

# UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) Strategy 2017–2020

## Vision

To accelerate progress towards universal, sustainable access to drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) by 2030 as part of the SDGs by monitoring, analysing and disseminating information on the enabling environment established by countries.

## Key Principles

- 1 To be a resource for all stakeholders interested in extending and sustaining WASH services
- 2 To strengthen national processes that contribute to improving WASH status
- 3 To minimize the burden of data collection wherever possible and maximize the use of existing data
- 4 To focus on areas where GLAAS is well-positioned for impact to uniquely complement – and not duplicate – the roles of other WASH sector actors
- 5 To ensure the highest quality data
- 6 To align and leverage off the SDGs, including integration of SDG principles of universality and equity
- 7 To be inclusive of information from different perspectives, including national governments and development partners
- 8 To work with other sectors, including education and health, to learn from their experience and analyse the complementarities between them and WASH

## Focus Areas

### Enabling Environment<sup>1</sup>

- Access to information on what governments and development partners are doing to promote WASH allows for transparency, benchmarking and trend analysis
- GLAAS has played a unique role in monitoring the enabling environment for WASH since 2008
- GLAAS has a global reach – over 100 countries and over 25 external support agencies have participated

<sup>1</sup> The enabling environment refers to aspects of governance, monitoring, human resources and finance that are able to promote the delivery of WASH services.

### Finance

- Understanding how much is spent on WASH by whom and for what is key to increasing spending efficiencies, improving targeting and mobilizing WASH resources
- GLAAS has shown that a lack of financial data often impedes decision-making
- GLAAS and TrackFin have been able to collect the most comprehensive and up-to-date data on WASH financing from countries and external support agencies

### Sustainable Development Goals

- Means of Implementation:  
With its history of monitoring the enabling environment, GLAAS is well-positioned to contribute to the SDGs
- Targets:  
As the SDGs are country-driven, monitoring countries' progress on achieving national targets will be key to assess progress towards achieving SDG 6

# Methodology

GLAAS collects (where necessary) and analyses national-level data on the WASH enabling environment, including on objectives, governance, and finance, validated through multi-stakeholder mechanisms.

# Activities

- Work with countries and partners to collect and validate data on the WASH enabling environment through the GLAAS country survey.
- Support countries to collect data on national WASH financial flows using the TrackFin methodology by providing technical assistance and developing guidelines and tools.
- Collect and validate data from external support agencies on WASH funding and development cooperation.
- Strengthen national monitoring systems and processes through the GLAAS and TrackFin data collection processes.
- Compile and analyse data on the WASH enabling environment, and disseminate results through GLAAS reports and highlights, SDG reporting and online databases.
- Track and classify national WASH targets; publish national WASH data and sources.
- Monitor, in collaboration with OECD and UNEP, the means of implementation targets for SDG 6.a and 6.b.
- Implement studies on topics central to the WASH enabling environment including WASH bottlenecks and drivers and data quality.
- Support the use of GLAAS data and evidence for policy development and programme decisions through the sharing of results, country partnerships and collaboration with Sanitation and Water for All, the African Ministers' Council on Water and other organizations.

# Outputs

- Robust, comprehensive database on the WASH enabling environment, including finance, national targets, governance, monitoring and human resources
- Global, regional, country and thematic reports, highlights and briefs focused on WASH sector priorities that provide an evidence-base for partners and countries
- Contribution to better targeting and absorption of WASH funds by providing information on external support agency funding
- Information on national WASH targets classified into typologies, and national data on WASH coverage targets tracked to assess progress
- Contributions to the UN Secretary General SDG reports (data and storyline for 6.a and 6.b)
- GLAAS products and results aligned with global WASH sector priorities