

# HIGHLIGHTS

## WASH IN SCHOOLS IN 2023

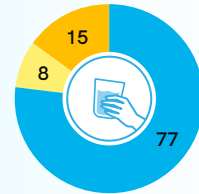
■ Drinking water ■ Sanitation ■ Hygiene ■ Menstrual health  
■ Limited service ■ No service

### DRINKING WATER

138 countries had national estimates

77% of schools

had a basic drinking water service



■ Basic  
■ Limited  
■ No service

Secondary 81%  
 Primary 75%

2x increase acceleration needed for universal access by 2030

#### Coverage of basic services

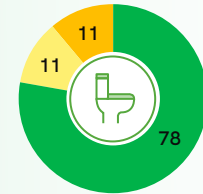
Low income countries 49%  
 High income countries >99%

### SANITATION

144 countries had national estimates

78% of schools

had a basic sanitation service



■ Basic  
■ Limited  
■ No service

Secondary 83%  
 Primary 75%

2x increase acceleration needed for universal access by 2030

#### Coverage of basic services

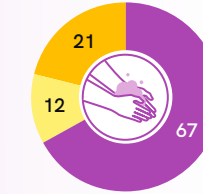
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### HYGIENE

134 countries had national estimates

67% of schools

had a basic hygiene service



■ Basic  
■ Limited  
■ No service

Secondary 67%  
 Primary 65%

4x increase acceleration needed for universal access by 2030

#### Coverage of basic services

Low income countries 28%  
 High income countries >99%

646 million children

lacked a basic hygiene service at their school



406 million

no handwashing facility or no water

240 million

handwashing facilities with water but no soap

BASIC SERVICES

LIMITED/NO SERVICE

447 million children

lacked a basic drinking water service at their school



293 million

unimproved or no water source

153 million

improved source but no water available

427 million children

lacked a basic sanitation service at their school



222 million

unimproved or no sanitation facility

205 million

improved facilities, but not single-sex or not usable

### MENSTRUAL HEALTH

30 countries had national data\*

Preliminary estimates based on emerging national data\*\*

#### Globally

Around 2 out of 5 schools provide menstrual health education



Around 1 in 3 schools have bins for menstrual waste in girls' toilets



#### Central and Southern Asia

Around 2 out of 5 schools provide menstrual education

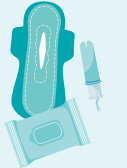


1 in 3 primary

4 in 5 secondary

#### Sub-Saharan Africa

Around 1 in 8 schools have menstrual materials available for free or purchase



#### Schools with bins available for menstrual waste in girls' toilets



Central and Southern Asia 35%  
 Sub-Saharan Africa 11%  
 Least Developed Countries 17%

#### Most commonly available national menstrual health data:



Facilities

(22 of 30 countries)



Knowledge

(19 of 30 countries)



Materials

(15 of 30 countries)

\*Nationally representative data for at least one of the internationally recommended Priority List of Indicators for Girl's Menstrual Health and Hygiene (2022) (<https://www.publichealth.columbia.edu/research/programs/gate/monitor-mhh/monitoring-resources>)

\*\*Nationally representative data for menstrual health indicators remain limited and indicator definitions vary making cross-country comparison difficult. Preliminary regional and global aggregates should therefore be treated with caution.