PREDICTORS OF WATER QUALITY IN RURAL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN 14 LOW-AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

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ABSTRACT

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Many healthcare facilities (HCFs) in rural areas of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) lack safe, sufficient water supplies. We sought to understand which factors affect water quality in rural HCF in LMICs. In Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Mali, Niger, India, and Honduras, doctors and nurses were interviewed at 2,035 HCFs about their water source, staff training, and management practices. Water samples were also tested for E. coli contamination. We generated descriptive analyses and logistic regressions. Use of an improved water source (OR≈1.4), treatment of water (OR=1.26), management by a person with medical training (OR≈3.7), and presence of a protocol for operations and management (OR=1.29) were associated with safer water. These results suggest that in addition to addressing water source, storage, and treatment, stakeholders can also target organizational factors in order to improve water quality in HCFs.
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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

Safe and sufficient water services are vital for protecting and maintaining health. Consumption of contaminated water or having insufficient water for personal hygiene is linked to diseases such as cholera, typhoid fever, helminth infections, and trachoma (Prüss-Ustün et al., 2014). In 2015, the need for basic water services was recognized in Goal 6 of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), where target 6.1 calls for universal access to “safe and affordable drinking-water for all” and target 6.3 calls for improvements in water quality by 2030 (UN, 2017). However, achieving and maintaining adequate water service can be difficult in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), even more so in rural areas of LMICs (R. E. S. Bain, Wright, Christenson, & Bartram, 2014).

The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme has also specified that “universal access” to drinking-water includes settings such as schools, workplaces, and healthcare facilities (HCFs) (UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Right to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation, 2012). Adequate quantities of safe water are particularly important within HCFs in order to maintain a clean environment and prevent the spread of healthcare-associated infections such as urinary tract, surgical-site, lower respiratory tract, and bloodstream infections (Adams et al., 2008; Mathai, Allegranzi, Kilpatrick, & Pittet, 2010). In HCFs, water is used for not only drinking by patients and staff, but also for hand hygiene, bathing patients, washing linens, sterilizing medical equipment, and cleaning surfaces in the facility (Adams et al., 2008). When an HCF’s water supply is of insufficient quantity or unsafe quality, its ability to provide safe...
medical services is compromised. In a study of healthcare workers in ten rural Indonesian clinics, observed hand hygiene compliance was only 20%, in part due to water scarcity: one worker commented, “We don’t even have water to drink or cook; how could you expect us to bathe regularly, let alone wash our hands?” (Marjadi & McLaws, 2010). An inadequate water supply can also lead to negative perceptions of the HCF by patients (Bhattacharyya, Issac, Rajbangshi, Srivastava, & Avan, 2015; Karkee, Lee, & Pokharel, 2014; Steinmann et al., 2015), as well as decreased morale and motivation of healthcare workers at the facility (Alhassan et al., 2013; Melberg, Diallo, Tylleskär, & Moland, 2016).

An assessment of monitoring data on water supplies in HCFs from 78 LMICs estimated that 50% of HCFs do not have a piped water source on-premises (Cronk & Bartram, 2018). Data on microbial water quality in LMIC HCFs are sparse: most published studies are limited to 20 or 30 water samples in ten or fewer facilities. However, one cross-sectional study found that 15.3% of water samples from HCFs in rural Uganda (n=144) and 29.6% of water samples from rural Mozambique (n=172) were contaminated with *E. coli* (Guo, Bowling, Bartram, & Kayser, 2017). No known studies model the relationships between water quality in rural HCF in LMIC and other factors such as HCF management characteristics, characteristics of water source, water storage and treatment practices. Such studies would be useful in identifying interventions and management solutions to improve the situation. The relationships between environmental outcomes (such as water quality) and explanatory factors are complex, non-linear, and require analytical approaches that can capture these complexities. We conducted surveys and water quality sampling at HCFs which provided outpatient care only within 14 LMICs (Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia,
Zimbabwe, India, Honduras). Through descriptive statistics and logistic regressions, we sought to understand the following:

1. What is the current status of water service and water quality within rural HCFs in LMIC?

2. What factors (general HCF characteristics, training, water source characteristics, etc.) have the greatest impact on water quality within rural HCFs in LMIC?

3. Which of these factors can be modified to improve water quality within rural HCFs?
CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

Factors that impact water quality have been studied for other settings. A review of key predictors of water quality has been compiled here.

**Location and time.** Water quality is related to geographical location. This is most obvious with geogenic chemical contaminants of water, such as arsenic and fluoride (WHO, 2017), but location is also an important factor in understanding microbiological water quality. Water sources within several meters or downhill from sources of contamination such as latrines, animals, and fertilizers are at greater risk of contamination. Microbial contamination of water also naturally fluctuates over time due to factors such as rainfall, temperature, exposure to sunlight, etc. which affect the growth and survival of microbes in water. Drinking water sources are more likely to be fecally contaminated during the wet season than in the dry season (Kostyla, Bain, Cronk, & Bartram, 2015).

**Source characteristics.** The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program categorizes water sources as “improved” or “unimproved” based on their construction (JMP, 2017). Improved sources of water – piped water into a dwelling, piped water into the yard, public taps, boreholes, protected dug wells, protected springs, rainwater collection, and bottled water – are less likely to be fecally contaminated than unimproved sources. However, improved status is not a guarantee of safety; water from improved sources can be contaminated with fecal bacteria, and protected dug wells are frequently contaminated (R. Bain et al., 2014). Intermittent water supplies are also
more likely to be fecally contaminated, with 31.7% of samples from an intermittent tap supply testing positive for *E. coli* as opposed to 0.7% of samples from a continuous tap supply in one study (Kumpel & Nelson, 2013). Damaged parts at the water source can also introduce contamination: this might correspond to items on the WHO sanitary inspection for water points, such as a cracked drainage channel, loose handpump, or broken platform. As with source type, a “low risk” score on the sanitary inspection corresponds with greater likelihood of safe water, but does not guarantee safety (Luby et al., 2008; Oliver, 2015).

