Goal Area 4 Results 2018

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2018 Global Context: Safe and Clean Environment

- Safe WASH and the quality of the child’s physical environment are key determinants of health, education, nutrition, gender equality and safety.

- But the environment is under threat from:
  - Conflict / emergencies
  - rapid urbanization
  - air pollution
  - and, especially, from the impacts of climate change
2018 Global Context: Safe and Clean Environment

• WASH: 2.1 billion without water services and 4.5 billion without sanitation that meet new SDG criteria; institutional WASH coverage is low; programmes lack funding; governance structures are weak; capacity is insufficient; the world is not on track to achieve SDG 6 targets by 2030

• Humanitarian crises increasing in number and duration, 1 in every 4 children in the world is living in a country affected by conflict or disaster, facing threats of violence, hunger and disease

• In urban areas: limited government resources for programming for children in urban settings at scale; lack of data on key urban issues; shortage of qualified professionals for urban programming for children

• Climate change: ~25% of children live in extremely high flood occurrence zones; ~90% of climate-related health effects will be borne by children under 5; 90% of the world’s children breathe air that is highly polluted
2018 GA4 Results: WASH

• 18.6 million people gained access to safe drinking water & 10.8 million to basic sanitation

• Ending open defecation: 13 of 26 high OD countries now have national road maps; 22,470 communities achieved ODF status at efficiency rate of 73% (SP target: 70%)

• 71 countries with handwashing promotion at community level

• 43.6 million people reached in humanitarian response programmes in 66 countries (exceeding SP targets for water, sanitation, school WASH, MHM, but not hygiene education)

• Water under Fire launched: 3X more children under 15 die from WASH-related diseases than from direct violence in conflict situations
2018 GA4 Results: WASH

- Exceeded target of improved WASH facilities and services in **health centres** (3,355 vs. target of 2000) but missed target in **schools** (7,710 vs. target of 10,000)

- Menstrual Health and Hygiene (MHH) services in **17,949 schools** in 50 countries (greatly exceeding target of 2000) + gains in the institutionalisation of MHH in education sector

- 87% of UNICEF-supported water systems functional for at least 5 years (data from 37 countries); **sustainability checks** now used in 34 countries (2018 target: 18 countries)
2018 GA4 Results: WASH

- Improved drilling sector professionalization, expanded use of low-cost manual drilling
- Innovative **financing** initiatives: revolving fund for sanitation (Ghana); microfinancing solutions (Nigeria, Philippines, Sudan)
- Value for money (**VfM**) initiatives in 11 countries in 2018, influencing national programming strategies and reducing costs
- Leading member of key global/regional sector bodies: UN Water, SWA, JMP, WASH4Work Partnership, SACOSAN, AfricaSAN, LatinoSAN
In 2018, 47 countries had child-sensitive crisis risk management plans (SP target: 40 countries)

Countries are increasingly undertaking child-centred, multi-hazard risk analyses

UNICEF worked with other UN agencies in 22 countries in conflict prevention & peacebuilding

Engagement in urban programming in 72 countries, activities across all SP goal areas

32 countries reported local governments in rural and urban areas with child-responsive plans and budgets, up from 19 countries in 2017 (e.g. in Mongolia with a 33% increase in allocations to child-related programmes in some areas)
2018 GA4 Results: Environmental sustainability

- UNICEF’s work on climate change, energy and the environment matured in 2018, with activities in 51 countries
- Priority UNICEF interventions identified: climate-resilient WASH services, renewable energy and DRR in health & education systems, air pollution monitoring & response programmes
- Expanding support for solar systems including pumping, desalination, multi-use systems in schools & health centres, cold chain, greening UNICEF offices…
- A common thread in UNICEF work on climate and the environment: engagement of children and young people
KEY GOAL AREA 4 CHALLENGES

Four key challenges across Goal Area 4:

• The impacts of climate change on children: WASH systems are increasingly stressed, as are education and health systems, and the child’s physical environment

• National and local capacity: government structures are weak, including in urban areas; programming capacity insufficient for scaling up

• Humanitarian crises are increasing in number and duration: the number of children living in fragile countries is increasing

• Underlying challenge: funding shortfalls in countries, and within UNICEF ($2.9 billion gap between actual and planned expenses against Goal Area 4 over the four-year period)
Goal Area 4 Thematic Funding

- Sweden is the largest thematic donor to Goal Area 4: providing $51m to WASH, and $509,000 to the Safe and Clean Environment thematic fund in 2018 (total GA4 thematic funding from all donors: $67m)
- WASH thematic funds allotted to 75 countries in 2018
- Focus: ending OD, basic water for unserved communities, MHH, and institutional WASH
- Countries are prioritized on the basis of need (low WASH coverage levels and high child mortality rates) and programming capacity
Goal Area 4 Funding Shortfalls

- Total expenses for GA4 in 2018 was $1 billion ($912m on WASH, $99m on other Goal Area 4 output areas)
- WASH expenses are 10% lower than in 2017, due to funding shortfalls
- Overall 4-year SP shortfall for Goal Area 4 is $2.9 billion, with 3 years left to go

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High-Level Priorities 2019 and beyond

WASH

• **Safe water supply**: launch water game plan and the toolkit on water safety; research & guidance on efficiency, regulation and tariffs

• **Sanitation and hygiene**: support to off-track sanitation game plan countries, working to develop healthy markets for sanitation products and services; develop minimum package of support + training for MHH

• **WASH in institutions**: implement SG’s Call to Action on WASH in health-care facilities with partners; promote scale-up of 3-star approach

• **Emergency WASH**: strengthen preparedness capacity and alignment of humanitarian and development programming through cap. building

• **Enabling environment**: roll out WASH BAT in new countries (15 countries in 2019); develop new strategic approach for private sector engagement learning from shared-value partnerships with LIXIL and Unilever; work on achieving WASH staff gender parity in UNICEF
High-Level Priorities 2019 and beyond

Resilience/ Urban programming/ Local governance/ Environmental sustainability

• Increase capacity for risk-informed programming at country and regional office level, linking humanitarian and development programming

• Support development of child-sensitive policies, child-responsive urban planning and budgeting, children’s and youth participation in decision-making, and the improvement of local data to identify children’s needs

• Finalize the Local Governance Programme and technical guidance notes, and provide technical support to country and regional offices

• Develop replicable environment and energy interventions that can be delivered at scale; develop guidance material to enable country offices to adopt interventions, and support the advancement of climate and environment enablers within the organization as a whole
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