

LEADING ON WASH IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

PROGRESS REPORT ON FAITH-INSPIRED ACTION AND RESULTS



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“Water, which is used for purification in our ritual, also functions as a cleansing agent for hand-washing, hygienic procedures and for preventing and controlling infections...Access to water and related hygiene and sanitation should be a cause that unites the whole human family behind a universal priority. Nowhere is this need more critically felt than within the health care facility, especially in the labor unit and in their delivery chamber.”

Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson

SUMMARY:

AWARENESS, PROGRESS, POTENTIAL

The last several years witnessed a dramatic increase in awareness around the importance of clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as the foundation of effective healthcare and infection prevention. As awareness grew about the global need for WASH inside healthcare facilities, the world found itself needing to mobilize and strengthen healthcare systems to address COVID-19.

Faith-inspired health providers play a massive role in delivering healthcare to those in greatest need and can represent more than 50% of healthcare facilities in a given region. These organizations offer passionate and professional healthcare providers whose impact extends from newborns and families to whole communities.

Now the faith-inspired community is stepping up again, joining a global movement to help fill the crucial void that leaves WASH unavailable in healthcare facilities worldwide.

Accordingly, this report will:

- Describe the WASH in healthcare facilities challenge, its solvability, and how solutions are being implemented by a range of actors, including faith-inspired actors;
- Celebrate the diversity, commitments and achievements of these faith-inspired actors;
- Encourage new partnerships across secular, public and faith institutions by connecting partners and funders to the WASH in healthcare facilities Community of Practice to ensure that more healthcare facilities achieve basic WASH coverage.

THE DEFICIT OF WASH IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

[Faith-inspired actors provide healthcare](#) where often there would be none, under difficult circumstances, and in low-resourced areas all around the world. Yet from urban hospitals to rural health centers, receiving care can turn deadly for patients and staff because the facilities lack the foundation for safe and dignified care: access to WASH.

The lack of WASH inside healthcare facilities should be unimaginable. But in many low-resource settings, water supplies are limited, unsafe toilets are non-functioning, and soap is not available for hand washing and hygiene. Add in the absence of dedicated budgets and decades of neglected infrastructure, and that puts healthcare facilities across Africa, Latin America and swaths of Asia in dire need of WASH.

Tragically, mothers and newborns are especially vulnerable to unclean healthcare. The sanctity of life compels us to welcome newborns into the world with washed hands, clean beds and safe instruments to cut umbilical cords. Instead, every year, [one million newborns die](#) within their first 24 hours, and nearly [300,000 women die in childbirth](#). Infections are among the leading causes of preventable deaths.

An astounding [one in four](#) healthcare facilities does not have access to basic water services. In the 47 Least Developed Countries the situation is even worse with 50% of healthcare facilities without basic water services, 63% without basic sanitation, and 26% do not have hand hygiene facilities at point of patient care. Every day, healthcare workers put themselves at great personal risk and are unable to ensure that they 'first, do no harm'. This lack of WASH increases poverty as it perpetuates poor health.

**Getting WASH
into healthcare
facilities is not
only a global
health call.**

It is a moral call.



I am using the launch of the Water Action Decade to make a global call to action for water, sanitation and hygiene – or WASH – in all health care facilities..We must work to prevent the spread of disease. Improved water, sanitation and hygiene in health facilities is critical to this effort.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

A HISTORIC CALL TO ACTION

In 2017, [Global Water 2020](#), a time-limited advocacy initiative dedicated to under-represented issues in the WASH sector, focused on the widespread lack of WASH in healthcare facilities. The goal was to catalyze action to ensure this issue would no longer remain under the radar and the neglected global health crisis that it once was.

But no one predicted that a pandemic would put public health and handwashing in the headlines. COVID-19 has reaffirmed that health systems are unable to practice infection prevention and control without WASH; and essential necessities like soap, water, sanitation and waste management are fundamental to providing safe and dignified healthcare.

The need for WASH of course reaches far beyond COVID-19, and its absence is felt on the frontlines of health provision daily, where dozens of preventable and containable infections and diseases – from sepsis and deadly diarrhea to Ebola proliferate via unwashed hands and unclean surfaces. When healthcare systems cannot prevent and mitigate the spread of infectious diseases, and growing threats like antibiotic resistance, the resulting humanitarian and economic losses are incalculable.