**Storage and treatment.** While distance to source is usually discussed because of its implications for water quantity, shorter distances to water source have been linked to better water quality in Ethiopia (K. Shields et al., 2015). Without treatment, water tends to become more contaminated from source to point-of-use; this deterioration tends to be worse in households where water containers are not covered, and the water inside can be directly touched by hands (Wright, Gundry, & Conroy, 2004). Fecal contamination can be mitigated by treatment using methods such as chlorination and filtration, but each method for treating water will have differential effectiveness against different types of microorganisms (for example protozoa and viruses) (WHO, 2017).

**Sanitation and waste management.** Sanitation facilities in disrepair (for example, leaking, flooding, or cracked) can contaminate both surface water and groundwater, though the extent of contamination is dependent on soil type and water table level in the area (Escamilla, Knappett, Yunus, Streatfield, & Emch, 2013; Graham, 2014). Groundwater is more likely to be contaminated by latrines in rocky soils and areas with shallow water tables. Sanitation facilities are also more likely to contaminate water when uphill or a short distance from water source: while a lateral separation of 15 m is “traditionally” recommended, a systematic review found that
bacteria from pit latrines can travel over 20 m in some soils, and that viruses can travel up to 50 m from the latrine, contaminating groundwater (Graham, 2014).

Management and finance. The presence of a water or WaSH committee responsible for management of a water point is associated with increased functionality (Fechter, 2017). Specific management actions by management committees, such as collection of a tariff, are also associated with increased source functionality (Fisher et al., 2015).

In this study, we set out to describe the status of these factors – location, source characteristics, water storage and treatment, sanitation, and management and finance – as well as determine the influence of these factors on microbial water quality in healthcare facilities within rural areas of low- and middle-income countries. This was done using the data from a large multi-country study, which is described in more detail in Chapter 3 (Methods) below.
CHAPTER 3: METHODS

3.1 Study population and design

This study examined healthcare facilities (HCFs) in rural areas of 14 countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, India, and Honduras. This study was part of a larger evaluation of WaSH in World Vision (an international NGO) programming areas and comparison areas. This larger evaluation also examined WaSH in households, communities, and schools. The HCF sample frame was nested within the household survey design, which was a cluster-randomized design to reduce study costs and simplify travel logistics for data collectors. In the household design, rural enumeration areas were identified across each country and classified as areas where World Vision has active WaSH programs or areas where World Vision does not work; within each stratum, 56 primary sampling units were identified where households would be mapped and surveyed.

After the geographic areas for household surveys were selected, a full list of healthcare facilities was compiled (usually from a master health facility list from each country) within the administrative districts in which the household clusters were identified. Facilities where inpatient care was provided (such as hospitals) were excluded from this list, as the water needs for HCF providing inpatient care and HCF providing outpatient care are likely to be different. Simple random samples were taken from this list, so that in each country, 100 HCFs were selected for surveys in World Vision programming areas and 100 HCFs were selected from comparison areas.
where World Vision did not have programming. In some countries where there were not enough HCFs in the selected districts to meet this goal sample size, HCFs were included from nearby areas (for example, in Ghana, HCFs within a 10-km buffer of the selected districts were included in the sample frame). The locations of surveyed healthcare facilities are displayed in Figure 1.

![Figure 1. GPS location of healthcare facilities visited in each country.](image)

This map shows the distribution of surveyed HCF in 13 countries. Results from this study are generalizable to the indicated subnational districts within each country. GPS data were not collected in India by requirement of local IRB.

3.2 Survey instrument

The survey instrument for this study was adapted from a baseline evaluation of WaSH for World Vision (Kayser et al. 2015), and included questions on healthcare facility characteristics; water (source type, distance to source, availability, water storage, treatment), sanitation (type,
functionality, condition, and use); hygiene (hand hygiene, sharps and infectious waste segregation and treatment and disposal); and administration and training (policies, budget, trainings on WaSH and infection prevention and control). These surveys were translated into local languages for each country and verified by research consultants or World Vision staff in each country.

Some of the questions from the survey were asked to the interviewee, while others were observed and recorded by the enumerator. Survey responses were recorded using the mobile survey tool mWater (New York, NY, USA).

3.3 Training and piloting

Research consulting firms were hired to conduct the surveys in each country. While the hiring process for enumerators was slightly different in each country, most firms sought enumerators with the equivalent of a high-school education, with preference given to women and to candidates with past surveying experience, knowledge of WaSH, and/or expertise using mobile phones.

Staff from the Water Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill conducted five regional training workshops (East Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, Honduras, and India) in-person in order to familiarize consultants and enumerators with the survey, surveying techniques, use of the mWater mobile platform, protocol for taking water samples, and quality checks for data. One additional training workshop was conducted via Skype for the consultant team in Honduras. Consultants in each country also held a ‘refresher’ training workshop for their enumerators just before data collection commenced.

After each regional training workshop, Water Institute staff remained with World Vision staff, consultants, and enumerators for a three-day piloting period. During this, enumerators
visited several villages and practiced all procedures for entering communities and completing surveys, such as mapping of healthcare facilities and water points in each area, process for taking and reading water quality results, practice filling out and submitting surveys using the mWater platform, and discussion of the verification and quality assurance and quality control processes that should be performed on enumerators’ surveys.

3.4 Data collection

Data were collected over two to three months in each country, with the earliest country finishing data collection in July 2017 and the last country finishing data collection in December 2017. During the data collection period, teams of enumerators went to each selected facility and attempted to interview the head doctor. If the head doctor was unavailable, they attempted to interview the head nurse. If the head nurse was unavailable, a nurse who had worked at the health center for more than two years was interviewed. The respondent was allowed to decline to respond to any question, and to stop the survey at any time (see Section 3.8, Ethical approval).

3.5 Water quality sampling and testing

In all visited HCFs, interviewees were asked if they could serve water in the manner someone would usually take it for drinking. A 100-mL sample of that water was taken for a Compartment Bag Test (CBT) (Aquagenx, Chapel Hill, NC, USA), a low-cost field test for fecal contamination using *Escherichia coli* as indicator organism. Guidelines for taking a water sample without contamination were followed (Madsen and Guo 2014). Blank samples were collected at 10% of HCFs and duplicate water samples were collected at another 10% of HCFs as a check on the quality of data collected on water contamination.

