

Tool 3D.

Responsibilities and accountabilities matrix for WASH and Nutrition programs

How to use this tool

This matrix helps to define the responsibilities and accountabilities of the WASH and Nutrition programs in development and emergency contexts to address areas of potential overlap. This matrix is generic and should be adopted to specific contexts.

Key aspects addressed by the tool include

- Areas of potential overlap at each implementation level
- Specific program activities
- Distinct responsibilities of the two programs

The tool should ideally be implemented as a group assignment after key areas of overlap have been identified and assigned to each of the group. The groups then discuss specific activities to be carried out in the identified overlap areas and the specific responsibilities that fall exclusively under either the WASH or the Nutrition programs. Thereafter, a comparison can be made with this completed matrix

(Adapted from the UNICEF inter-cluster matrix for WASH, Health and Nutrition.)

Objectives of the matrix

- It clarifies the responsibilities and accountabilities in areas of potential overlap between WASH and Nutrition programs.
- It strengthens coordination and collaboration between the programmes

Responsibility

- Programs at both national and subnational levels can use this matrix to clearly delineate specific responsibilities
- Capacities across the programs may vary according to context and consequently, the responsibilities for each activity may also vary

Area of Potential Overlap	Specific Activity	Responsibility	
		WASH Program	Nutrition Program
Assessment or surveys	Conduct pre- and post-intervention studies	Provide support outside nutrition facilities as requested	Provide support at nutrition centers and wet feeding programs. Support WASH assessment in communities where malnutrition is prevalent.
Monitoring	Monitor and share WASH-related information with the Nutrition program	Provide support outside nutrition facilities as requested	Monitor trends in hygiene and water-related illnesses at nutrition centers and wet feeding programs, and at the community level where malnutrition is of concern
Information management (IM)	Develop and monitor IM system	Collect, analyze and disseminate WASH-based information.	Collect, analyze and disseminate Nutrition-based information
WASH standards	Disseminate, promote and monitor application	Support WASH standards outside facilities	Support WASH standards at nutrition centers and wet feeding programmes and through community-based management of malnutrition
	Agree on indicators	Coordinate agreement outside facilities	Agree on indicators at nutrition centers and wet feeding programs
Water quality	Identify country testing capacity and facilities	Carry out all identification	
	Ensuring and testing treatment	Provide training, materials and support outside facilities as requested by the nutrition program	Support WASH as requested where malnutrition is a concern

Area of Potential Overlap	Specific Activity	Responsibility	
		WASH Program	Nutrition Program
	Monitoring	Monitor water quality outside facilities	Monitor water quality at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
Water quantity	Ensure provision of adequate water	Provide support to the Nutrition program as requested	Advocate for water provision for communities, as necessary, at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
Water facilities	Improve access	Improve access to water outside facilities	Advocate for provision of water facilities for communities, as necessary, at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
Hygiene	Promote and improve hygiene	Coordinate all common messages between the two programs	Promote and improve hygiene at nutrition centers, supplementary feeding programs and through community based workers involved with management of malnutrition
Hygiene promotion outreach workers	Develop hygiene promotion strategy and message content	Coordinate common messages between the programs	Provide input if relevant
	Agree outreach worker terms and conditions	Agree outreach strategy with Nutrition program	Participate if relevant
Excreta disposal	Ensure access	Provide access outside nutrition facilities (centers and feeding sites)	Ensure access at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
Drainage and waste water	Disposal	Provide methods of disposal outside nutrition facilities (centers and feeding sites)	Provide methods of disposal at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
Ensure a sanitary environment	Ensure a sanitary environment	Ensure environment outside nutrition	Ensure environment at nutrition centers

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		WASH Program	Nutrition Program
		facilities (centers and feeding sites) is sanitary	and wet feeding sites is sanitary
Disease outbreak	Assessment	Support assessment as requested	Provide input for assessment tool and support as suitable
	Surveillance and monitoring	Support surveillance and monitoring as requested. Provide full involvement in response action plan for WASH-related diseases.	Report incidence in programmatic areas and support as requested
	Outbreak control Communication		Support communication strategies at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
Vector control	Identify vectors and coordinate control efforts	Support vector control as requested	Support vector control as required
	Implement vector control—provision of materials, e.g., bed nets, spraying equipment	Carry out vector control outside nutrition facilities (centers and feeding sites). Provide support as requested.	Carry out vector control at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
Waste management	Maintain, construct and renovate	Provide waste management outside nutrition facilities (centers and feeding sites). Provide support as requested.	Provide waste management at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
WASH infrastructure	Prioritize facilities for renovation and construction. Implement projects.	Provide infrastructure outside nutrition facilities (centers and feeding sites). Provide support as requested.	Provide infrastructure at nutrition centers and wet feeding sites
WASH-related stockpiles	Procure and share information about stockpiles between the two programs	Gather and share information about population-based materials (e.g., bed nets, water treatment chemicals,	Gather and share information about nutrition-related products (e.g., anthropometric equipment, specially

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		WASH Program	Nutrition Program
		water testing equipment, soap)	designed food commodities, micronutrient supplements) used in the assessment and management of malnutrition