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# WASH/IPC- Ghana Health Sector Progress

- Infrastructure that considers WASH/IPC is the base of quality service delivery



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# WASH-FIT ASSESSMENT

Fig 1.1 Water

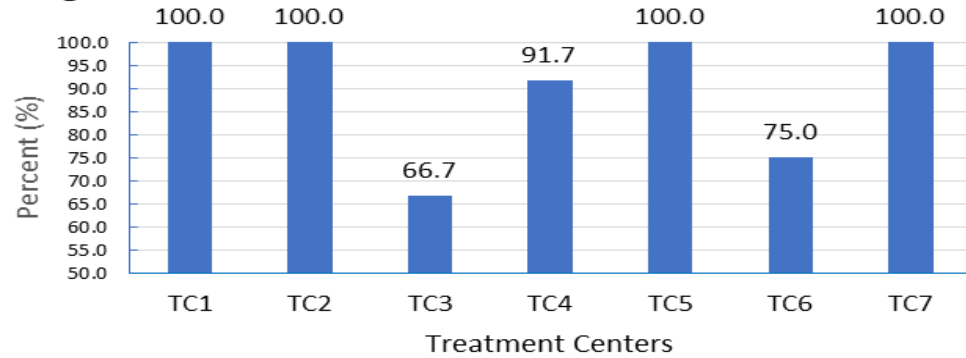


Fig 1.2 Sanitation and health care waste

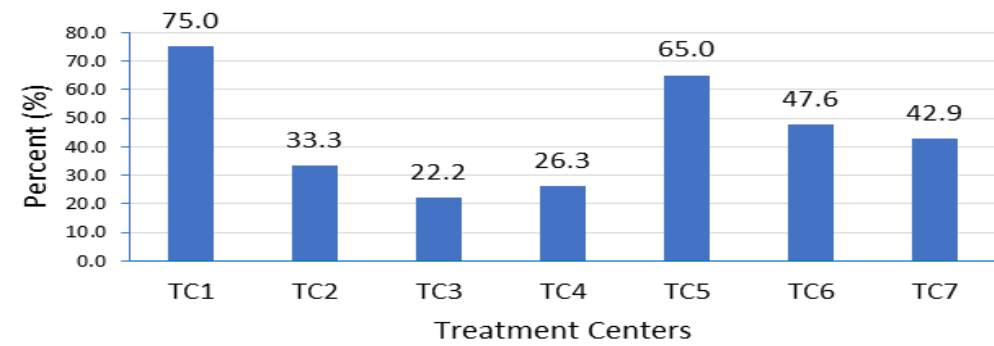


Fig 1.3 Hygiene

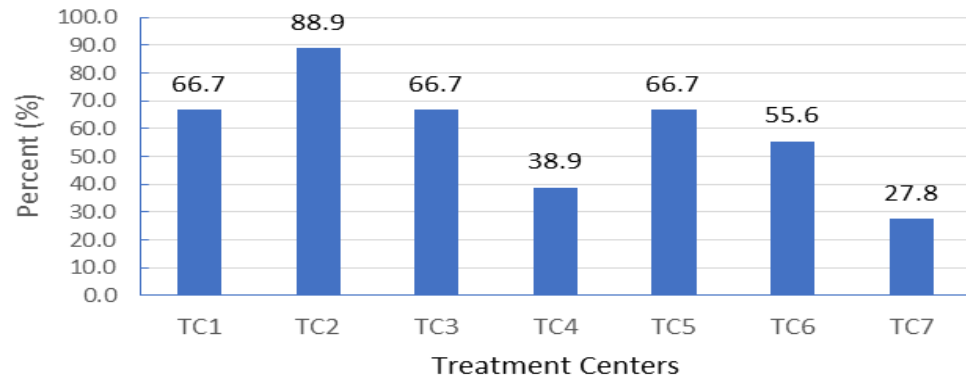
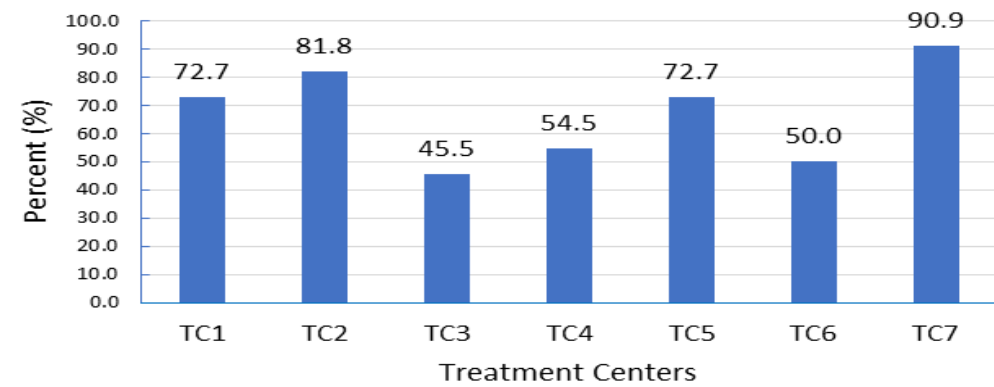