To test for *E. coli*, water samples were processed immediately after each survey: these were incubated in a CBT for 48 hours at ambient temperature between 25 and 30 degrees
Celsius, 24 hours at ambient temperature above 30 degrees Celsius. In cases where the ambient temperature was not between 25 and 30 degrees Celsius, water samples were stored in a cooler with ice until the end of the day in the field, then were placed in a 35 to 37 degree incubator for 24 hours. These samples were then categorized by risk level based on *E. coli* per 100 mL sample, either “safe” (<1 MPN *E. coli* per 100 mL) or “unsafe” (1 or more MPN per 100 mL).

3.6 Quality assurance and control

Quality checks were in place for multiple stages of data collection. These were built-in checks from the mWater platform to prevent skipped questions (so that enumerators could not continue with the survey without answering questions or indicating that the respondent did not want to answer a question) and a list of checks for supervisors to complete each week while reviewing new data (common-sense checks on number of surveys completed, duration of surveys, number of water samples collected, location of GPS points in country, verification of certain responses based on photos).

During data collection, consultants and their enumerator teams had access to manuals for enumerators and supervisors; enumerators were also able to ask for support or clarification from their supervisors or other enumerators via text message or WhatsApp. The research team at UNC also provided support via Skype, email, and WhatsApp.

At the conclusion of the data collection period for each country, data were reviewed and consultants were called via Skype to clarify any remaining items (for example, explanation for why sample sizes were lower than expected).

3.7 Data entry, processing, and analysis

Datasets were exported from mWater into Stata/SE 14.2 (College Station, TX, USA) for cleaning and analysis. Analysis was done in Stata using *tab*, *proportion*, *tabstat*, *pwcorr*, *logistic*,
and melogit commands. This included individual logistic regression models within each country, as well as a mixed effects logistic regression model using the aggregated data from all 14 countries.

Variables from the survey were selected a priori for testing based on evidence of factors that influence water quality or plausible relationship (Table 1).

**Table 1. Variables selected for testing in logistic regressions.**

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Variables</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>HCF characteristics</strong></td>
<td>• Healthcare facility type</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Average number of patients served each day</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Highest level of medical training for facility manager</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Electricity available on day of visit</td>
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<td><strong>Water source and handling</strong></td>
<td>• Main water source type</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Distance to water source</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Storage and method of extracting water from container</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Treatment of water</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Continuity of water service</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Number of hours of water service each week</td>
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<td><strong>Sanitation facility characteristics</strong></td>
<td>• Type of sanitation facilities used by people at the healthcare facility</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Number of sanitation facilities used by people at the healthcare facility</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Open defecation at facility</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Institutional organization on WaSH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) and IPC (infection prevention and control)</strong></td>
<td>• Presence of an infection prevention and control policy or document</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Sufficient budget for the facility’s WaSH/IPC infrastructure, services, and personnel</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Presence of a protocol for operations and maintenance of the facility, including procurement of IPC and WaSH supplies</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Presence of a dedicated IPC or WaSH focal person</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Presence of an IPC/WaSH/hygiene committee which employees at the facility belong to</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Presence of a community-composed oversight committee</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Attendance of doctors, nurses, environmental health officers, and janitors/maintenance workers at IPC trainings</td>
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<td>• Whether WaSH training is provided to healthcare providers at the HCF</td>
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Categorical responses were cleaned so that responses of “don’t know,” “decline to state,” “not applicable,” etc. were counted as missing data. Some responses were categorized (for example, main water source into improved and unimproved based on guidance from the JMP (JMP, 2016); method for extracting water from a storage container sorted into safe if by pouring,
dispensed from a tap or spigot, or scooped with a ladle, or unsafe scooping with hands or a cup). New variables were also coded based on composites of other responses – for example, water service levels were calculated based on main water source, availability of water at time of survey, and distance to water source, where HCFs with an improved water source on-premises with water available during the survey used a basic water service, HCFs with an improved source of water off-premises or not available during the survey used a limited water service, and HCFs with an unimproved or no source of water had no water service (JMP, 2016). Water quality was recoded as a binary outcome based on the MPN of *E. coli* reported (<1 MPN per 100 mL = “safe,” 1 or more MPN per 100 mL = “unsafe”). For continuous variables, out-of-range values were also removed (for example, one response in Niger stated that the HCF served an average of 96,239,883 patients each day).

Univariable logistic regressions were performed to identify predictors of water quality within each country. All variables selected for testing were run as univariate logistic models; we identified variables that had a statistically significant Wald chi-squared value (associated p < 0.05) and report these.

For the multivariable mixed-effects logistic model, we clustered results based on country and again ran univariate mixed-effects logistic models in order to identify variables with statistically significant relationships with the outcome variable (safe water). All variables identified as significantly associated with the outcome were included in the multivariable model. These variables were also tested for collinearity using Pearson’s correlation coefficient and the variance inflation factor.
3.8 Ethical approval

This study was approved by the UNC-Chapel Hill Institutional Review Board (IRB #17-0663). Free and informed consent was obtained from all participants in their own language before beginning the survey.

Ethical approval was also obtained by agencies within each of the countries. These were the National Regional Government of Oromia Planning and Economic Development Commission in Ethiopia, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation in Kenya, the Ministry of Infrastructure in Rwanda, the Makarere University School of Biomedical Sciences ethics committee in Uganda, the National Institute for Medical Research in Tanzania, the Ministry of Water Resources in Ghana, the University of Bamako Medical School in Mali, the Ministry of Water Resources in Niger, the Director of Irrigation and Water Development in Malawi, the National Institute of Statistics in Mozambique, the Ministry of Local Government and Housing in Zambia, the Medical Research Council in Zimbabwe, the SRM University School of Public Health in India, and the Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources in Honduras.
CHAPTER 4: RESULTS

A total of 2,035 healthcare facilities (HCFs) were successfully contacted for surveys, with a sample size target of 2,800 (200 surveys per country). Water samples were taken at all HCFs where water was available on the day of the survey, or 1,679 of the HCFs (Table 2).

