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Monitoring WASH in health centres and schools for sustainable results

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Introduction

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- Joint advocacy efforts of IRC and Simavi towards post-2015 development agenda focus on WASH in schools and health centres
- Making use of international platforms:
 - IRC: Unicef and Sanitation and Water for All
 - Simavi: SWA and End Water Poverty NGO coalition
 - Both: Dutch government
- Series of activities and initiatives that started in 2014



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Context of SDGs and indicators

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- Latest proposal for SDG targets 6.1 and 6.2
 - Universal access to water implies including households, schools *and* health facilities
 - Sanitation and hygiene: no universal access
- Indicators for monitoring SDGs currently being developed (IAEG-SDGs)
 - WASH in schools under target 4a
 - no indicator for WASH in health centres
 - no overall indicator for hygiene



Case 1: WASH in schools

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IRC and SNV Uganda menstrual management study

- Carried out in seven districts used random samplings of primary schools which SNV had improved with WASH facilities between 2012-2013
- A total of 20 primary schools per district- 140 schools in total surveyed
- *Study was to provide evidence-based advocacy on the role of upper primary girls, from the ages of 13-18, whom have started menstruating, with a specific emphasis placed on the issues and challenges that they face at school.*





Case 1: WASH in schools

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Results:

- Around 60% of girls between the ages of 11 and 13 absent themselves due to menstrual periods a year.
- Girl pupils miss a minimum of 11% of learning time as result of menstrual periods
- Results fed into MHM conference in 2014 and into national WASH in schools policy





Case 2: WASH in health centres

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- Water for Community Health project (2014 – 2019, funded by SDC)
- Dodoma region, central Tanzania
- Goal of the project:
 - upgrade 100 health centres with WASH facilities
 - aimed at reducing risk of infection transmission and improving quality of care



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WASH in health centres

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Preliminary results

- Out of 186 health centres, 100 centres are chosen through the FIETS sustainability model
- 11 health centres upgraded with WASH facilities
- 1 clinic showed 70% increase of deliveries




→ No standard in Tanzania for water in health centres





Conclusion

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- Stronger advocacy for WASH in extra-household settings is needed to achieve sustainable impact on health (i.e. schools and health centres)
→ on both international, national and district level
- to ensure monitoring of institutional WASH in the post-2015 development agenda
 - include global indicator for WASH in schools  (4b)
 - include global indicator for WASH in health centres  (3.8.2?)
 - include global indicator on hygiene  (6.2.2?)



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Thank you!

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