



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON
CHOLERA CONTROL

WASH WG WORK STREAM “IPC”
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WORK STREAMS — WASH AND IPC

- Infection prevention and control measures aim to **protect those who might be vulnerable to acquiring an infection**, both in the general community and while receiving care due to health problems.
- Evidence-based practices and procedures that can **prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms** to health care providers, patients, residents and visitors.
- **Safe water, running water, safe sanitation, environmental cleaning processes and practices and ample hand washing options as well as behaviours are integral part of securing IPC, same way for cholera control and prevention; including ensuring safe and dignified burials**
- Having the **WASH sector clearly identified, included and adequately represented in the IPC pillar**, can help raise attention to the WASH response during cholera outbreaks in any hotspot of Cholera.

WORKPLAN INCLUDES 1 ACTIVITY FOR WASH IN NCPS

WASH AND IPC

- ENSURE THAT **WASH RESPONSE TO CHOLERA OUTBREAKS IS PART OF THE IPC AGENDA.**
- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A **WASH WORKING GROUP UNDER THE IPC PILLAR** CAN HELP PROVIDING A BROADER VISIBILITY TO THE WASH RESPONSE DURING OUTBREAKS.

WASH AND IPC: CHALLENGES

- **Limited visibility for WASH** in Public Health Emergencies and Cholera in specific
- **Limited governance for multisectoral outbreak response** at national, sub-regional and regional levels.
- The **Cluster system** is only covering part of countries regularly affected by cholera outbreaks.
- IPC and WASH actors and **activities can be siloed** (however, there are examples of this changing — including at national level when government are developing WASH and IPC guidelines (e.g. Malawi))

OPPORTUNITIES AND LOOKING AHEAD:

- Interest from the **IPC sector at WHO** to integrate **WASH**, especially for cholera readiness and response.
- **Regional Cholera platforms** already **linking health and WASH** actors and collecting cholera data at national and regional levels
- **GTFCC advocacy efforts** for a **strengthened governance** during outbreak response and WASH situation

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Name and organization:	Areas of engagement:
WaterAid	not confirmed
UNICEF	not confirmed
Any other interested??	pls let us know

Thank you

Together we can
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