Table 2. Sample sizes in each country.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Number of completed surveys</th>
<th>Number of water samples</th>
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<tr>
<td>Eastern Africa</td>
<td>Ethiopia</td>
<td>187</td>
<td>96</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
<td>165</td>
<td>156</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Rwanda</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Uganda</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Tanzania</td>
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<td>Southern Africa</td>
<td>Zambia</td>
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<td>150</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Malawi</td>
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<td>Mozambique</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Zimbabwe</td>
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<td>82</td>
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<td>Western Africa</td>
<td>Ghana</td>
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<td>Mali</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Niger</td>
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<td>Southern Asia</td>
<td>India</td>
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<td>Southern Americas</td>
<td>Honduras</td>
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<td>118</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>2035</td>
<td>1679</td>
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</table>
4.1 Descriptive analyses

Across all 14 countries, the most commonly surveyed type of HCF was the health center. However, health posts were the most common type of HCF surveyed in Ethiopia and Tanzania; the community/block health center was most common in Rwanda and Mali; the primary health center was most common in Zimbabwe; and the sub-center was most common in India. The most frequently indicated “Other” healthcare facilities were dispensaries (Kenya, Tanzania), Community Health-Based Planning and Services or CHPS compounds (Ghana), Case de Santé or ‘health huts’ (Niger), and Centros de Salud Rural or ‘rural health centers’ (Honduras).

Across all countries, HCFs were most commonly managed by nurses. The most frequently indicated “Other” levels of medical training for HCF managers were clinical/medical assistants (Malawi), medical technicians (Mozambique, Mali), physician assistants (Ghana), health officers (Mozambique, Niger), auxiliary nurse midwives or ANMs (India), accredited social health activist or ASHA workers (India), and nursing assistants (Honduras) (Table 3).
Table 3. Characteristics of surveyed healthcare facilities and medical training of facility managers in each country.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of HCF</th>
<th>Ethiopia (%)</th>
<th>Kenya (%)</th>
<th>Rwanda (%)</th>
<th>Uganda (%)</th>
<th>Tanzania (%)</th>
<th>Zambia (%)</th>
<th>Malawi (%)</th>
<th>Mozambique (%)</th>
<th>Zimbabwe (%)</th>
<th>Ghana (%)</th>
<th>Mali (%)</th>
<th>Niger (%)</th>
<th>India (%)</th>
<th>Honduras (%)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Health post</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
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<td>Health center</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>48</td>
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At the 2,035 HCFs surveyed, 86% of interviewees reported that the main water source used by people at the facility was an improved water source, such as a piped connection or a borehole with handpump. At 87% of HCFs, water was available from the main water source at the time of the survey. At 36% of HCFs, interviewees reported that their HCF’s main water source was off-premises. However, in Ethiopia and Niger, the water source was more likely to be off-premises than on-premises. Overall, 52% of the surveyed HCFs used a basic water service, 34% used a limited water service, and 14% had no service as defined by the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (Table 4).
For healthcare facilities where water was stored in a container (n = 1,292), 96% reported that they used a container covered with a lid. Treatment of water was uncommon in some countries (with water treated in 10% of HCFs in Zimbabwe), but was more widespread in others (with water treated in 80% of in HCFs in Rwanda) (Table 4).

**Table 4. Proportion of healthcare facilities with an improved main water source and safe storage and treatment practices.** (Point estimates are shown ± standard error.)

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<td>Rwanda (%)</td>
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<td>79 ± 3</td>
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OF facilities who store water. People at the facility use some method to treat their water before drinking it.
Characteristics of management and training programs within HCFs on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WaSH) and infection prevention and control (IPC) varied by country (Table 5).

The existence of an IPC policy in HCFs ranged from 27% in Niger to 96% in Zimbabwe. Similar ranges existed for existence of operation and management protocols, designation of an IPC/WaSH focal person, and existence of WaSH and oversight committees. Community-composed oversight committees (groups of community members who can relay community health concerns and general feedback on quality of care to staff at the HCF) were more common than HCF WaSH committees.

At least half of the facilities in each country had held at least one IPC training in the past year (with the exceptions of healthcare facilities in Malawi and Niger); these had usually been attended by nurses rather than doctors or other workers in the facility.

About a fifth of facilities in most countries had a sufficient budget for IPC/WaSH supplies.
Table 5. Proportion of healthcare facilities where IPC and WaSH-related training or management programs were reported. (Point estimates are shown ± standard error.)

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<td>Infection prevention and control (IPC) policy exists for the facility.</td>
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<td>Protocol for operation and management of the facility, including procurement of IPC/WaSH supplies, exists and is followed.</td>
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<td>60 ± 4</td>
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<td>IPC/WaSH focal person has been designated for the facility.</td>
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<td>67 ± 4</td>
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<td>WaSH committee exists at the facility, and has met in the past 6 months.</td>
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<td>Community-composed oversight committee exists at the facility, and has met in the past 6 months.</td>
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In 64% of all HCFs where water samples were collected, the sample was in conformity with World Health Organization (WHO) drinking-water quality guidelines based on Escherichia coli testing (<1 MPN E. coli per 100 mL water) (Table 6).
Table 6. Proportion of healthcare facilities where water was in conformity with drinking-water quality guidelines (as defined by WHO) at the time of survey, by country. (Point estimates are shown ± standard error. MPN = “most probable number”.)

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4.2 Logistic regressions

Univariable logistic regression within each individual country demonstrated that the following factors had a statistically significant association (p < 0.05) with water quality risk level (Table 7):

Table 7. Factors associated with conformity with drinking-water quality guidelines (as defined by WHO) in univariable logistic models, by country.

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<th>Pseudo R²</th>
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<td>Storage of water</td>
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<td>WaSH training provided for healthcare professionals</td>
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<td>Factor is protective</td>
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<td>Treatment of water</td>
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<td>Average number of patients served by the facility</td>
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<td>Use of an improved water source</td>
<td>4.60</td>
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<td>Treatment of water</td>
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<td>Existence of an official infection control policy, procedure, or document for the healthcare facility</td>
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<td>Treatment of water</td>
<td>2.51</td>
<td>Factor is protective</td>
<td>0.0370</td>
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In the multivariable mixed-effects logistic regression with the full 14-country dataset (clustered by country) the interclass correlation (ICC) was 0.088 (95% CI: 0.039, 0.184), meaning that about 9% of the variance in water quality is attributable to differences across countries instead of HCF-level characteristics. This regression demonstrated that HCFs managed by a person with some level of medical training are at least three times as likely to have safe water than those managed by a person with no medical training. There are no statistically significant differences between the different types of medical training, but the odds ratios for HCFs managed by community health workers/health extension workers (OR = 5.79) and midwives (OR = 8.98) are particularly high. Use of an improved water source is also associated with higher water quality in HCFs. Treatment of water and presence of a protocol for operations and management of the HCF appeared to be associated with safer water quality, although this relationship was only borderline significant at the 95% confidence level in the multivariable model (p = 0.074, p = 0.052) (Table 8).
Table 8. Factors associated with statistically significant changes in water quality risk level (as defined by WHO), across all 14 aggregated countries in a multivariable logistic model. Overall model $p = 0.0030$, based on $n = 1,479$, and $\chi^2$ for LR vs. logistic model < 0.0001. Note: Asterisks (*) indicate statistically significant associations at the 95% confidence level, $p < 0.05$.