THE FAITH COMMUNITY ANSWERS UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CALL TO ACTION

Faith-affiliated healthcare facilities and leaders are often uniquely trusted by the communities in which they work. They possess social capital that can influence health-related policies and promote important behavior changes, such as adopting handwashing and stopping open defecation. They also provide a substantial portion of the world's healthcare via diverse faith-based healthcare providers, networks, and faith-based non-governmental organizations (FBOs). Faith-based assistance is often focused on poorly resourced areas in need of financial and technical support. As such, though the deficit of WASH in healthcare facilities across low- and middle-income countries is certainly not exclusive to faith-affiliated facilities, the impact within these facilities is great.

Fortunately, the generosity of faith-inspired private donors and faith communities offer a unique ability to greatly leverage public fund. Following the historic [Call to Action](#) to prioritize WASH in healthcare facilities by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in 2018, **U.S. and international faith actors sought to increase substantive commitments to get sustainable WASH in hospitals, health clinics and health posts.** Getting WASH into tens of thousands of healthcare facilities is no small task, but it is critical and solvable, and faith actors are an important part of the solution.

In April 2019, Global Water 2020 co-convened a meeting with USAID's (then-named) Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives, bringing together 40 FBOs for a briefing on the issue, possible approaches, an exploration of new partnerships, and an invitation to make commitments to scale up action. Two months later, **25 commitments to WASH in healthcare facilities were announced by faith actors** at a meeting at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) alongside others, that over time would increase to over 100 commitments generated since the UN Secretary-General's Call to Action.



Hundreds of millions of dollars are now being secured to strengthen whole health systems with WASH services; responses to COVID-19 have increased emergency hand hygiene facilities and training by the tens of thousands; increased focus on sustainability is an important new norm to stop the cycle of deterioration. Private philanthropy and government partnerships, from multilateral to local, are increasingly including the faith-inspired community in WASH implementation. Networks of these actors, large and small, have joined forces and expertise with regional focus; and the Catholic Church, the largest single unified provider of healthcare in the world, has stepped forward under Vatican leadership with a pilot program in 23 countries.

All of this to say, significant progress has been made by the faith-inspired community to ensure more healthcare facilities have access to sustainable WASH services.

**Religious leaders
are increasingly using
their voices to push
policymakers to
bring safe, dignified,
compassionate care.**



FAITH-INSPIRED ACTORS INCREASE GLOBAL MOMENTUM

Diverse faith-inspired healthcare providers, networks and institutions, faith-based organizations, religious leaders, and faith-inspired donors have mobilized. Collectively, they have actively increased awareness, raised funds, and scaled up implementation for WASH in healthcare facilities.

FAITH-INSPIRED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, NETWORKS, AND INSTITUTIONS

Christian Health Associations

The Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP) is a network of 43 **Christian Health Associations** (CHAs) and other Church Health Networks in 32 countries across Africa. Their mission is to ensure nationwide access to healthcare, especially to the most vulnerable and marginalized populations who often live in remote areas. To that end, in many countries ACHAP members deliver between 30% to 70% of a country's healthcare services through an estimated 5,000 healthcare facilities. These Christian hospitals and clinics have a private not-for-profit model and sit under the mandate of the Ministries of Health. ACHAP members disseminate resources, build capacities, advocate on shared agendas, and provide technical assistance.

In 2018, CHAs from **Uganda, Kenya, Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Lesotho** joined a WASH training organized by ACHAP and facilitated by Global Water 2020. Following the training, each CHA selected 10 to 15 facilities for assessment, prioritizing key WASH needs and addressing what they could with seed funding of \$6,000 per facility. In addition, [Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services](#) implemented WASH and infection prevention and control (IPC) [assessments](#) and staff WASH training. At the [ACHAP biennial conference](#) in 2019, the CHAs shared their progress, lessons learned and potential next steps. Many CHAs have emphasized the role of WASH during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in concerted community [outreach](#). In 2020, ACHAP was awarded a USAID grant, [ACHAP Afya](#), which includes a specific focus on WASH to help reduce child and maternal morbidity and mortality in Kenya and Uganda, in partnership with **CHA/Kenya** and the **Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB)**.



The **Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA/USA)** is raising the profile and discussion of WASH amongst its network of U.S. health providers that offer international support through regular CHA member convenings. One such partner, **Providence Healthcare**, has since committed to support facilities in improving WASH conditions in healthcare facilities they support. Meanwhile, CHA/USA is contributing resources to implement the Dicastery pilot initiative (described in the section on Religious Leaders) in healthcare facilities across Haiti.

Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) is similarly committed to raising awareness for WASH among its network and is supporting WASH in 42 healthcare facilities under the USAID MOMENTUM program in Sierra Leone, Ghana, and Uganda, primarily by working through network partners in each country.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference affiliated healthcare provider, **Adventist Health International**, operates dozens of healthcare facilities delivering care throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America in which it implements numerous clean water and hygiene initiatives. In addition, the Adventist Church-sponsored **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)** has committed to institutionalize WASH in healthcare facilities in multiple countries.

The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) has integrated WASH in healthcare facilities into its strategic plans for resilience building. A baseline assessment is underway in Tajikistan, with additional assessments planned for Afghanistan and Northern Pakistan. The program aims to close the gap completely, with public facilities such as healthcare facilities on top of the list. They also aim to use this strategic and evidence-based program as an instrument for targeted fund raising with key donors.

FAITH-BASED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Faith-based organizations (FBOs) are critical in accelerating WASH in healthcare work by advocating for improved WASH services; bringing highly skilled technical expertise; repairing and building WASH infrastructure; training and building capacity to ensure long-term sustainability through improved operations and maintenance. A brief snapshot of this support can be seen below.

The ACCORD WASH Alliance, a collaboration of WASH implementers, uses its public and global platform to bring the issues of WASH in healthcare facilities before ACCORD members and the broader public, advocating with constituents and stakeholders that WASH in healthcare facilities be prioritized in future health and WASH programming.

Food for the Hungry collaborated with Engineers Without Borders USA to develop [rapid WASH assessment tool](#) to evaluate the readiness and capacity of healthcare facilities to respond to the pandemic, which has assessed hundreds of facilities in Ethiopia, Kenya, Guatemala, Malawi, Indonesia, and Cambodia by late 2020.

To aid healthcare workers in their life-saving work during the COVID-19 outbreak, [Water Mission](#) equipped doctors and nurses with water that is treated (with chlorine) and safe for drinking, handwashing and disinfecting. They serve at the ready to provide technical support as needed.

Water4 partnered with the **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** in Ghana to stand up 100 handwashing stations in the community and plumb 16 healthcare facilities, bringing multiple taps into each facility to serve a combined 2,700 patients each month. The enterprise, which expanded to manufacture and sell soap, collects a monthly fee to conduct routine maintenance to ensure water keeps flowing.

[World Hope International](#) partnered with GivePower to build a solar-powered water desalination and distribution center in town of Anse-à-Galets in Haiti, providing 1,000 liters of clean water to the hospital.



We must ensure that the sick and the valiant health-care providers throughout the world have access to the fundamental necessities of clean water and proper sanitation to prevent the uncontrolled spread of disease...Sustainable access to properly equipped and staffed health-care facilities is one of the strongest defenses against future public health crises.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama



[World Vision](#) also deserves special note, having fulfilled its 2019-2021 commitment to bring WASH to 800 [rural healthcare facilities](#) that serve an estimated 7.2 million people, at a cost of approximately \$100 million dollars. Key partners in this commitment included **charity:water, Grundfos, the CDC, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the Dornsife Family, Golf Fore Africa, Midmark Corporation, Robert and Laura Abernathy, the Water Institute at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and Wells Bring Hope.** World Vision is expanding this commitment with the goal of reaching a total of 1,200 healthcare facilities serving over 10 million people with handwashing, clean water and sanitation by 2023.

Additional FBOs committed to WASH in healthcare facilities include: **ADRA, Catholic Relief Services, Caritas Internationalis, Faiths for Safe Water, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), Engineering Ministries International, the Salvation Army, IsraAID, World Evangelical Alliance, Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network, and Église Évangélique de la République du Niger.** A full list of FBOs engaging in WASH in healthcare facilities can be found in the Appendix.



RELIGIOUS LEADERS & THEIR NETWORKS

The Catholic WASH in Healthcare Facility Initiative

The Catholic Church's tradition and Pope Francis' recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, call for care for the sick. The Church -- its parishes and members, global mission and service organizations, and communities of women and men religious -- is the world's largest unified healthcare provider, often working in remote and impoverished areas without distinction of religion, nationality or ethnicity. Initiated by the **Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**, the Church has issued [statements](#) and [support](#) for a global WASH movement as part of [Aqua fons vitae](#).

Building upon these expressions of support, Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery, [urged bishops and congregations worldwide](#) to help ensure "adequate access to water, sanitation and hygiene in all Catholic healthcare facilities in order to safely treat patients, prevent further spread of COVID-19 and other diseases, and protect healthcare workers and chaplains."

