

# Factors influencing the inclusion of GEDSI in country plans for WASH in health care facilities in the South East Asia Region

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#### **Health is a HUMAN RIGHT**

Low Quality WASH services in health care facilities hinders the realization of this right for millions across the globe





#### WASH Barriers impact Quality of Care for...

#### **Women and Girls**

Indigenous people



Other marginalized groups

Persons with disabilities



#### The Need

Countries in the SEA Region are at different stages of Integrating GEDSI in WASH in Health care facility programmes.

#### **Key Challenges**

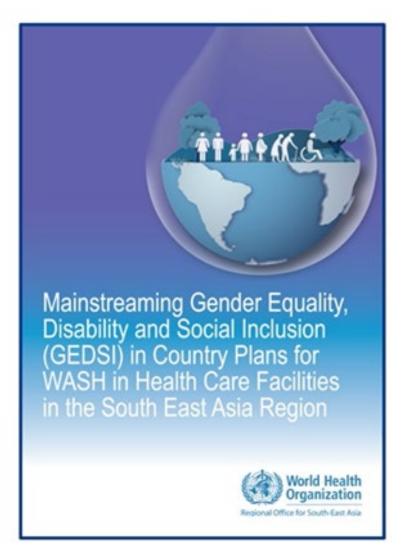
- GEDSI excluded from policies, plans, and activities to improve WASH in health care facilities
- Low priority towards resource allocations and awareness for GEDSI infrastructure improvement
- Low awareness among patients and staff on ways to support GEDSI integration
- Inadequate capacity for monitoring of GEDSI indicators

Need for expanding the focus on availability of WASH to increased accessibility, acceptability, and use to improve quality of care.





#### Staying true to our commitment of 'LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND'...



### Toolkit for Mainstreaming GEDSI in WASH in HCF in the Southeast Asia Region

- First of its kind
- provides step-by-step guidance on integrating GEDSI into strategies and activities for strengthening WASH in health care facilities
- Aligned to the key WHO-UNICEF guidance for WASH in HCF





#### **Vision**

 To support countries with tools and resources to integrate GEDSI into plans and programmes for WASH in HCF



#### **Resources and Tools**

**Infrastructure** 

**Conduct Situational** Tool to Identifying groups marginalized in WASH in HCF **Analysis and Checklist** for policy and programme analysis **Assessments Tips** for planning and conducting inclusive taskforce meetings **Set Targets and**  Tool: Advocacy to build consensus on GEDSI in WASH in HCF define roadmaps **Illustrative** list of GEDSI considerations for roadmap development **Establish National Illustrative Standards** for Inclusive WASH Standards and **List of stakeholders** to ensure health system accountability **Accountability Mechanisms Tool:** WASHFIT Implementation Checklist Improve and **Tool:** GEDSI considerations in procurement, construction, operation **Maintain** 

facilities

and maintenance of infrastructure

**Tool:** Action Plan for improving inclusive WASH at health care

#### **Resources and Tools**

Monitor and Review Data

• **Examples of indicators** that can be used to measure progress

- Develop the health workforce
- Capacity building exercises on GEDSI in WASH for healthcare workers
- Checklist of competencies required for the workforce
- Job aids/Reminders on GEDSI integration in WASH in HCF activities

7 Engaging communities

- **Examples of community sensitization exercises** e.g. power walk
- **IEC materials** to create awareness and increase community engagement

- Conduct operational research and share learning
- **Guidance** on how to conduct operational research

#### **Efforts in Improving WASH and Mainstreaming GEDSI in HCF –** Stories from Indonesia

MoH National survey of HCF Infrastructure (>10,000 HCFs) (2019)

FGDs to mainstream GEDSI (2021)-WHO MoH

**National** eTraining on **WASH FIT** (2020)- WHO MoH

WASHFIT Roll out-GEDSI in MIS (SIKELIM) (2022-present) (WHO-MoH and Multi **Partners** 

