

# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

for accelerating and sustaining progress on Neglected Tropical Diseases



**Neglected  
Tropical  
Diseases**

affect more than **1 billion**  
of the world's poorest  
people in **149 countries**



**2.4 billion**  
people  
lack access  
to improved sanitation  
facilities



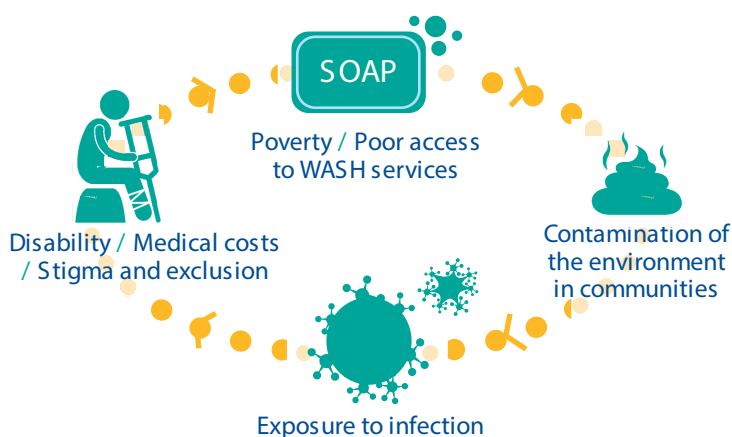
**663 million**  
people  
lack access  
to improved water  
sources



**946 million**  
people  
practice  
open defecation

## WASH is critical in the fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases

NTDs and poor water, sanitation and hygiene conditions  
contribute to a  
**vicious cycle of disease and poverty**



**WASH play a critical role in preventing  
and caring for NTDs**

### Prevention

- ✓ sanitation to reduce contamination of the environment
- ✓ safe water supply for consumption, enabling hygiene practices, and reducing contact with surface water
- ✓ water resource and waste management for vector control and contact prevention
- ✓ hygiene practices

### Treatment and care

- ✓ water for treatment and care at home and in healthcare facilities
- ✓ accessible WASH services for individuals with physical impairments
- ✓ prevention of stigma-based exclusion from WASH services

## A Global Strategy 2015 - 2020



### Improve awareness

of the co-benefits  
of joint WASH  
and NTDs action by sharing  
experience and evidence  
from improved delivery.



### Use WASH and NTDs monitoring

to highlight  
inequalities, target  
investment, and track  
progress.



### Strengthen evidence

on how to  
deliver effective  
WASH interventions for NTD  
control and elimination and  
embed findings in guidance  
and practice.



### Plan, deliver and evaluate

WASH and NTDs  
programmes  
with mutual inputs from  
WASH, health and NTDs  
stakeholders at all levels.



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