Dioceses, congregations, and conferences in 23 countries responded. The Dicastery has brought together implementers and donors including **Caritas Internationalis, Catholic Relief Services, [Daughters of Charity International Services Program](#), and Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA)**, to partner on their [Catholic WASH in Healthcare Facility Initiative](#).

Through the Initiative, guided voluntary self-assessments were conducted in 140 healthcare facilities across the 23 countries. These assessments found that 63% of healthcare facilities lack basic water services, 90% lack basic sanitation services, and 52% lack basic hygiene services. The pilot program is now working to finance and implement WASH in these healthcare facilities, which serve more than 28 million people.

Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by microorganisms and chemical substances. Dysentery and cholera, linked to inadequate hygiene and water supplies, are a significant cause of suffering and of infant mortality.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS & THEIR NETWORKS

Religious leaders throughout the world play an influential role in advocating for the needs of their communities, and local faith leaders frequently hold leadership roles in healthcare facilities in their jurisdictions. Their awareness-raising and vocal support are critical to achieve sustainable WASH services in healthcare facilities. In April 2021, the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) organized a Regional Leaders Summit on WASH in healthcare facilities that offered an opportunity for religious leaders to join the discussion. In preparation, the **African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL)** organized two preparatory meetings for religious leaders, one in the East and Southern Africa regions, and another for Francophone leaders in West Africa.

Eighty-seven multi-faith religious leaders from 21 countries participated in these preparatory meetings. They were briefed; discussed what religious leaders could do to improve conditions in their jurisdictions; and concluded with unanimous endorsement of an ACRL Call to Action, subsequently presented by ACRL Co-Chair, Cardinal John Onaiyekan, at the AFRO Summit in April:

“Leaders of the African Council of Religious Leaders, call upon our esteemed members of all faith-based communities to join in this cause of ensuring adequate and sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene in healthcare facilities for the welfare and dignity of all people in all communities. In this commitment, we urge healthcare service providers to take all measures to protect patients and healthcare workers through adequate WASH services, and we appeal to national and global leaders for the critical assistance needed to provide sustainable WASH services in all healthcare facilities.”



FAITH-INSPIRED PHILANTHROPISTS

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's Safe Water Program continues to be a global leader on WASH issues and is [scaling up its support](#) for WASH in healthcare facilities implementation through its district-wide approach in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Uganda devoted their lives to serving marginalized populations. Of its grantees includes faith-based organizations and partners who are leading this call. **Hilton Fund for Sisters** is part of the Conrad Hilton philanthropic legacy which funds Catholic Sisters' work in healthcare facilities; and the **Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul** has been active in helping to direct resources to support WASH in healthcare facilities in multiple countries.

Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA) is offering briefings and consultation on the Vatican's Initiative, and acting as an instrumental bridge between its donor members and WASH and health implementers.

Additional faith-inspired philanthropies committed to WASH in healthcare facilities include **Loyola Foundation, the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities,** and the **Wallace Genetic Foundation.**

Faith-inspired actors reach some of the most remote, underserved communities throughout the world.

Infectious disease can be amplified in healthcare facilities. We saw this with the Ebola outbreak in 2014. The health of everyone on the planet is related to everyone else. Getting WASH into healthcare facilities is an effort that will help keep us all safe.

Peter Laugharn, President/CEO
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

PUBLIC ENTITIES

Recognizing the effectiveness and scale of faith-inspired impact has led public entities to include faith actors in new partnerships. As one example, the **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** works effectively with FBOs in numerous global health and WASH programs, including the [MOMENTUM](#) program focused on maternal and child health, with a specific WASH in healthcare facilities component. In 2020, the New Partner Initiative (NPI) funded [ACHAP Afya](#) in Kenya and Uganda, previously described. Other public sector funders partnering with faith-inspired organizations include **Germany's GIZ** and the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**.

Effective advocacy is bringing on board many more Ministries of Health, Water, Infrastructure, and Finance. The **WHO/UNICEF Task Force on WASH in Healthcare Facilities** is in the works, expected to launch in September 2021, to bring together national leadership across the globe in a more concerted effort to address the lack of WASH in healthcare facilities. A **UN Group of Friends for WASH in Healthcare Facilities** is also in development, which would leverage UN Member State commitments through cooperation and collective action through official channels, to move forward the goal of universal WASH coverage as a response to the UN Secretary-General's Call to Action.