Costed

Roadmap

Development

(2021-2022)-

WHO-MOH

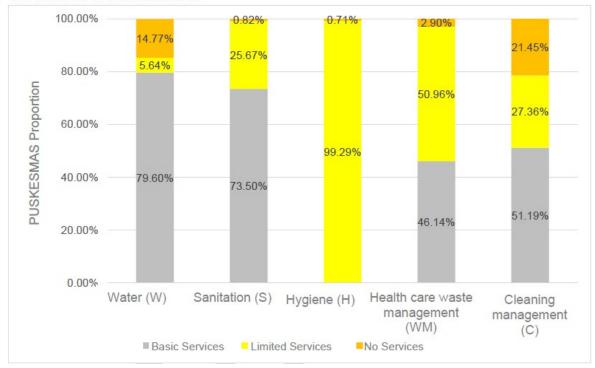
**GEDSI** Inclusion in WASH **HCF** 

WHO-WHA.72.7 of WASH in HCF (2019)



#### From Data to Actions

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL (SDG) INDICATORS FOR WASH AT PUSKESMAS



Source: MoH 2019

Whether enough is being done at a very basic level at the health care facilities?

Whether the WASH services are inclusive enough to ensure equality and no one left behind?



Source: WHO, 2020



#### Mainstreaming GEDSI in WASH HCF Costed Roadmap



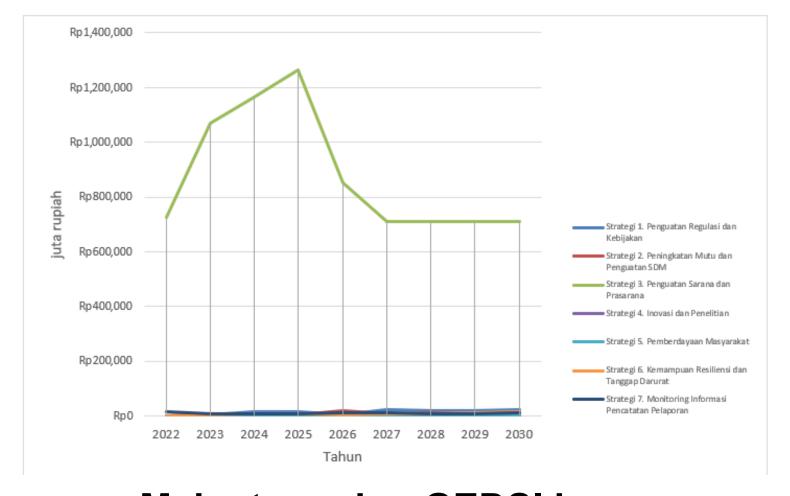
Photo Credit: WHO,2021

#### Findings and Needs:

- GEDSI awareness among HCWs
- Costed Infrastructure plan and policies
- Involvement of vulnerable groups throughout WASH Improvement Process
- GEDSI indicators in monitoring system



7 Strategies outlines in the WASH HCF roadmap, outlining the financial investment for all 34 Provinces



## Mainstreaming GEDSI in WASH HCF Costed Roadmap



#### Collaborative Efforts in WASH FIT Implementation From Training to Real Changes



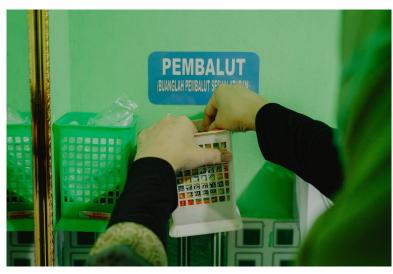




Photo credit: UNICEF 2021

Contextualizing WASH FIT assessment tools to more GEDSI responsive by MoH, WHO, UNICEF, Plan Indonesia, SNV, YKWS

Photo credit: WHO 2022

YKWS and SNV assisted PHCs in Lampung Provinces to improve accessible WASH and successfully advocate the establishment of WASH task force Metro City

More than 300 HCFs assisted to implement WASH FIT in Indonesia



#### Monitoring Information System (SIKELIM)





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =Pho13 xo5hM&t=20s

"I became a member of the WASH task force in Puskesmas Pasar Ambon. Along with other members, I gave feedback on how the WASH facilities should serve everyone. Adding ramps, widening doors and providing handrails in toilets means providing access for us. Such change will also be useful for the elderly and pregnant women"

-Siti Chodijah,
Resident of Lampung, Indonesia
Member of Indonesian Women with Disabilities Association
(HWDI) since 2014
and Advocate for GEDSI in WASH in Health care facilities

Siti joined the collective effort in 2021 to transform Puskesmas into inclusive facilities with water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) access for all, including for people with disabilities



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