

The annual GoL and UNICEF midyear Work plan review ended successfully. The event brought together partners and implementers in the WASH sector including government agencies to discuss how improvement can be made.

The key aims and objectives of the review were as follows:

- To assess the progress of achievement from January to June 2018
- A look at the achievements, challenges and bottlenecks experienced in the first half of implementations of the work plan
- To identify priority activities for the second half of the year
- To review lesson learnt in the implementation of the months under review

Key amongst the achievements of the first half of the year were as follows:

Outcome Indicators	2013 Baseline	Cumulative progress 2013-2017	2018 Target	2018 progress (30 June)
Percentage of population with access to improved water supply	70%	77%	77%	77%
Percentage of population with access to improved sanitation facilities.	17%	24%	25%	Unassessed
Percentage of population where place for hand washing is observed and water and soap (or other locally used agents) was available	4%	23%	24%	unassessed
Number of health facilities with improved WASH facilities	0	23	13	6
Number of schools with improved WASH facilities	0	225	90	0
3.0: WASH Output Indicators				
3.1.1: # of additional persons with access to improved water facilities	0	261,555	30,000	0
3.1.2: # of additional persons with access to improved sanitation facilities	0	223,530	40,000	22,500
3.1.3: # of additional persons washing their hands with soap at 3 key times	0	Not assessed	40,000	22,500
3.1.4: # of people living in newly triggered communities in the reporting year, as a result of UNICEF direct support	0	223,530	40,000	0
3.2.1: # of additional primary schools meeting the WASH child friendly school criteria	0	225	90	0
3.2.2: # of additional health facilities meeting WASH in health facility criteria	0	23	13	6

Output Indicators				
3.2.3: - # of Schools with access to basic WASH services in schools with UNICEF direct support over time.	0	225	90	0
3.3.1: - Percentage of water points in target areas for which updated information for last three months is available.	0	100%	100%	100% (WPM)
3.3.2: - Percentage of communities in target areas for which updated CLTS information for last 6 months is available	0	100%	100%	100% (CLTS Data)
3.3.3: - # of WASH related technical documents and reports that have been finalized and disseminated.	0	0	1	1 WPM report
3.3.4: - National monitoring systems reporting on equity of access to WASH services available.	0	3	2	1 (ongoing- CLM framework)

2018 Key Milestones	2018 Target	2018 progress (30 June)
Additional persons with access to improved water supply	30,000	0
Communities declared ODF.	150	90
Communities with completed water safety plans.	200	0
Schools with WASH facilities completed and in use	90	0
Health Care Facilities with WASH facilities completed and in use	13	6 (4 HCF unfunded and 1 HCF 90% completed)
CLTS database updated	1	ongoing
WASH Joint Sector review conducted	1	1

Both implementing partners and GoL partners complained about the slow pace and multiple bureaucracy associated with getting funding out of the UNICEF systems. Below are also additional challenges and bottlenecks experienced during the first half of the year:

- ❖ **High level of slippage of communities from ODF back to OD.**
- ❖ **Low capacity and involvement at sub-national levels in WASH planning and implementation.**
- ❖ **Inadequate GoL budgetary allocation to WASH implementation.**
- ❖ **Limited space for innovative WASH financing at the national level.**
- ❖ **Low capacity of private sector partners to effectively finance and implement Urban WASH programs**
- ❖ **Low pre-financing capacity of CBEs/NGOs/contractors**

It appears that the coming months will be very busy for UNICEF and her partners. Both Unfinished and planned activities are all part of the remaining of the year priority activities for 2018. Find below 2018 priority activities:

- ❖ **Scale up CLTS to end open defecation (OD).**
- ❖ **Resource mobilization for WASH program.**
- ❖ **Completing the sustainability action plan & CLM process.**
- ❖ **Work towards a framework that will improve capacities of local private sector partners in implementing WASH.**
- ❖ **National CLTS review workshop that will facilitate re-engineering and harmonization CLTS implementation nationally.**
- ❖ **Involvement of sub-national teams in WASH implementation and information management.**
- ❖ **Work with communities/county authorities on district/county sanitation plans and implementation of water safety plans.**
- ❖ **Implementation of Sustainability check and midyear evaluation and prepare related management responses.**
- ❖ **Strengthen monitoring of WASH services by inclusion sub-national local government authorities (focusing on post ODF communities for sustainability).**