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<th>p-value</th>
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<td>3.686 (1.021, 13.313)</td>
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<td>5.789 (1.335, 25.110)</td>
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<td>8.977 (1.862, 43.285)</td>
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<td>1.742 (1.161, 2.613)</td>
<td>0.007*</td>
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<td>Water treatment at the facility</td>
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<td>Yes, treated with chlorine, boiling, filtration, etc.</td>
<td>1.257 (0.978, 1.616)</td>
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<td>Number of sanitation facilities present</td>
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<td>1.148 (0.902, 1.461)</td>
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CHAPTER 5: DISCUSSION

5.1 Descriptive analysis

Overall, the majority of healthcare facilities (HCFs) surveyed were using an improved source of water and had water available at the time of the survey; however, only 3 in 5 HCFs had a main water source on-premises. Because the water source was commonly off-premises in countries such as Ethiopia and Niger, 56% of the surveyed HCFs used a basic water service, 34% used a limited water service, and 10% had no service. Of the 1,292 HCFs who reported that water was stored in a container, 96% used a container with a lid, but only 62% reported that water was extracted from the container using a safe method such as dispensing from a spigot, pouring, or scooping with a long-handled ladle. (This varied by country, from 28% safe extraction in Niger to 99% safe extraction in Rwanda).

Management and training within HCFs varied widely based on country, with no obvious inter-country trends. The majority of HCFs are working with insufficient funding: only 1% of HCFs in Niger to 41% in India reported that they had a budget for the facility which included sufficient funding for WaSH infrastructure, services, and personnel.

Of the 1,679 HCFs where water samples were collected, only 64% of HCFs had water in conformity with World Health Organization drinking-water standards (<1 MPN E. coli per 100 mL water).
5.2 Influence of water source

We found that use of an improved water source was associated with safer water quality in the aggregated 14-country dataset. The odds of having uncontaminated water for a HCF with an improved main water source are approximately 1.4 times those of an HCF using an unimproved source, with boreholes performing particularly well. This is a logical extension of current knowledge on water quality: improved water sources are by definition constructed in a way less likely to have fecal contamination, and piped supplies and boreholes tend to outperform other improved sources (R. Bain et al., 2014; K. F. Shields, Bain, Cronk, Wright, & Bartram, 2015). Note that if the improved source of water is piped directly into the facility or onto the premises, and if it is used directly from the source instead of being collected and later extracted from a container, there are fewer opportunities for contamination of the water.

5.3 Influence of treatment

Treatment of water was associated with safer water quality in four countries: Kenya (OR = 2.02), Rwanda (OR = 4.14), India (OR = 1.82), and Honduras (OR = 2.51). This relationship was also present, though weaker, in the 14-country aggregate analysis (OR = 1.26, p = 0.074). Again, this is consistent with current knowledge on water quality: treatment by boiling, adding chlorine, filtering, etc. kills or removes bacteria and other microbes.

In one country (Ghana), treatment of water was associated with worse water quality, but this is likely due to collinearity with primary water source type. In Ghana, HCFs with an improved primary water source were more likely to have safe water than HCFs with an unimproved source of water (OR = 2.43, p = 0.071). However, 24% of HCFs with an unimproved primary water source treated their water, as opposed to 4% of HCFs with an improved primary water source; this difference was statistically significant (p < 0.001). This
suggests that, of the 6% of Ghanaian HCFs where water is treated, the treatment methods are not sufficient for disinfecting the water.

5.4 Influence of storage

Univariable regressions demonstrated an association between storage of water and safe water quality in certain countries. In Rwanda, Tanzania, and Honduras, HCFs where water was stored in a container were more likely to have safe water than HCFs where water was not stored. However, this is likely due to collinearity with treatment rather than the effect of storage itself: HCFs where water was stored in a container had the opportunity to treat their water before use, whereas those who used water directly from the source were more likely to be exposed to fecal contamination. Respondents at HCFs where water was stored in a container were more likely to treat their water than respondents at HCFs where water was not stored (p < 0.001 in Rwanda and Tanzania, p = 0.015 in Honduras).

5.5 Influence of management and training

We found that water quality in HCFs is influenced by organizational management and training. In Ghana, WaSH training for healthcare professionals was associated with safer water quality (OR = 2.54). In India, the existence of an infection prevention and control policy at the HCF was associated with worse water quality (OR = 0.45). In the 14-country aggregate analysis, we also found that HCFs managed by a person with some medical training (doctor, nurse, health extension worker, etc.) were three to four times as likely to have safe water than HCFs managed by a person with no medical training, and that HCFs with a protocol for operation and management of the facility (including procurement of WaSH supplies) were 1.29 times as likely to have safe water (p = 0.052).
5.6 Comparisons to existing literature