The wide range of faith-inspired leaders, funders, implementers, and advocates have proven that they are critical to the increasing momentum around WASH into healthcare facilities. Ensuring these diverse actors have a seat at local, regional and global tables has raised the visibility of their impact, with the potential to do much more.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH GROUPS TO SCALE UP AND ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY

Faith groups are better positioned than ever to further scale up sustainable WASH in healthcare facility efforts through their persistent moral call for improved policies, consistent budgets, and resource mobilization; influence on community behavior change; implementation, training and support for ongoing monitoring and maintenance.

Building on the progress to date, further opportunities include:

- Track and document faith engagement, leadership and collaborations on WASH in healthcare facility progress, and celebrate successes.
- Encourage further scaling up and sustainability of WASH in healthcare facilities among faith-based actors, by recruiting new faith-based partners
- Secure funding for assessed needs in specific faith-run healthcare facilities.
- Explore possible partnerships and collaborations through the Contact List, including public-private partnerships.
- Leverage private resources to encourage governments and donors to partner with faith networks to deliver improvements to WASH in healthcare facilities.

- Build a sustainable community of practice among current faith-inspired actors by making tools, resources, models, and best practices easily available online. Tools are available to streamline these efforts include a WASH in HCF assessment tool, WHO/UNICEF [WASH FIT](#), and the [8 Practical Steps](#) for WASH in HCF.

Indeed, it is “the least of these” who far too often bear the world’s greatest burdens, and healthcare is no exception. As Global Water 2020 sunsets in June 2021, it is up to all of us to stand in the gap: **continue the momentum, increase visibility and advocacy, pave the way for more collaborations and new partners including donors, share growing expertise, and be bold enough to innovate.**

WASH must be present in healthcare facilities everywhere if we are to curtail antimicrobial resistance, advance pandemic preparedness, and increase economic security for families by maintaining good health. We applaud those faith-inspired actors who have already contributed so much and those who are now committing to develop cross-sector partnerships that can address this challenge at scale. **We all stand to benefit. Much work remains.**

As someone who ran a children's hospital for ten years, I can tell you all the medicines in the world will not keep children healthy without access to clean water.

Sister Carol Keehan, D. C.

Chair of the Health Task Force of Pope Francis' COVID-19 Commission

APPENDIX: FAITH-INSPIRED ACTORS' COMMITMENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR WASH IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

[Accord WASH Alliance](#)

Accord WASH Alliance commits to using its public and global platform to bring the issues of WASH in healthcare facilities before ACCORD members and the broader public, advocating with constituents and stakeholders. The Alliance will also work to promote WASH in healthcare facilities among Accord Network members (over 100 member organizations) advocating that WASH in healthcare facilities be taken into consideration and prioritized in future Health and WASH programming. The AWA will educate members on the importance of WASH in healthcare facilities and use the technical expertise of its participants to contribute to the improvement of approaches, facilitate research and learning around the topic through its annual conference, e-newsletters, monthly working groups, resource libraries, and webinars

[Adventist Development and Relief Agency](#)

Adventist Development and Relief Agency, working with its 130 national offices, partners, stakeholders, and donors, will raise awareness and commits to equal access for safe water, adequate sanitation, and a hygienic environment in all healthcare facilities. Additionally, ADRA commits to services that respect the dignity of all users and staff in order to improve health outcomes.

[African Council of Religious Leader \(ACRL\)](#)

The ACRL gathered its members across the continent to discuss the issue of WASH in healthcare facilities and launch a Call to Action to members of the faith community. The ACRL will continue to share resources and seek to engage religious leaders on this important issue.

[Africa Christian Health Associations Platform](#)

Africa Christian Health Associations Platform commits to leveraging its convening platform to provide Leadership for WASH coalition/alliance building, contributing to WASH policy dialogue and implementation at all levels, sharing documented WASH expertise, experiences and success stories for scale up, adopting a health systems strengthening approach in the uptake of WASH, instituting WASH mentorship and coaching program for ACHAP Members, promoting social accountability mechanisms to ensure community participation and ownership for WASH in healthcare settings, undertake research, analysis, advocacy and communications for WASH, build WASH culture and consciousness to ensure sustainability and resilience in the provision of health services and promote WASH as a tool for re-igniting Primary Health Care towards attaining Universal Health Coverage.

[Aga Khan Development Network \(AKDN\)](#)

Field surveys are already underway in Tajikistan, which will provide a baseline for over 300 health care facilities (both public and private) in the Gorno Badakshan Autonomous Oblast, with similar surveys planned for Afghanistan (imminently) and Northern Pakistan (in 2022).

