



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON
CHOLERA CONTROL

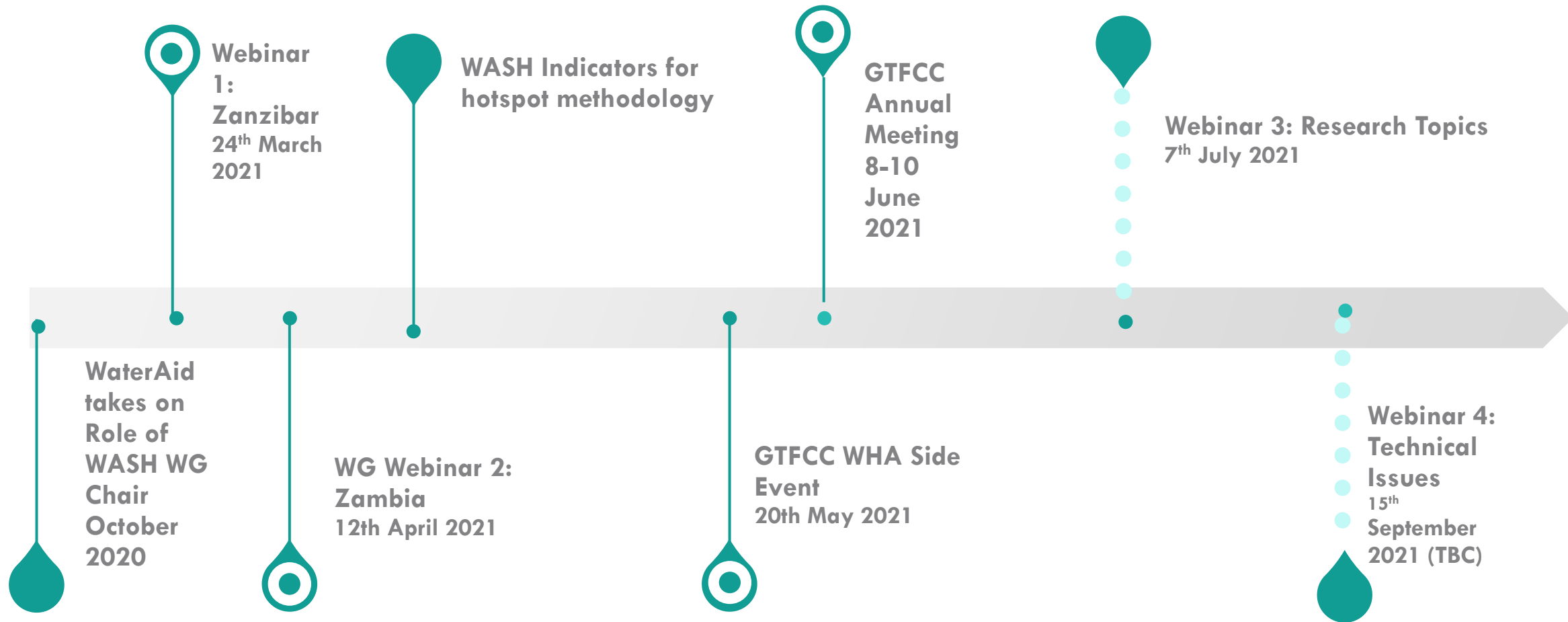
WASH WORKING GROUP UPDATE
GTFCC ANNUAL MEETING – 8,9,10 JUNE 2021

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Chair of the WASH WG

WATERAID : HANDOVER AND PREPARATION

- WaterAid and UNICEF met to discuss and ensure a smooth handover of the WASH WG chairmanship in October 2020
- WaterAid has assigned an internal team supporting coordination and providing technical advise
- A full time WASH focal point joined GTFCC in March 2021 to support the coordination of WASH Working Group, develop specific WASH guidance for cholera and support activities for cholera control by partners
- WASH work plan needs to be revisited with members of the working group

ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 2020 – JUNE 2021



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: COUNTRY FOCUSED WEBINARS

- **Webinar 1 : Focus on Zanzibar**

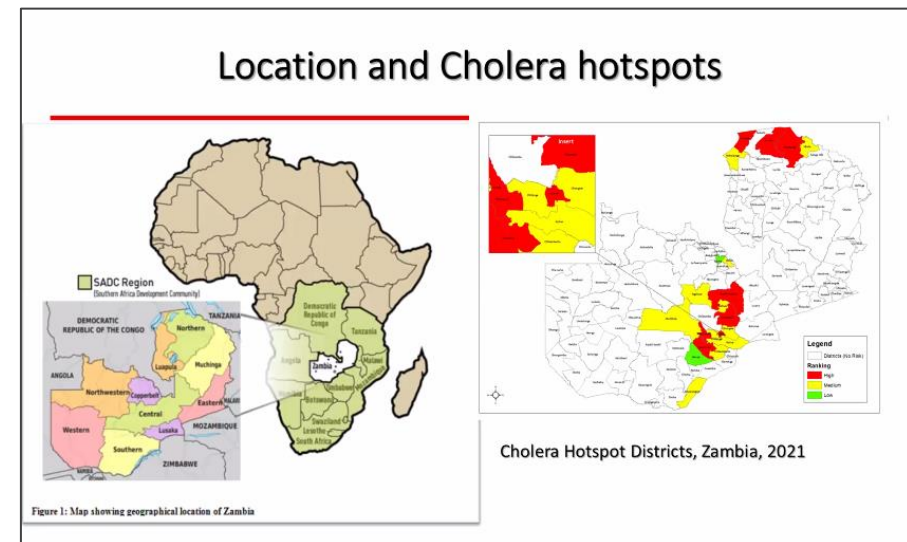
Showcasing progress on implementation of WASH pillar of National Cholera Plan

- 52 participants
- Presentations by Ministry of Health and Zanzibar Water Authority
- Challenges of multi-sectoral implementation and coordination highlighted; and resource allocation to the ZACCEP



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: COUNTRY FOCUSED WEBINARS

- **Webinars 2: Focus on Zambia** – Scope of WASH integration and impact on National Cholera Plan implementation
- 65 participants
 - Presentations by
 - ✓ Ministry of Health (Zambia National Public Health Institute),
 - ✓ Ministry of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection,
 - ✓ WaterAid Zambia
 - ✓ Zambia Red Cross Society
 - ~70% MCEP budget allocated to WASH interventions but not yet fully financed



REMINDER: UPCOMING WASH WG WEBINARS

Webinar 3: Update on Research Impacting WASH for Cholera Control (July)

- Take stock of new developments in the field of research on WASH & Cholera
- Identify gaps, define priority needs and potential partners for research on topics related to WASH for Cholera Control and Elimination
- Present Research Agenda of the GTFCC, with focus on WASH related topics

Webinar 4: Update on Technical Issues (September)

- Identify technical issues representing bottlenecks and/or opportunities for adequate WASH interventions for Cholera Control and Elimination
- Ensure that the linkages between the various working groups of the GTFCC are identified and developed

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Momentum maintained despite handover and remote working mode, within the WG as well as with other WGs
- Identification of key WASH indicators for hotspot identification methodology (WG Surveillance/Epidemiology)
- Piloting of WASH minimum package in parallel to OCV campaign in Tigray, Ethiopia
- Review of NCPs with a stronger WASH focus, with support of newly appointed CSP team

CHALLENGES

- New WASH WG chair and focal point
- Push for WASH integration with additional WG & sub-WG:
 - Surveillance/Laboratory: cholera detection and water quality monitoring
 - Case Management/IPC in HCF, CTCs, ORS/P
 - Community Engagement

CHALLENGES

- WASH specific technical guidance for:
 - NCP development and implementation
 - data collection in hotspots (WASH baselines), standalone or coupled with OCV campaigns, and data repository/database
 - M&E for progress against the Global Roadmap and towards SDG6
- Push needed WASH activities in other workstreams (advocacy, resource mobilisation and capacity building)

2021 – 2022 PRIORITIES

Technical Guidance

- Finalise WASH indicators for updated hotspot methodology
- Develop a structured format for the inclusion of WASH information/activities as part of GTFCC OCV requests
- Document implementation of WASH activities in parallel to OCV campaigns

Research

- Promote the GTFCC research agenda and foster collaboration on priority research areas
- Contribute to the GTFCC Research Tracker
- Focus on priority research for WASH and cholera

Advocacy

- Continued advocacy with national governments and donors to prioritize WASH investment in cholera hotspots
- Representation at country/regional meetings and key events
- Promote and support linkages with HH4A-Hand Hygiene for All national roadmaps

Cholera Roadmap Research Agenda

Top 5 Research Priorities for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



CHOLERA ROADMAP

RESEARCH AGENDA

JANUARY 2021

Rank Within Pillar		Research Question
1		What levels of coverage for relevant water, sanitation and hygiene interventions is required in cholera hotspots to control and ultimately eliminate the risk of cholera?
2		What are the most essential (or what is the minimum set of) infection prevention and control (IPC) interventions in cholera treatment facilities and oral rehydration points to reduce risk of transmission within these facilities?
3		Is improved access to safe water (e.g., water points and distribution networks) effective in controlling and preventing cholera outbreaks?
4		How can "design thinking" be used to improve the delivery and uptake of water, sanitation and hygiene interventions? Design thinking focuses on understanding the needs of people who will use the intervention and working with them to improve it.
5		What are the factors and determinants that lead to sustainable investments in water, sanitation and hygiene at the country level?

<https://www.gtfcc.org/cholera-roadmap-research-agenda/>

WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP (WASH)

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and Tropical Medicine
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Thank you

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