

WaterAid briefing on Global Goal indicators

To achieve “Global Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” and other related goals, WaterAid is calling for the following changes to proposed Inter-Agency and Expert Group (IAEG) indicators.

Creation of an indicator for hygiene (target 6.2): Hygiene is specifically mentioned in target 6.2 and in the first page of the declaration of the Sustainable Development Framework. However it has not been included as a suggested indicator by the IAEG. To reflect the intent of the target and to ensure the IAEG does not diminish the ambition of the framework, we strongly recommend the inclusion of an indicator to measure hygiene.

Inclusion of disaggregation (target 6.1 and 6.2): To ensure adequate and equitable access to water and sanitation, indicators 6.1.1 and 6.2.1 should explicitly mention specific disaggregation by service level and location, as universal access to basic services within and beyond the home is a necessary condition of achieving universal safely managed services.

Reference to ‘basic water service’ use (target 6.1): Indicator 6.1.2 should be reworded to reflect WASH sector consensus that the best way to incorporate the time women spend collecting water is to monitor access to ‘basic services’ which is defined as an ‘improved’ facility within 30 min round trip.

Strengthened tracer interventions measurement (goal 3, target 3.8): It is impossible to achieve “Global Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages” if healthcare facilities and households do not use safely managed water, sanitation and hygiene services. Tracer interventions must include access to water, sanitation and hygiene at home and in health centres.

Indicators proposed by WaterAid:

6.1.1) Percentage of population using safely managed drinking water services disaggregated by service level (basic, safely managed) and location (home, school, health centre).

6.1.2) Percentage of population using basic water service by sex, age, location (home, school, health centre) and income.

6.2.1) Percentage of population using safely managed sanitation services disaggregated by service level (open defecation-free (ODF), basic, safely managed) and location (home, school, health centre).

6.2.2) Percentage of population using a handwashing facility with water and soap, disaggregated by location (home, school, health centre).

3.8.2) Tracer interventions for universal health coverage (UHC) must include the following, and these should be explicitly stated within the document endorsed by the UN statistical commission in March 2016:

- a) Percentage of healthcare facilities providing access to safely managed water, sanitation and hygiene, including menstrual hygiene management.
- b) Percentage of the population with access to sanitation, water and hygiene at home.