There are few studies of water quality in rural healthcare facilities in low- and middle-income countries: the author is aware of five studies which describe water quality in these settings. One study of drinking-water contamination after a tropical cyclone measured fecal coliforms at numerous sites across Fiji, including four hospitals; samples at one rural hospital had 2 fecal coliforms per 100 mL water (Mosley, Sharp, & Singh, 2004). One study described the implementation of an ozone generator used to treat well water in a rural hospital in Colombia; the authors recorded influent water with 10 to 50,000 colony-forming units (CFU) of fecal coliform bacteria per 100 mL, and effluent with 0 to 178 CFU fecal coliform per 100 mL (Echeverry Ibarra, Cadavid Ramírez, Alonso, Aponte Mayor, & Gálvis Castaño, 2008). Another study in Rwanda found that in 17 rural HCFs, 10 out of 24 (42%) of water samples directly from taps met WHO guidelines for *E. coli* while 15 of 16 (94%) of treated drinking-water samples met WHO guidelines (Huttinger et al., 2017). Finally, a study by the same authors tracked the performance of ultrafiltration and chlorination treatment systems newly installed in 10 rural HCFs over a 22-month period. The authors found that before intervention, *E. coli* was detected in 17% of water samples. During periods where treatment was completely operational, 98% of samples met WHO guidelines for *E. coli* (Huttinger et al., 2015). However, estimates of “typical” levels of water contamination in rural HCFs cannot be estimated from these studies: all were collected from groups of 17 or fewer HCFs which were not randomly selected, two of the above studies were evaluations of treatment technologies (ozone, ultrafiltration) which are not commonly used in HCF in rural areas of LMIC, and one documented atypical conditions after a natural disaster.
One other study exists which documents water quality in rural HCF within Uganda and Mozambique (Guo et al., 2017). The study, conducted in 2014, found that 30% of water samples in Mozambique were contaminated with *E. coli*, similar to the 31% in this study. In 2014, 15.3% of water samples in Uganda were contaminated with *E. coli*, as compared to 38% in this study. This discrepancy may be due to slight differences in the subnational regions covered in Uganda in both studies, as well as differing sample sizes (n = 144 in 2014 study, vs. n = 68 in this study). However, Guo et al. only presented descriptive statistics on water quality and did not evaluate predictors of water quality.

5.7 Limitations

The results of this study may be affected by several limitations. Firstly, the cross-sectional design of the study means that we were not able to establish causality (although we were able to demonstrate a correlation between these factors and changes in water quality), and we were also unable to gauge effects such as seasonality. These data were also subject to social desirability bias and non-response bias, although we tried to limit bias and variability by using a standardized format to ask the questions and training all enumerators on impartial interview technique. Furthermore, since water samples were only taken at HCFs where water was available at the time of the survey, the water quality results may underrepresent HCFs with intermittent or unreliable water service, which are more likely to have contaminated water.

In this study, water quality was measured with a single water sample tested for *E. coli* at each HCF. This is a moderate indicator of actual water safety, but does not encompass all aspects of safety, including chemical contaminants and microbial contaminants other than bacteria, as well as safety over time. While we have presented statistically significant (or borderline statistically significant) relationships, we should note that the pseudo-$R^2$ value for all of the
univariate regressions were low, with the largest $R^2$ value only 0.1125. This indicates that most of the variability in water quality is still unexplained by the variables we tested. Some of this variability might result from noise in the data, as measurements of *E. coli* can vary widely by day and time of day even when taken from the same source. Additionally, variability might be explained by other factors such as country (which accounted for 9% of variability based on our regression model), seasonality, water point characteristics, proximity to cities, or natural variation in water quality over time.

5.8 Takeaways

This study is the largest known study of WaSH in rural HCFs in LMIC. It provides descriptive information on the status of water service levels for over 2,000 HCFs in 14 countries. To our knowledge, this is also the first study which identifies predictors of water quality in these settings. It confirms that some factors that influence water quality in the household setting (use of an improved water source and water treatment) are also applicable in HCFs, and identifies new areas in organization and management of HCFs (hiring of facility managers with medical background, preparation of an operations and maintenance plan for the facility) that can be targeted in order to improve water quality in HCFs.
CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSIONS

A safe water supply is necessary for healthcare facilities (HCFs) in order to provide clean water, and to maintain a hygienic environment that both patients and staff can trust.

Understanding the predictors of water quality in HCFs may help stakeholders such as government officials, local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), HCF administrators, and researchers when planning programs and identifying opportunities for improving water quality in HCFs.

We found that use of an improved water source was associated with improved water quality in HCFs. HCFs who boiled, chlorinated, filtered, or otherwise treated their water were also more likely to have “safe” water. Based on this information, NGOs, government officials, and other program implementers should continue increasing access to improved sources of water. Though the majority of HCFs have access to an improved source of water, 14% of HCFs remain without improved water; these may be HCFs that are particularly remote or otherwise hard to reach, and they may require new strategies and/or increased intensity of effort to be provided with an improved water source. The same groups should also continue to promote water treatment in HCFs, especially in areas where source water quality is poor.

We also demonstrated that existence of a protocol for operations and management of the HCF and management of HCFs by a person with medical training are associated with safer water quality. HCF administrators might consider incorporating these elements into their HCFs by hiring people with WaSH and medical knowledge to manage HCF operations, as well as creating
official policies for regularly procuring WaSH for the facility. For government officials who are compiling any rules or ‘best practices’ in WaSH or management of HCFs, these two elements could be incorporated.

Finally, researchers investigating water quality in HCFs might consider changing aspects of our existing study design – for instance, increasing the number of samples taken from each HCF, measuring for other types of contaminants such as viruses and protozoa, or using a longitudinal design rather than a cross-sectional design – in order to reduce variability and noise in the data.

While some factors which influence water quality (country) are not modifiable, some of the other predictors of water quality identified in this study can be changed in order to increase the likelihood that a HCF uses water in conformity with WHO guidelines for *E. coli*. Overall, we found that water source and water treatment, which have been identified in other settings such as households, are also relevant in HCFs. Additional organizational factors such as institutional policy and manager training can also be targeted to improve water quality.
APPENDIX: FULL HEALTHCARE FACILITY QUESTIONNAIRE


0.01 Metadata

If the head doctor is available, interview this person. If he/she is not available, interview the head nurse. If this person is not available, a nurse at the health center who has worked there for more than 2 years can be interviewed.