The resulting baseline will be used to develop a targeted program for closing the WASH gap in AKDN's core geographies. This program will aim to close the gap completely, with public facilities such as health care facilities on top of the list. They will aim to use this strategic and evidence-based program as an instrument for targeted fund raising with key donors, many of which have supported the AKDN's health and WASH initiatives for a long time.

Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services

The Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services shall provide technical expertise to her partners in the domain of healthcare waste management, water supply in HCF, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection, and environmental management. CBCHS shall work through her 57 primary health centers in rural communities to reduce the spread of water borne disease by jointly raising funds to harness portable water from available sources. CBCHS shall also advocate for the promotion of WASH in HCF through the media, including print media, social media, and radio programs.

Caritas Internationalis

Caritas Internationalis joins the Catholic WASH in Healthcare Facilities Initiative, providing technical support to participating healthcare facilities and Dioceses.

Catholic Health Association of the United States

On behalf of their member organizations, the Catholic Health Association commits to advocate for clean and safe water, sanitation, and hygiene in the world's health facilities, as an essential requirement for access to quality health care. We will accomplish this by sharing tools and resources, and opportunities for those pro-actively involved in WASH in HCF to share updates at networking calls and global health events. CHA will convene that connect its members, NGOs, private sector partners, and academic institutions who work in global health.

Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB)

Catholic Medical Mission Board has made WASH one of the pillars of its signature program, CHAMPS (Children and Mothers Partnerships), which provides services to ensure the health and well-being of mothers, children, and their families and communities. CMMB has partnered with communities, corporations, health systems, and governments to provide health facilities in Haiti, Kenya, Peru, South Sudan, and Zambia with clean water, latrines, and sanitation services. Through CHAMPS, CMMB is committed to raising \$1,655,554 for WASH in healthcare facilities.

Catholic Relief Services

As a global leader, Catholic Relief Services has current WASH in HCF programming in Madagascar, Ghana, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, and DRC. Their work aims to promulgate USAID's Clean Clinic Model which strengthens health systems so that facilities, districts, provinces, and regions can identify, prioritize, implement, and fundraise for WASH needs they identify as essential for providing a higher quality of care. Over the next five years, CRS is targeting over 300 healthcare facilities with direct intervention; however, in each country, CRS aims to influence national health and water policies and budgets such that countries can inspire from and replicate the Clean Clinic Model.

Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH)

CCIH is part of the MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership program and is supporting WASH in 42 health facilities in Sierra Leone, Ghana and Uganda, primarily by working through network partners in each country.

Christian Health Association of Ghana

Christian Health Organization of Ghana has adopted WASH as a vital tool for reigniting Primary Health Care as a means of attaining Universal Health Coverage for all, including rural and underserved areas in Ghana. CHAG further commits to integrate WASH in all services they provide, including training schools. For now, their role as key champions, pioneers, and advocates of WASH will be a priority commitment until all CHAG facilities become fully WASH compliant by the year 2030.

Christian Health Association of Lesotho

Having identified challenges faced at healthcare facilities, Christian Health Association of Lesotho is committed to advocacy for the development of guidelines and structures at the national level to support WASH, installation of hand wash stations, and menstrual hygiene management at all facilities. In order to meet Sustainable Development Goal 6 in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, CHAL wishes to have outside flush toilets in all Government and CHAL health facilities.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation will accelerate access to safe and affordable water services to households, healthcare facilities and schools in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Niger, and Uganda. Their commitment includes: 1. \$13.5 million in funding going towards improvements in 250 healthcare facilities, applied research, and the development of a chlorine generator; 2. Piloting a new model of partnership at demonstration sites in six countries to strengthen local capacity, improve water policies, practices, and regulations, and ensure water services over the long-term; 3. Convening all sectors to outline resources needed, diagnose challenges, better time investments, improve data collection, and arm policymakers and institutional funders with evidence for decision making. Meanwhile, **Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters** supports healthcare facilities run by Sisters.

Daughters of Charity International Project Services

International Project Services, an office of the Daughters of Charity, will distribute information about WASH in HCFs to their health ministries in 64 countries and to the international leadership team of the Daughters of Charity. Those organizations expressing interest will receive information on available resources and those Daughter of Charity ministries with plans for WASH projects will be invited to send applications for assistance through the normal IPS process.

Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network

Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network conducts activities to be done in Church Health Institutions (CHIs) that include raising awareness and knowledge about the problem of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), promoting infection prevention programs including WASH, promoting stewardship programs and working on increasing access to quality-assured antimicrobials. EPN plans to distribute materials it has developed through its network especially using its DSOs during their drug deliveries. WASH will be incorporated into materials, trainings and advocacy within the CHIs and beyond. During its contributions at the regional level with WHO, CDC Africa and other intergovernmental organizations, EPN will contribute and support the global WASH agenda.

