national COVID-19 task force, airport authorities, and the Embassies of the country participants as part of the preparatory process.

In this year’s SMM, with UNICEF’s support, Indonesia reviewed the progress of the existing commitments and drafted new commitments with all stakeholders which are elaborated in the Country Overview documents. As reflected in Indonesia’s new country commitments, the key takeaways from SMM 2022 are improving accountability, financing WASH, collaboration to achieve SDG 6, linking climate and WASH, and political leadership for WASH. Additionally, through the engagement with all stakeholders, a compendium of case studies that showcases WASH best practices in Indonesia was developed.

Opportunities for Indonesia going forward

The 2022 SMM provided an opportunity for the Government of Indonesia to lead the advancement of the national WASH roadmaps and strengthen commitments to achieving SDG 6 targets by 2030 together with various stakeholders. The Government of Indonesia will coordinate all relevant stakeholders for implementing and monitoring the new commitments. Furthermore, hosting the 2022 SMM allowed Indonesia to take a more prominent role in and contribute to global WASH and other relevant agendas. It is also an important milestone in the preparatory process for various global agendas, such as the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the United Nations 2023 Water Conference, and the World Water Forum 2024.

SIDE-EVENTS OF SMM 2022

As part of the effort to sensitize WASH key stakeholders in Indonesia, several national-scale pre- and post-events involving the professional associations and WASH stakeholders were held in collaboration with

UNICEF, including a webinar with the Indonesian Journalist Association (AJI) to raise the journalists’ and public awareness of the importance of WASH and the triple crisis and an Instagram IG live and video message with Dion Wiyoko, an Indonesian influencer and actor, to increase public awareness of safely managed drinking WASH access, especially at the household level. The webinar was attended by 85 attendees on Zoom and 471 attendees on Youtube streaming and the live event reached 8,649 views, while the video message reached 11,186 views.

Safely Managed Sanitation Access

On-site sanitation inspection tool piloting

As an effort to establish a baseline for safely managed sanitation, an on-site sanitation tool program was piloted in Pinrang District, South Sulawesi. During the 1-day training and 2-days survey program, 18 sanitarians and 8 university students obtained data on on-site sanitation facilities in households, collected consumer data for IPTL operators while promoting, and raised awareness of safely managed sanitation of approximately 200 households in the district. The data is being analyzed to better understand tailored interventions to improve safely managed sanitation access. This is being rolled out in Aceh, NTT NTB, and East Java.

WASH in Emergency

WASH in Emergency training at the provincial level

As part of UNICEF’s commitment to strengthen the preparedness capacity of the sector to deliver a timely, coordinated, and high-quality WASH emergency response during a disaster, UNICEF partnered with RedR Indonesia to develop a series of online and offline trainings including modules on coordination and WASH technical aspects. The trainings were conducted in May and July in Aceh, Central Java, East Nusa Tenggara, West Nusa Tenggara, South Sulawesi, and Papua Province, reaching over 350 participants including local government, non-government organizations, and humanitarian workers.

Strengthening public-private partnerships for WASH

As part of the seventh session of the Global Platform Risk Reduction (GPDRR) in May 2022, UNICEF showcased initiatives to strengthen public-private partnerships to build community resilience through the WASH Innovation Hub platform and national coalition for handwashing with soap. The poster demonstrates the collaboration among national and local governments, the private sector, and development partners to support safe school reopening efforts in Indonesia.

New UNICEF WASH Knowledge Products:

- WASH in Emergency assessment: A Systematic Assessment of the WASH in the Emergencies Sector in Indonesia
- Best practice of BAZNAS fund utilization: Collaboration between BAZNAS and Pemda PKB Baru District in Providing Access to WASH edited by Wilyan Setiabudi

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