Fig 1.4 Management



# The strategies adopted to promote good infrastructure

- Establishment of Infrastructure Directorate at MoH
- Establishment of Governance structures from national to subdistrict level with appointment of focal persons for WASH/IPC in all HCF, technical committees and champions.
- Establishment of a regulatory agency: Health Facility Regulatory Agency (HeFRA) responsible for accreditation of any health infrastructure both private and public .(WASH/IPC is well considered in policy document for accreditation)
- The national WASH Strategy is costed. Under infrastructure directorate of the MOH components of WASH are well costed.
- Approval for health facilities to use Internal Generated Funds (IGF) towards WASH/IPC

# WASH/IPC –promoting Hand Hygiene

- All health facilities to have multiple source of water (reservoir, normal water from Ghana water company, rain collection, borehole)
- All facilities to be disable and gender friendly in construction including establishing sign language desk in health facilities.
- Standby Generators/solar plants to provide electricity in all health facilities for service continuity including provision of water.
- Chlorine generators are increasingly being used to improving water service delivery and infection prevention and control practices in healthcare facilities

# Policies to promote good practice

- Development of health facility infrastructure strategy
- Employer's Requirements for Ministry of Health facilities
- National peer review policy (governance, infrastructure, environment, WASH/IPC etc ) league table grading facilities performance
- National IPC Policy
- National Quality Strategy
- Health-care Waste Management Policy
- Development of protocols and guidelines for implementation of national quality strategy
- Infection Prevention and Control/WASH monitoring tool developed
- National Health Insurance Authority in collaboration with HeFRA to determine facility fit for service delivery

# Promoting WASH/IPC as a culture

- Multisectoral engagement- interministerial engagement on WASH/IPC (National Strategy on WASH developed)
- Community engagement through community scorecard
- Inclusion of WASH/IPC indicators in DHIMS
- Inclusion of WASH/IPC in other policies e.g maternal and child health, etc
- Promoting the concept of baby friendly hospitals and model facilities (WASH/IPC)
- National holistic assessment that includes WASH/IPC and league table of best regions.
- Inclusion of WASH/IPC in preservice curriculum

# Domestication policy- The fight against covid-19

- Food and Drugs Authority approves on minimum standards

- Local production of PPEs both private and public

gloves, scrubs, coverall, face shield, goggles, hand sanitizers, boots, veronica buckets of different types and styles powered by solar energy or regular electricity, tissue, hand dryer machines, soap, face mask, apron, etc

- All facilities to have hand washing stations at entrance
- All facilities to display posters on Hand washing at vantage points
- Facility Internal generate funds (IGF) budget dedicated for WASH/IPC



# Hand hygiene is the pathway to patient safety

## A call to action



Thank you all