Église Évangélique de la République du Niger

Église Évangélique de la République du Niger plans to use a network of holistic ministry partners that have been training individuals in Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in French-Speaking West Africa to identify issues and mobilize resources to achieve sustainable change in healthcare facilities. The CHE implementers have been trained in simple WASH interventions and will be hired within their local healthcare facility to be a bridge between the medical staff, the local WASH private sector, and the community. They will be expected to advocate for safe WASH and ensure consistent safe WASH practices within the healthcare facility and the community.

Engineering Ministries International

Engineering Ministries International is committed to be a beneficial technical resource for the design and implementation of appropriate and sustainable WASH solutions in the healthcare facilities and communities where they work around the world. eMi works within the local context to design and construct culturally-appropriate healthcare facilities that are sustainable, affordable, and transformational. eMi often guides healthcare facilities in master planning, new facility development, renovation of existing facilities, as well as rehabilitation and development of critical infrastructure.

Faiths for Safe Water

Founded by a seasoned journalist, Faiths for Safe Water will offer pro bono communications consulting to multi faith leaders (lay and clergy) and faith-based organizations who make a commitment to WASH in healthcare facilities, and wish to publicly advance the cause through content creation, in particular blogging and opinion-writing. FSW can also assist in strategically placing content through media opportunities it cultivates. In addition, FSW invites all clergy to its informal board of advisors and spokespeople to increase collective reach and impact of WASH/water advocacy.

Food for the Hungry

Food for the Hungry has been serving vulnerable people through purposeful relief and development programs for over four decades and in over 20 countries. Our programs focus on children and women as the most prominent and vulnerable persons in the communities we serve because they suffer disproportionately from WASH related diseases and death. We are committed to maintain the highest standards of WASH capacity at healthcare facilities in communities where we operate, and we are committed to collaborate with government agencies, partners, and civil society to improve WASH conditions at healthcare facilities in all the places where we serve globally.

IsraAID (US) Global Humanitarian Assistance

IsraAID commits to ensure safe water, functioning toilets, and soap are available whenever they engage in healthcare initiatives, mainstream WASH in healthcare facilities within their wider programming, and whenever possible share WASH expertise with healthcare providers within communities where they operate.

Loyola Foundation

The Loyola Foundation assists overseas Catholic mission activities. Their work has alerted its members to the importance of sanitation and clean water in healthcare facilities. It is imperative that life-saving work be performed in secure, modern, and sanitary facilities. They will evaluate future grant recipients to ensure that WASH in HCF is implemented in their proposals.

Millennium Water Alliance (MWA)

WASH improvements in healthcare facilities in three districts of the Amhara Region in Ethiopia where MWA leads a consortium with members. Continue to improve WASH in healthcare facilities in district-wide programming in northern Kenya. Encourage MWA members to incorporate WASH in healthcare facilities across all 90 countries where they operate, including coordinated country advocacy for HCFs and to share information with MWA members. Provide support to US and East Africa advocacy for increased funding and prioritization for WASH that incorporates working in healthcare facilities as a key part of systems approaches and coordination with governments.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc. (NCMI) employs a holistic, integrated approach to community development that incorporate across a variety of sectors to create physical, social/emotional, and spiritual wholeness for individuals and communities. NCMI's areas of expertise include WASH, healthcare, and HIV/AIDS, as well as economic development, food security, child and youth development, women's and girls' empowerment, refugee support, anti-human trafficking, and emergency relief. Joining the Global efforts NCMI commits to improve WASH services both in communities and healthcare facilities globally in advocacy as well as implementation of integrated WASH programs addressing the needs of healthcare facilities working together in partnership with stockholders. NCMI has committed \$100,000 over the next five years to be leveraged as matching to secure more funding from donors and partners.

Providence Health

Providence Health has committed to support healthcare facilities with WASH through their programs, including under the Catholic WASH in Healthcare Facilities Initiative in Malawi.

Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities

The Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities is an independent, family foundation, located in the United States, celebrating 75 years of charitable and philanthropic work both domestically and internationally, for a wide variety of causes and issues. Through its responsive grant program, the Foundation does not maintain any areas of interest or priorities; however, over the past 10 years, funding for WASH-related projects is approximately \$3 million. Health facilities are one of the many types of organizations that the Foundation has funded in this area.

