

**WASH Roadmap (WRM)– January ExCom
Agenda and Minutes**



Date:	14th January 2024
Standard Time:	4:00 pm Geneva (GMT +1)
Duration:	87 Minutes

Attendees	Role/Initiative	Organisation
Iyanu Ojuawo	WRM Secretariat Officer	RedR UK
William Rogers-Tizard	Head of WRM Secretariat	RedR UK
Robert Gensch	Initiative 1 ExCom Member	German Toilet Organization
Saeed Rahman	Initiative 2 ExCom Member	IMPACT, REACH
Baptiste Lecuyot	Initiative 3 ExCom Member	Solidarites International
Nicole Weber	Initiative 5 ExCom Member	PRO-WASH & SCALE
Marielle Snel	Initiative 6 Co-Lead	Save the Children
Johannes Rueck	Initiative 7 ExCom Member	German WASH Network
Solène Pradat-Paz	Initiative 8 ExCom Member	French Water Partnership
Michelle Farrington	Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) ExCom Member	Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)
Apologies	Role/Initiative	Organisation
Lauren D’Mellon Guyett	Initiative 4 ExCom Member	The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
Syed Yasir Ahmed	Initiative 6 ExCom Member	International Medical Corps (IMC)

Agenda item	In detail	Key decisions and action items
Initiative updates		
Initiative 1	<p>An update was provided on funding and collaboration efforts. It was noted that attempts to secure support from BMGF and The Gates Foundation for the initiative were unsuccessful. Feedback from the foundations revealed a lack of interest in the WASH Hub, as their current focus is on the SaniHub. However, a potential opportunity was highlighted: they might fund the AI component of the SaniHub, which could later be adapted for use in the WASH Hub.</p>	
Initiative 2	<p>In late November and early December, consultants Karl Ladoche and Wilhelmina Welsh were finalized to lead a key study focused on mapping the WASH data and decision environment within the emergency sector. The study aims to identify barriers and enablers to evidence-based decision-making in the humanitarian sector.</p> <p>The consultants will begin their work this month by developing the Research Terms of Reference (ToR) to define the study's specifics. The planned timeline includes activities and budget allocation between February and May, with joint analysis expected to be completed by May 25.</p> <p>A request was made to the ExCom to allocate 15–20 minutes to help set the scope of the study. This input is critical to ensure alignment with areas such as advocacy and fundraising decision-making. The consultants will follow up with ExCom members in the coming weeks for brief calls to gather feedback and ensure the study is appropriately scoped.</p>	
Initiative 3	<p>an update was provided on the progress of the initiative, highlighting key activities and future plans. A lessons-learned exercise was recently conducted for Western and Central African countries to evaluate challenges, barriers, and opportunities for improvement. The goal is to institutionalize this review process annually to take stock of progress and identify areas for enhancement.</p> <p>Operationally, the initiative continues its rollout in pilot countries, providing post-development support and technical assistance. However, challenges in mobilizing</p>	

	<p>implementing partners, particularly at the country level, were noted. To address this, efforts are underway to engage key organizations through bilateral outreach and mobilization efforts. Support was requested from members to distribute materials or presentations that could enhance partner engagement.</p> <p>Additionally, discussions are ongoing about the long-term leadership and institutionalization of the initiative. Collaborations with Oxfam and other stakeholders are exploring scenarios for 2025, including potential leadership shifts to ensure sustainability and alignment with strategic objectives.</p> <p>Participants were encouraged to support mobilization efforts, contribute to strategic discussions, and reach out with any questions or suggestions.</p>	
<p>Initiative 5</p>	<p>updates on Initiative 5, focusing on the progress of the Core Competency Framework. The draft framework was reviewed by the working group, and technical leads—such as James from York University for sanitation and Katrina for water—are revising their sections based on feedback. The revisions are expected to be completed by February 14, after which the updated framework will be sent to a broader review group, including the WASH Roadmap and the technical working groups of the Global WASH Cluster.</p> <p>Discussions also centered on the longer-term integration of the framework into the WASH Hub. The goal is to create an interactive platform where users can click on competencies, such as vector control, and access relevant resources or training materials. Nicole plans to follow up with Initiative 1 to explore the feasibility of this integration.</p> <p>Additionally, coordination is ongoing with the Global WASH Cluster to align with their cluster coordination framework and with the CHS Alliance to ensure the framework incorporates the latest updates from the humanitarian competency framework. The team also discussed how the initiative could align with broader WASH Roadmap goals and provide support for future sustainability.</p>	

<p>Initiative 6</p>	<p>The Initiative 6 team provided an update on their progress, highlighting recent and upcoming activities. A follow-up meeting with consultant Nick Sorensen is planned for Friday to refine the initiative’s outputs. The discussion will focus on utilizing existing resources, such as the publication on COVID, Conflict, and Climate Change, specifically Chapter 1, which reflects on integrated WASH programming from a literature perspective. Additionally, the team will draw on the WASH framework developed by Timberlake to build upon prior work.</p> <p>The team has been tasked with reviewing these chapters in preparation for Friday’s meeting, where they will define the annual outputs. These outputs include developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that align with the WASH framework, expanding it to incorporate trends such as climate resilience and the humanitarian-development-peace Nexus, and creating evidence-based case studies. A webinar series will also be developed to support knowledge sharing and engagement with the sector.</p> <p>This work represents a critical effort to integrate emerging trends into WASH programming, and the team is enthusiastic about the progress being made. Further updates will be shared in the next meeting as the initiative continues to take shape.</p>	
<p>Initiative 7</p>	<p>The Triple Nexus in WASH Initiative, co-led by the German WASH Network and other partners, has seen notable progress in several areas. Significant advancements have been made in practitioner guidance and capacity-building activities, particularly through the development of e-learning modules. The existing course on the WASH Systems Academy has garnered strong engagement, with 240 participants and a 60% completion rate. Efforts have also included the third regional exchange forum and the integration of conflict sensitivity sessions into workshops and training programs.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to finalize modules and tools focused on conflict sensitivity and peace, developed in collaboration with Geneva WAPP. However, challenges remain in operationalizing these outputs, with limited institutional adoption by key stakeholders</p>	

