

**WASH Workstream Teleconference  
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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Geordie Woods (Sightsavers) will co-chair the WASH workstream along with Lisa Schechtman (WaterAid).

**2. Overview of WASH workstream planning matrix**

Thank you to everyone who gave input on activities you're aware of at the local, national, and global levels. The goal of the WASH workstream planning matrix was to map the gaps and see where the workstream could most effectively build. Because no clear themes or potential workstream activities emerged from the planning matrix, the workstream will look elsewhere (see below) for guidance on potential priority areas of work.

- Lauren will circulate the STH WASH Workstream planning matrix so that new members can see what was prepared and can give their input.

**3. Potential priority areas of work**

**a. The WHO WASH-NTDs Strategy**

The WHO WASH-NTDs Strategy lays out four strategic objectives to address integration of WASH with all NTDs; this workstream should look at those through the specific lens of STH.

Objectives:

1. Sharing experience and evidence
2. M&E with a specific focus on inequalities and financing streams and how they create incentives for wash integration
3. Strengthening evidence
4. Joint planning

The action plan at the end of the document lists actions for WHO at HQ, regional offices, and country office levels as well as actions for endemic countries and partners. Based on the action plan, a number of potential areas of work for the WASH workstream emerged:

- Once WHO has finalized the template, members of the STH Coalition should **contribute case studies of examples where integration has been successful and where there are lessons learned.**
- The WASH workstream should **contribute to in-country joint planning, including facilitation of inter-ministerial dialogue.**

As PAHO moves forward with implementing the strategy, it would be helpful for the program to know, particularly for the partners on this workstream, what WASH activities are being undertaken in which LAC countries.

- The WASH workstream could help **collect information to contribute to a better understanding of where partners have expertise in WASH so joint planning can get underway.**

Another related area of work would be to **pilot joint WASH-NTD programs in a few countries**. We have plenty of evidence of who is falling behind on WASH, so determining where integrated programs and policies are already happening would be helpful.

- CARE in Ethiopia is conducting a joint WASH-NTD program, which embedded an NTD control program within an existing WASH program. It is currently in its first year. They are documenting challenges and successes in working with WASH and NTDs as well as evidence around cost and cost-savings and will share that information.

Through the Delphi process, the WASH working group of the NNN is working to establish indicators to measure impact. The first two (of three) rounds of the Delphi process are complete. 16 indicators have been identified. The rest of the process should be complete by the end of November.

- **Please contact Geordie Woods ([gwoods@sightsavers.org](mailto:gwoods@sightsavers.org)) if you would like to be involved in the third round of the Delphi process, which aims to propose a core set of indicators.**

#### **b. School health and joint curriculum for school hygiene education**

The WASH workstream has previously discussed, and is still considering, the development of joint curriculum targeting ministries of education and NGOs doing school-based deworming so that deworming and hygiene education could be more explicitly linked at the school-level. This would entail a large amount of work; there would need to be a lot of interest in this if we consider taking it forward.

- The co-chairs and CWW will discuss what shape this idea would take. We will then present to the workstream to decide whether to take it forward.

#### **Summary: Potential priority areas of work**

- Contribute case studies of examples where integration has been successful and where there are lessons learned.
- Contribute to in-country joint planning, including facilitation of inter-ministerial dialogue.
- Collect information to contribute to a better understanding of where partners have expertise in WASH so joint planning can get underway.
- Pilot joint WASH-NTD programs in a few countries.
- Come up with an operational research agenda for WASH to build the evidence for WASH.
- Determine indicators for WASH to monitor progress on WASH (through contribution to Delphi process).
- Support the SAC, PSAC and WCBA workstreams by building their capacities to integrate WASH advocacy in their messaging.
- Further explore development of joint curriculum for school hygiene education.

#### **4. Procedural issues**

The workstream will revisit the Terms of Reference and work plan based on the conversation around identifying priority activities.

- **Please provide feedback on the draft TOR and work plan once they are sent.**

We need to be mindful of potential large amounts of work we decide to take on.

- The co-chairs should meet to pull the ideas together and see what the ideas for potential areas of work are.