The Salvation Army

Through Salvation Army World Service Office, The Salvation Army (TSA) in the US has supported various Salvation Army healthcare facilities, from small clinics to multi-specialty general hospitals, in several of the 131 countries where TSA is present. As a first step to improving WASH capacity in all HCFs, collaborating with our International HQ in London, SAWSO will survey TSA healthcare facilities worldwide to determine their WASH needs and begin seeking resources to meet them. We will also pursue funding to complete the major initiative to rebuild WASH infrastructure at a large facility in Zambia and its satellite clinics.

Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau

Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau shall continue to support WASH in healthcare facilities because of the benefits accrued to it. UCMB will do so by assessing, supervising, and training all levels of staff. UCMB commits to continue with technical supervision, sensitization, advocacy, and lobbying for WASH using existing church and coordination structures.

Wallace Genetic Foundation

Wallace Genetic Foundation sees WASH in healthcare facilities as the bedrock of global health. They have given advocacy grants to organizations working to expand sustainable access in low-income countries. They believe safe WASH in healthcare facilities, given its documented need and decades of neglect, deserves to be prioritized by private and public funders supporting global WASH and health efforts. In 2019 and 2020 Wallace Genetic Foundation will contribute a million dollars a year for advocacy designed to expand safe and sustainable WASH services in hospitals and clinics in low-income countries.

Water Mission

Water Mission will continue to provide technical guidance to WASH implementors and WASH networks, including the Rural Water Supply Network and ACCORD WASH Alliance. Water Mission will continue to provide guidance on engineering and water quality. As part of Water Mission's strategy, WASH in health care facilities will remain a priority in every country program. Water Mission will continue to raise awareness about WASH best practices and the global water crisis. They are committed to ongoing innovation and improving WASH best practices, and as such, will make research and learning in this area a priority.

Water4

Water4 commits to make WASH in HCFs part of an area-based coverage strategy being implemented with enterprise partners in 14 sub-Saharan African countries. This includes integrating WASH in HCFs into planning, country-level targets, and partnership agreements. Water4 will identify revenue-based solutions to HCF water supply to ensure sustainability of water systems through enterprise-based operational support. Water4 will align with the SDG 6.1 standards for "safe water" in HCFs and conduct research and learning that support application of innovation and best practices, thereby ensuring five geo-administrative areas have access to safe, sustainable, and affordable water by 2025.

[World Evangelical Alliance](#)

World Evangelical Alliance commits to employ the WEA Health Mission Network to create awareness of WASH needs and inequities. Support of WASH will be incorporated into the work of this network. WEA will develop awareness on the campaign with their WEA Regional & National Alliances. WEA will seek opportunities to incorporate WASH into national initiatives where appropriate and develop awareness with their networks and members of specific needs of those most at risk due to inadequate WASH services. WEA will engage local faith communities through the development of supporting documentation on the theological necessity of addressing WASH. Lastly, WEA will promote campaign with their Global Partners and where applicable adaptation of WASH principles.

[World Hope International](#)

World Hope International aims to improve WASH in healthcare facilities in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Haiti, and Cambodia. WHI plans to provide potable water to the Wesleyan Hospital of La Gonave, Haiti by desalination of brackish groundwater using reverse osmosis to provide free water for the hospital and wholesale water for area drinking water distributors. In addition, in partnership with UNDP and PowerGen Renewable Energy, WHI plans to build mini-grid solar power stations in 97 communities in Sierra Leone which will provide free electricity to medical facilities to support their water and power needs.

[World Vision](#)

World Vision and partners commit to providing basic water, sanitation, and hygiene services in 800 rural health care facilities serving an estimated 7.2 million people at a cost of approximately \$100 million between 2019-2021. The work will be done in 35 countries where World Vision focuses their WASH efforts, with a special focus on Ghana, Mali, Niger, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Key partners of this commitment will include charity: water, Grundfos, the CDC, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the Dornsife Family, Golf Fore Africa, Midmark Corporation, Robert and Laura Abernathy, the Water Institute at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and Wells Bring Hope.

[Zimbabwe Association of Church Related Hospitals](#)

Zimbabwe Association of Church related Hospitals (ZACH) commits to support the global efforts for the reduction of infections, reduction of morbidity related to unsafe WASH through supporting the implementation of WASH activities at healthcare facilities. ZACH bases their commitments on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 6. ZACH will support and engage the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MOHCC) and other partners working on WASH in Zimbabwe to advocate for WASH and infection prevention and control to be given their deserving priorities in terms of budgeting, resource allocation, and implementation at all health facilities.

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