	<p>such as the Global WASH Cluster and UNICEF. Additionally, there is a recognized need for broader dissemination and implementation of frameworks like the JWA.</p> <p>As the current three-year program approaches its conclusion, the initiative is actively exploring funding opportunities, including from the German Federal Foreign Office, to support its continuation. A consultation process with initiative members will begin soon to align future activities with identified gaps in the humanitarian-development-peace Nexus. Further updates will follow as plans develop.</p>	
<p>Initiative 8</p>	<p>Consultancy:</p> <p>The final draft from consultant Eliza has been completed, with feedback from key stakeholders (Omar from UNICEF, John from ACF, and others). The leadership team is currently reviewing the draft. It includes a main goal for 2025, focused on scaling up humanitarian WASH responses in STV settings, with 8 objectives, 12 outputs, and 20 activities. The draft will be presented at the next Expo meeting in February. A final version will be completed after internal discussions, potentially extending the timeline to 2026 or 2028. Implementation will be supported by state funding.</p> <p>Call to Action:</p> <p>Efforts to secure state signatures continue, particularly targeting Senegal ahead of the UN Water Conference in 2026. The goal is to secure a live signature from Senegal during the preparatory meeting in December 2025 or beforehand.</p> <p>Technical Humanitarian WASH Workshops:</p> <p>A workshop organized by the French Water partners will take place at the end of January in Paris. It will involve key WASH members, including ACF and COVID, and focus on the broader WASH response, with the potential inclusion of WASH Roadmap discussions.</p>	

	<p>Civil Society Engagement:</p> <p>Discussions are underway regarding the role of civil society at the UN Water Conference. A proposal for civil society consultations in Senegal is in the early stages. Civil society's involvement will be crucial for ongoing advocacy.</p>	
Funding Proposal Voting		
Funding Overview	The Head of Secretariat provided a summary of the current funding situation. SDC Payment Overview Jan 2025.pdf	
Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote 1: Funding allocation decision: Do we reserve 25,000 CHF funding for future proposals? No, Allocate all funds had 3 votes; Yes, Reduced funding of all requests to leave 25,000 CHF (Pro-rata) had 3 votes; Yes, Do not fund one or some proposals had 0 votes; Yes, but not 25,000 CHF had 1 vote. • Vote 2: Initiative 3 Proposal 1: Approved - 5 votes in favour. • Vote 3: Initiative 5 Proposal 1: Approved - 7 votes in favour • Vote 4: Initiative 7 Proposal 1: Approved - 5 votes in favour. • Vote 5: Initiative 8 Proposal 1: Approved - 6 votes in favour (following the explanation of the funding proposal) • Vote 6: Initiative 5 Proposal 2: Quorum not met, revote required in February • Vote 7: Initiative 8 Proposal 2: Approved - 7 votes in favour. 	
Initiative 2 2025 funding proposal		
	The initiative proposed a new study to conduct a quantitative and statistical analysis aimed at defining acute WASH needs in emergencies. The discussion highlighted that the WASH sector currently uses various methodologies, such as HNO, WASH severity analysis, and MSNI, to prioritize responses. However, these methodologies lack standardization, justification, and consistency, leading to challenges in ensuring that those most at risk are effectively prioritized. The proposed study aims to address these gaps by analyzing commonly available humanitarian WASH and health data sources.	

	<p>The objective is to develop improved methods for defining acute WASH needs and identifying individuals at elevated risk using existing data.</p> <p>Next steps include exploring funding opportunities for the study and finalizing the scope and methodology based on input from sector stakeholders. Participants were encouraged to reach out with questions or suggestions regarding the proposal.</p>	
Humanitarian Finance Summit		
	<p>The secretariats will attend the Humanitarian Finance Summit on February 14, 2025.</p> <p>The coordinator will reach out to initiative leads with a list of questions to develop a pitch and brochure for the WASH Roadmap, aimed at securing funding and attracting more members.</p>	
WASH Roadmap beyond 2025		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final draft version of the questionnaire has been sent to the EXCOM for final review. • Barring any new feedback, it will be launched in the week following the meeting. 	

Record of Actions/ Decisions:

Date	Type of actions/ decisions	Details	Status	Responsibility for Action	Expected deliverable	Deadline
14/01/2025	Engagement	Reach out to current WASH Roadmap members to help mobilize and engage implementing partners in pilot countries for initiative 3.	In progress	The Secretariat and Initiative 3		Next ExCom Meeting
14/01/2025		Provide a presentation or materials to increase engagement in the WASH roadmap.	In progress	The Secretariat and ExCom member	WRM Brochure/ pitch deck	February 2025
14/01/2025	Send out survey	The 'WASH Roadmap Beyond 2025' will be sent out to the ExCom and to the wider WRM Members	In progress	The Secretariat	WRM Beyond 2025	20 th Jan. 2025
14/01/2025	Initiative 8 Consultancy Report	Finalize the second draft of the consultancy report on the advocacy strategy and present it at the next ExCom meeting in February.	In progress	Initiative 8		Next ExCom Meeting
14/01/2025	Engagement	Coordinate with SIWI and the International Secretariat for Water to encourage Senegal to sign the Call to Action at the preparatory meeting for the UN Water Conference, with activities starting in December 2025.	In progress	Initiative 8		TBD

Date of next meeting: 11th February 2025. 4:00PM GMT +1 (TEAMS)