







GWASHSDP 2021-2030

PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR WASH IN EMERGENCIES

WASH in emergencies refers to providing WASH infrastructure and services to everyone affected by crises, including natural disasters, armed conflicts, and other fragile contexts. Those affected by such emergencies often suffer from unsanitary living conditions like the lack of safe sanitation and drinking water. The GWASHSDP 2021-2030 identifies key challenges that need to be addressed to ensure that the survival needs of people can be met as quickly as possible. This brief presents priority actions to address the identified challenges for WASH in emergencies.

Key challenges	Priority actions to address challenges	Responsible agencies
Service provision		
 <p>Lack of resilient WASH programmes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build resilience through mainstreaming risk-based WASH programming that is anchored in all sector policy and strategies. 	WRC/MSWR/ MLGDRD/ MMDAs/GWCL/CWSA
<p>Weak capacity of institutions in emergency WASH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out strategic capacity building through curricula development and partnerships with learning and research institutions in Ghana. 	WRC/MSWR/ MLGDRD/ MMDAs/GWCL/CWSA
Regulation		
 <p>Weak regulatory capacity on equitable and inclusive WASH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSWR and MMDAs should develop frameworks to influence sector actors' capacities to be more responsive to, and accountable for, the needs and rights of the poor. 	WRC/MSWR/ MMDAs
Finance		
 <p>Inadequate financial resources for WASH in emergencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase financing for WASH in emergencies through innovative financing mechanisms. Budget for preparedness and response, including pre-positioning of key stocks for effective and efficient WASH service delivery during emergencies. 	MoF/WRC/MSWR/ MMDAs/GWCL/CWSA
<p>Weak institutional framework for WASH interventions in emergencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the institutional framework for WASH interventions in emergencies through deliberate mainstreaming/recognition in institutional mandates and job descriptions of key staff. 	WRC/MSWR/ MLGDRD/ MMDAs/GWCL/CWSA
Monitoring and evaluation		
 <p>Lack of monitoring and evaluation system for early information and warning systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance early warning and information systems that are integrated with WASH MISs. 	WRC/MSWR/MLGDRD
<p>Lack of coordination at the sub-national level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the institutional framework through deliberate mainstreaming/recognition in institutional mandates and job descriptions of key staff for WASH interventions in emergencies. 	MMDAs/GWCL/CWSA