

WEBINAR SESSION 2 (SEP 2018) - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

How Bad Is It?

Using the 'Right' Tools for WASH in Healthcare Facilities Assessments

These recommendations provide steps for selecting a WASH in HCF assessment tool and using results to inform future development programs and interventions for improving WASH in HCF.



1. Health System Scoping and Analysis

- An analysis of the health system landscape in which the facility lies should be completed or results from a recent analysis should be referenced prior to the assessment.
- Understanding the system context, including management and staff roles and responsibilities, financing structures, and existing programs, will help **determine assessment objectives and apply results to future planning efforts.**

2. Select assessment tool, and if needed, adapt to context and assessment objectives

- If a national health system tool for HCF assessments already exists, **specific WASH in HCF indicators should be integrated.**
- Integrating the **Joint Monitoring Program's indicators and core questions for WASH in HCF** is encouraged.
- Important considerations for selecting the appropriate assessment tool include the ability of the tool's **indicators and analytic functions to meet the assessment objectives, and if the tool is capturing specific WASH in HCF adequately** (most tools can be adapted for WASH in HCF specificity).

3. Develop and train enumerators and assessment team

- A **common objective understanding of the definitions of terms and questions** on assessment forms and how they apply to the context must be established.
- Assessment teams can be made up of individuals from national ministries and local health officials, third party contractors, or a combination of both.

4. Perform assessment

- Determine coverage area and the number of assessments that can be financed and how a representative sample of the coverage area will be achieved.
- Working closely with national ministries of health to determine where and when to complete assessments is important.
- Assessments should be done at times when **normal staff and facility functions can be observed, but should not disrupt health service provision.**

5. Link results to WASH in HCF program and development efforts

- Sharing data and results of assessments can help **galvanize improvement efforts and support local training of HCF staff.**
- Results can be linked with health system scoping and analysis results to determine how **existing programs and initiatives (such as infection prevention and control) can integrate components for WASH in HCF improvement.**