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***‘The recipe for success: how policy makers can integrate water, sanitation and hygiene into actions to end malnutrition’***

New joint report by WaterAid, SHARE and Action Against Hunger

**Launching Thursday 24 August 2017**



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**What is ‘The recipe for success’ about?**

At current rates of progress, the world will not meet the Sustainable Development Goal to end malnutrition by 2030. In this report we assert that the integration of action on nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is fundamental to the recipe for success. By analysing the approaches governments and donors are taking, we highlight ways in which progress is being made, and we call on decision-makers to shift mindsets, change ways of working, and invest now in effective integration to improve child health.

Building on [*The missing ingredients* report](http://www.wateraid.org/what-we-do/our-approach/research-and-publications/view-publication?id=f4d6cc89-9f08-4052-b0aa-7461b4ad6e93), this report highlights why WASH is essential for nutrition, and how this integration could be strengthened. Through an analysis of nutrition and WASH plans and policies in ten countries, gaps and ways of working are identified. The report highlights where there has been effective integration at the policy level and how improvements can be made. It also includes an analysis of donors and to what extent WASH has been incorporated in their nutrition investments, arguing that despite some positive initiatives, too often, donors are missing opportunities to support a multi-sectoral approach to nutrition.

The report analyses the policies and plans of ten national governments (adding to the 13 analysed in *The missing ingredients*): **Cambodia, Chad, Ethiopia, Ghana, Laos, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria** and **Zimbabwe**. In addition, it analyses a range of donor initiatives including those of the **African Development Bank, Canada, CIFF, EU,** the **Gates Foundation, Germany, Japan, UK, UNICEF, US** and **World Bank.**

The report launches online on **Thursday 24 August**, and will then be presented for the first time at Stockholm World Water Week during the event ‘[Waste, Water and Undernutrition’](https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/6817) on Thursday 31 August. The report will be presented at multiple events in the coming months including at the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Global Gathering in Cote d’Ivoire in November. Our country teams will be disseminating the report at national level.

WaterAid, ACF and SHARE will be co-hosting webinars to share and discuss the findings of the report. Please email danjones@wateraid.org to receive details. The webinar will take place in English on **Tuesday 19 September, 09:00-10:30 BST (GMT+1)** and in French on **Tuesday 3 October, 09:30-11:00 BST (GMT+1)**.

**Key messages**

* The WHO estimate that **half of all undernutrition** is associated with infections caused by unsafe water, lack of sanitation and poor hygiene. Estimates suggest that **poor sanitation is the second leading cause of stunting** worldwide.
* With **844 million people** without access to clean water, and **2.3 billion** lacking access to decent sanitation, it is therefore no surprise that **155 million children** under five are stunted and **52 million** wasted.
* World leaders have promised to end malnutrition by 2030. To do so will require a **transformation in the way we work together**. It will be impossible to end malnutrition without joint leadership and action to accelerate access to clean water, sanitation and good hygiene for everyone, everywhere.
* **Nutrition-specific interventions alone cannot end undernutrition** - governments must tackle the underlying determinants - **investment in nutrition-sensitive WASH** is crucial.
* **Clear entry points** to integrate WASH and nutrition include: behaviour change promotion; improving provision of WASH in healthcare facilities and schools; and co-locating interventions to areas with lowest WASH access and highest prevalence of undernutrition.
* **The WASH sector** must make policies and programmes **more ‘nutrition-sensitive’**: targeting geographical areas where undernutrition is most prevalent; prioritising women and children; and improving WASH in health and nutrition centres.
* **Donor agencies must invest in nutrition-sensitive WASH**, providing vital support to cross-sector approaches led by national governments.
* We must move swiftly **from words to action**, sharing best practice in collaboration, coordination and integration across sectors to improve health and nutrition.

**Hashtags to use:**

**#endmalnutrition**

**#NutritionmeetsWASH**

#WASH

#nutrition

#WWWeek

#Healthystart

**Sample tweets:**

What’s the recipe for success for integrating #WASH & #nutrition? New @WaterAid @SHAREresearch @ACF\_France report watera.id/therecipeforsuccess

New @WaterAid, @ACF\_France & @SHAREresearch report highlights importance of #WASH to #endmalnutrition by 2030. watera.id/therecipeforsuccess

#WWWeek new @ACF\_France @WaterAid @SHAREresearch report: #WASH & #nutrition must be integrated Watera.id/therecipeforsuccess #NutritionmeetsWASH

Which countries lead #WASH integration in #nutrition plans? Find out in our 'Recipe for Success' watera.id/therecipeforsuccess #NutritionmeetsWASH

#NutritionmeetsWASH at #WWWeek - findings from ‘Recipe for Success’ show practical actions govt & donors should take watera.id/therecipeforsuccess

Progress to #endmalnutrition is too slow. More action on #WASH is needed! Read our 'Recipe for Success' watera.id/therecipeforsuccess #WWWeek

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* Recipe for success one-minute film: <http://bit.ly/2imYJ8v>
* Recipe for success country briefs: [www.wateraid.org/recipeforsuccess](http://www.wateraid.org/recipeforsuccess)
* *The missing ingredients: are policymakers doing enough on water, sanitation and hygiene to end malnutrition?* <http://www.wateraid.org/themissingingredients>
* Infographics on nutrition and WASH - <http://www.wateraid.org/policy-practice-and-advocacy/healthy-start/child-nutrition>
* ACF practical guidebook on WASH’Nutrition - <http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org/sites/default/files/publications/fichiers/manuel_wash_nutrition_online.pdf>