0.01 [For Enumerator] Country

☐ Ethiopia
☐ Kenya
☐ Rwanda
☐ Uganda
☐ Tanzania
☐ Ghana
☐ Mali
☐ Niger
☐ Zambia
☐ Malawi
☐ Mozambique
☐ Zimbabwe
☐ India
☐ Honduras

0.02 [For Enumerator] 1st administrative district

☐ Not Applicable

0.03 [For Enumerator] 2nd administrative district
☐ Not Applicable

0.04 [For Enumerator] 3rd administrative district
   Hint: Do not capitalize

☐ Not Applicable

[For Enumerator] 4th Administrative District
   Hint: Capitalize first letter only

☐ Not Applicable

0.05 [For Enumerator] Community/village
   Hint: Do not capitalize

0.06 [For Enumerator] Health facility name

0.08 [For Enumerator] Visit to Health Center

☐ 1st Visit
☐ 2nd Visit
☐ 3rd Visit
☐ 4th Visit

0.09 [For Enumerator] Day of the week

☐ Monday
☐ Tuesday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday
☐ Friday
☐ Saturday
☐ Sunday
0.11 [For Enumerator] Enumerator name

0.12 [For Enumerator] Is an eligible respondent available to do the interview?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 0.12 [For Enumerator] Is an eligible respondent available to do the interview? is Yes:

0.13 [For Enumerator] Is the head doctor, head nurse, or eligible nurse available for the survey?

☐ Yes, head doctor
☐ Yes, head nurse
☐ Yes, nurse who has worked at facility for >2 years
☐ No
☐ Other (please specify)

If 0.12 [For Enumerator] Is an eligible respondent available to do the interview? is No:

0.14 [For Enumerator] Why is no eligible person available for the survey?

☐ No one at health center
☐ Unoccupied/Vacant/Demolished Health Center
☐ Selected address is not a health center
☐ No eligible respondent at facility
☐ Other (please specify)

If 0.13 [For Enumerator] Is the head doctor, head nurse, or eligible nurse available for the survey? is No:

0.15 [For Enumerator] Notes for best time to return

0.16 [For Enumerator] GPS of HCF

0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained?
If 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:

HEALTH FACILITY DATA

1.02. [For Respondent] Type of facility (circle one)

☐ Health Post
☐ Health Center
☐ Private Clinic
☐ Sub Centre
☐ Primary Health Center
☐ Community Health Center/ Block Health Center
☐ Other (please specify)

1.03. What is the average number of patients served each day by this facility?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

1.04. How many examination rooms or points of care does this facility have?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

1.05. Does this facility conduct maternity services including deliveries?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

1.06. a. What is the name of the person responsible for managing this health facility?
1.06. b. What is this health facility manager's level of medical training?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

☐ Doctor
☐ Nurse
☐ None
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state

☐ Don't Know

1.07: How many pregnant patients did the facility receive last week?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

1.09: How many children under the age of five did the facility receive last week?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

If 1.05. Does this facility conduct maternity services including deliveries? is Yes:

5.01. How many women (on average) are served by the maternity personnel each day?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

If 5.01. How many women (on average) are served by the maternity personnel each day? (magnitude) is greater than 0:

5.02. How many deliveries occur per week at the health facility?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

If 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:
ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

2.01. What is the main (most often used) water point type used by this health facility? (Check box next to the appropriate category.)

☐ Piped water into facility  
☐ Piped water into yard  
☐ Public tap  
☐ Borehole (with handpump/pump)  
☐ Protected dug well (closed)  
☐ Unprotected dug well (open)  
☐ Protected spring (closed)  
☐ Unprotected spring (open)  
☐ Rainwater collection  
☐ Water-selling cart or truck  
☐ Surface water  
☐ Bottled water or sachet  
☐ Other (please specify) [ ]

2.02. Where is the main water point for the facility?

☐ On premises  
☐ Within 500 m  
☐ Further than 500 m  
☐ No water source available  
☐ Don't Know  
☐ Decline to state

If 2.02. Where is the main water point for the facility? isn't No water source available:

2.03. Is water available from the main water point right now? (If on premises, observe if water is available)

☐ Yes, observed  
☐ Yes, reported but not observed  
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

2.04. Does this health facility store drinking water in a container?
   Hint: If no, ask to take a water sample from their main water point. If yes, ask the respondent to see the container.

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

If 2.04. Does this health facility store drinking water in a container? is Yes:
2.05. [Observe] Type(s) of container(s) used to store water. (Check box next to any that apply.)

☐ Narrow opening container
☐ Wide opening container
☐ Container with spigot/tap
☐ Other (please specify)

If 2.04. Does this health facility store drinking water in a container? is Yes:
2.06. [Observe] Does the health facility’s water storage container have a lid that completely covers it?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 2.04. Does this health facility store drinking water in a container? is Yes:
2.07. Can you show me how you would normally take water for drinking? (Check box next to any that apply.) (Use this water for the microbial water test)
   Hint: (Mark only the options that are directly used to remove water from the container. For example, if water is ladled out of a container and later poured into a bowl, you should only mark "Dipper or ladle" here.)

☐ Water poured directly from container
☐ Dispensed through a spigot or spout
☐ Removed with jar, bowl, bucket, or cup
☐ Removed with dipper or ladle
☐ Removed with hands
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Don't know
☐ Decline to state

[For Enumerator] Take a picture of the container or water point where the respondent served you water from.

☐ Not Applicable

2.07b Scan the bar code of the microbial water sample.

☐ Not Applicable

If 2.07b Scan the bar code of the microbial water sample. is Not Applicable: Take a picture of the microbial sample barcode

If 2.07b Scan the bar code of the microbial water sample. is Not Applicable:

2.17b Enter the barcode number

☐ Not Applicable

[For Enumerator] Are you taking a sample duplicate?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If [For Enumerator] Are you taking a sample duplicate? is Yes:

Scan the barcode of the sample duplicate

☐ Not Applicable

If [For Enumerator] Are you taking a sample duplicate? is Yes:

2.17b Enter the barcode number

   Hint: You may enter NA if the barcode scanned properly
☐ Not Applicable

[For Enumerator] Are you taking a sample blank?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If [For Enumerator] Are you taking a sample blank? is Yes:
Scan the barcode of the sample blank

☐ Not Applicable

If [For Enumerator] Are you taking a sample blank? is Yes:
2.17b Enter the barcode number
   Hint: You may enter NA if the barcode scanned properly

☐ Not Applicable

2.08. Does the health facility do anything to the water to ‘make it safer?’

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

If 2.08. Does the health facility do anything to the water to ‘make it safer?’ is Yes:
2.09. What do you do to make the water safer? (Check boxes next to all that apply.)

