

What is one lesson or message you are taking away from this session today about collaborations and WASH systems-responses to COVID-19?

We need to work on our behavioral aspects, and strong infrastructure, and access to safe water and sanitation. We must have enough knowledge about hygiene as an important part of education.

stronger coordination across all levels is needed - governmental and non-governmental

The need to be consistent with our efforts to ensure no one is left behind, especially in our collaborations with RHOs to ensure potentially disadvantaged groups' needs are part of wash systems response.

WASH Sector has existing capacity and partners and is well positioned to be able to respond - but needs to leverage relationships with other sectors

Need to work more with other sectors and position WASH as part of a stronger health system, better education system, a clean and green recovery, and employment

Collaboration and leadership

There is a new normal coming! There is much work to do but much opportunity to better integrate WASH into other sectors and better strengthen WASH systems themselves

We'll have to figure out to do more with less going forward as a sector. But there's potential to leverage WASH's critical role in climate and health sectors, as the connection is becoming increasingly clear.

Government should be in the lead for any and system change if you want that change to sustain overtime

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strong private-public collaborations

That whilst WASH (particularly hygiene) has been central to the response in many contexts, and is of fundamental importance as a foundation for health... the health sector seem to continue to downplay the importance of WASH

local level service providers, networks and government are closer to communities and can facilitate with suitable solutions.

stronger leadership, coordination and facilitation, communication from government, development partners and Media and private sector to prepare, communicate and support the citizens to respond.

WASH sector is well placed to support the post Covid recovery period. Utility leaders have good links with government , CSO's are already active in the sector and can react quickly to needs if funds are available. Build on the health link to WASH

The important role of leaders / change agents across the spectrum to keep the doors open for collaboration while continuing to deliver on the fundamentals of delivering sustainable and inclusive WASH.

Multi-sector collaboration, coordination and working together with different skills sets and capacity and resources sharing

individual citizens should also be careful and self control, manage their needs and practice safety measure .

Monitoring of the operational capacity of water and sanitation systems is critical especially over the next 5 years to ensure that system gains are maintained

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Urban areas, and entry points (border/ districts) are at very risk and needs attention to WASH facilitates,

Access to WaSH is a human right and that doesn't mean a free tag. Coordinating among multi-sector decision-makers can increase the understanding of the role of WaSH and can increase the investment.

Leadership at all levels. including within CSOs, NGOS and governments and others