

Global Hand Hygiene Day

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Investing in WASH and IPC-for a more just and safe future

*“The world can no longer
afford to overlook the
fundamentals”**



*Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General,
World Health Organization
Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, United
Nations Children’s Fund

World Health Assembly Resolution: a catalyst for action

- At the 2019 World Health Assembly **194 countries** committed to universal WASH access.



8 practical steps

A framework for national action and accountability and the basis for tracking.

Investing where countries are taking action

- 54 countries, every region
 - Half from AFRO (26)
- Best progress: standards and baselines
- Least progress: costed plans and integration with health
- Continue to update and track (online data collection)

- Completed or achieved on a national level and/or large-scale implementation ongoing
- Practical step underway or partially completed
- A need has been identified to and/or plans are in place to start
- No progress made and/or no plans in place to start

Source: WHO/UNICEF (2020) *Global Progress report on WASH in health care facilities: Fundamentals First*.

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240017542>

TABLE 1: COUNTRY PROGRESS AT A GLANCE, OCTOBER 2020

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	SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS	BASELINE ASSESSMENT OR DATA		NATIONAL COORDINATION & ROADMAPS	WASH IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES		
Bangladesh	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Benin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bhutan	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bolivia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cambodia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Chad	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Democratic Republic of Congo	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ethiopia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
The Gambia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ghana	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Guinea-Bissau	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Guatemala	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Honduras	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hungary	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
India	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Indonesia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Iraq	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lao People's Democratic Republic	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Price tag for achieving universal basic WASH

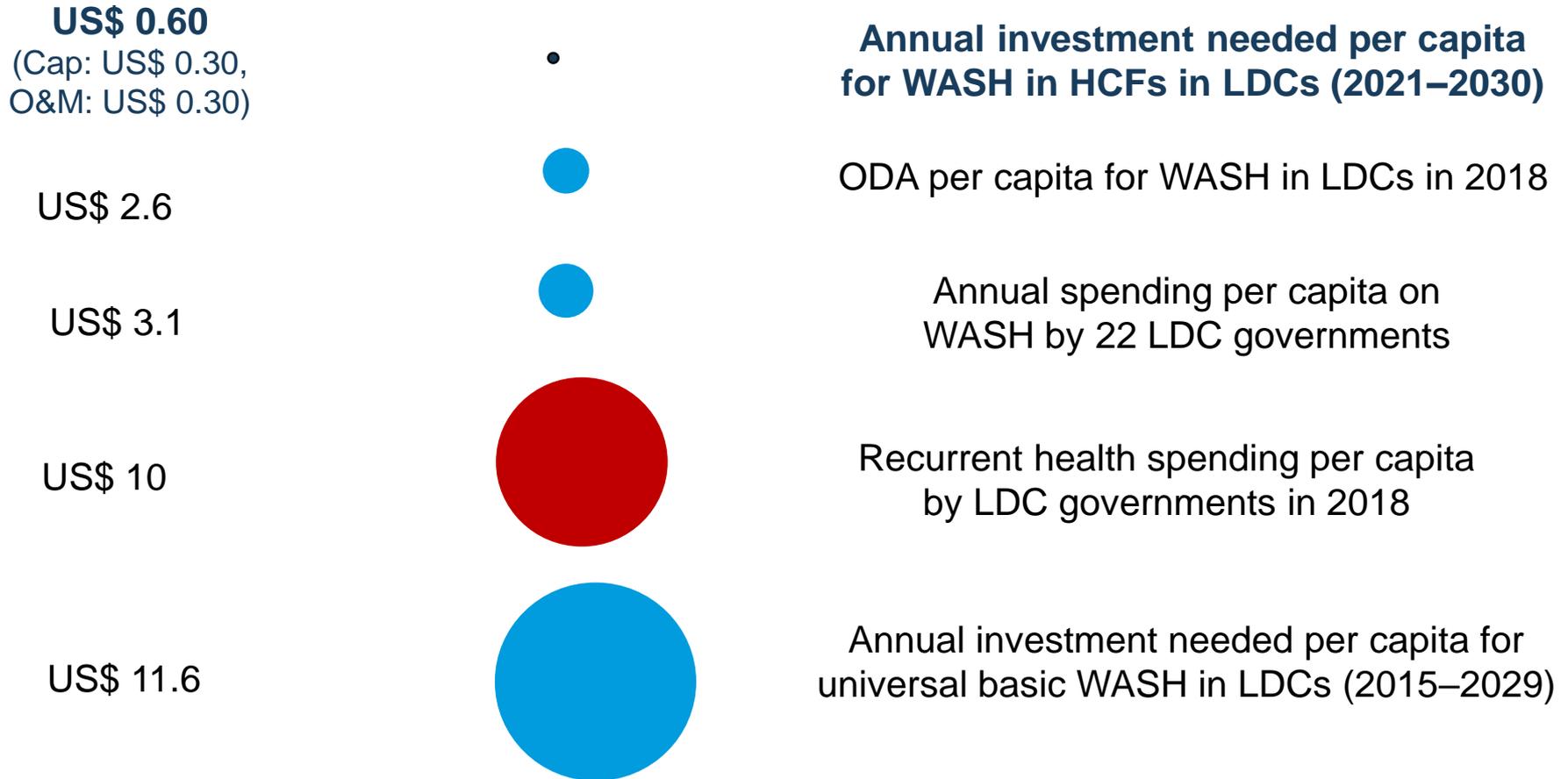
- **US\$ 2.9-4.8 billion** in capital investment, equal to 0.24-.40 USD/per capita/year)
- **US\$ 3.6-4.8 billion** more for operation and maintenance, equal to 0.39-0.60 US\$/capita/year)

	All facilities		Hospitals		Non-hospitals	
	cost, billion US\$	%	cost, billion US\$	%	cost, billion US\$	%
Water	1.5	20	0.05	0.7	1.5	19
Sanitation	1.8	23	0.08	1	1.7	22
Hygiene	0.8	11	0.12	1.5	0.7	9
Waste Management	3.7	46	0.2	3.1	3.4	44

Achieving universal basic WASH by 2030 in all LDCs will cost, on average, **US\$ 6.5-9.6 billion.**

Lost productivity from poor-quality health care costs **US\$ 1.4-US 1.6 trillion per year.**

Costs are modest compared to WASH and health resource flows...



Annual costs for WASH in health care facilities in LDCs are 3% of annual recurrent government spending on health and 3% of the annual universal WASH pricetag.

Where do we go from here?

- Integrate WASH and IPC indicators into health systems monitoring and regularly report on performance
- Include WASH and IPC in health care facility budgets
- Plan, fund and report on WASH and IPC within COVID-19 PPE, testing and vaccination efforts
- Listen to end-user demands for WASH and IPC and provide civil society a “seat” at national negotiating table for health policy planning and funding

