



## Inclusive Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health (WASH2): Towards a Sustainable and Healthy Society

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Dear Colleagues,

Many communities around the world are struggling to meet WASH challenges: water, sanitation, and hygiene-borne hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, including a range of diseases, water scarcity, depletion, and pollution. Although WASH is sometimes overlooked by health or development researchers, at present, water, sanitation, hygiene, and health (WASH2) is a global concern and priority area in the international development sector. Although the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) included improved drinking water supply, water quality and safety are still very precarious in many regions of the world, including Asia. Globally, as many as 700 million still rely on unsafe drinking water sources such as rivers, streams, unprotected open wells, and poorly protected springs. Additionally, even some populations who are using “improved” drinking water sources are not consuming safe water. The United Nations estimates that proper hygiene and safe water supply could save millions of children a year. The extent and impact of sanitation inadequacy are rooted in social, economic, political, and ecological realities that are particularly complex in the global south.





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