☐ Boiling
☐ Chlorine (liquid, powder, or tablets)
☐ Filtration with a cloth
☐ Ceramic filter
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

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2.10. Does the main water point operate continuously?  
   Hint: (A continuous water supply means that water is available to the health facility 24 hours a day)
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ Decline to state
   ☐ Don't Know

If 2.10. Does the main water point operate continuously? is No:
2.11. Does the health facility’s water point provide service at fixed times?  
   Hint: Scheduled water service is service that provides water at designated times of the day on a schedule.
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ Decline to state
   ☐ Don't Know

If 2.10. Does the main water point operate continuously? is No:
2.12. How many hours per week does the health facility receive water?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

2.13. Has the health facility’s primary (main, most often used) water point been out of service in the past two weeks?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ Decline to state
   ☐ Don't Know

If 2.13. Has the health facility’s primary (main, most often used) water point been out of service in the past two weeks? is Yes:
2.14. How many times was the primary water point out of service in the past two weeks?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

2.15. Is water at this facility accessible for people with reduced mobility? (either water source or storage container)

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state

☐ Don't Know
If 2.15. Is water at this facility accessible for people with reduced mobility? (either water source or storage container) is No:

2.16. What are the reasons why the water is not accessible for people with reduced mobility?
[Do not read the answers aloud. Mark all that apply]

☐ Water point is far from the health facility
☐ Path to water point/storage container is difficult to navigate
☐ Pump or water tap superstructure is difficult to access or traverse
☐ Water taps or pumps are difficult to manipulate
☐ Location of water container is inaccessible
☐ Water container is too heavy to lift or carry
☐ Visual impairment hinders use of the water container
☐ Unable to grasp or balance the container
☐ Not allowed or discouraged by staff or household members to access/manipulate water
☐ No one available to help them access water
☐ Embarrassed/ashamed to fetch water at the water point
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state

☐ Don't Know

2.17. Does the health facility use any sources for drinking water other than the primary water point?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

If 2.17. Does the health facility use any sources for drinking water other than the primary water point? is

Yes: 2.18. What other source(s) of drinking water does the health facility use? (Check box next to the appropriate category.)

☐ Piped water into dwelling
☐ Piped water into yard
☐ Public tap
☐ Borehole (with handpump/pump)
☐ Protected dug well (closed)
☐ Unprotected dug well (open)
☐ Protected spring (closed)
☐ Unprotected spring (open)
☐ Rainwater collection
☐ Water-selling cart or truck
☐ Surface water
☐ Bottled water or sachet
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

If 2.17. Does the health facility use any sources for drinking water other than the primary water point? is

Yes:

2.19 Where is the closest alternative water source that this health facility uses?

☐ On premises
☐ Within 500 m
☐ Further than 500 m
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

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If 2.17. Does the health facility use any sources for drinking water other than the primary water point? is Yes: 2.20. Does the health facility’s closest alternative water point have a continuous supply of water?
   Hint: (A continuous water supply means that water is available to the health facility 24 hours a day)
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ Decline to state
   ☐ Don’t Know

If 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:

**ACCESS TO SANITATION**

3.00. Does the health facility have access to its own sanitation facilities?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ Decline to state
   ☐ Don’t Know

3. 01. How many sanitation facilities are at/in this health facility?
   Hint: Count each toilet or pit or drop hole

☐ Don’t Know
☐ Not Applicable

If 3.01. How many sanitation facilities are at/in this health facility? is greater than 0:
3.02. How many of the sanitation facilities are being used?

☐ Don’t Know

3.03. Is there open defecation at this facility?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ Decline to state
Toilet 1

3.04. [Observe] What type of sanitation facility is this?

☐ Flush toilet to piped sewer system
☐ Flushed toilet to septic tank
☐ Flushed toilet to pit latrine (single or twin)
☐ Flushed toilet to elsewhere (e.g. river, surface, etc.)
☐ Ventilated improved pit latrine (VIP)
☐ Pit latrine with slab
☐ Pit latrine without slab
☐ Composting toilet
☐ Bucket
☐ Hanging toilet
☐ Community latrines
☐ Other (please specify)

3.18. Is this sanitation facility designated for women and girls only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.20. Is this sanitation facility designated for staff only?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Ask the respondent to take you to each of the sanitation facilities at the health facility and answer the following questions for each sanitation facility.
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.05 [For enumerator] Take a picture of the sanitation facility.

☐ Not Applicable

3.11 [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure?

☐ Yes, with roof
☐ Yes, no roof
☐ No

If 3.11 [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof:

3.06. [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)?

☐ Yes
☐ No, key is always available
☐ No, key is not always available
☐ No door

If 3.06. [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)? is one of Yes, No, key is always available, No, key is not always available:

3.07. [Observe] Can the door be closed and locked from the inside?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.08. [Observe] Are there barriers on the path, opening, or hole/pit for the sanitation facility that block entry or use.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.11 [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof:

3.12. [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any major holes in the super-structure that allow someone to see through it?

☐ Yes
☐ No

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3.09. [Observe] What type of flooring/slab does this sanitation facility have?

☐ Concrete
☐ Boards/planks
☐ Plastic
☐ Sticks and/or mud
☐ No floor/slab (open pit)
☐ Other (please specify)

3.10. [Observe] Do you observe any of the following in the sanitation facility? Mark all that apply: ☐ Unstable slab

☐ Pit too big
☐ Pit caving in
☐ Pit full or overflowing
☐ Slab/toilet cracked or broken
☐ Facility flooded
☐ Bad smell
☐ None

3.14. [Observe] Is there a lid covering the hole/slab?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.13. [Observe] Are culturally appropriate anal cleansing materials currently available at this sanitation facility?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.17. [Observe] Is there functional lighting in this sanitation facility?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.15. [Observe] Are feces present on the floor, slab, or walls?
☐ Feces present, floor is wet
☐ Feces present, floor is dry
☐ No feces, floor is wet
☐ No feces, floor is dry

3.16. [Observe] Are there flies present?

☐ Yes, more than 10
☐ Yes, less than 10
☐ No

3.19. [Observe] Which of the following is this sanitation facility equipped with? (Check box next to any that apply.)

☐ a bin with a lid on it within the cubicle
☐ water
☐ soap
☐ private space for washing
☐ None

3.22. [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any of the following characteristics that would make it difficult for people with limited mobility to use?

☐ Path to toilet is difficult to navigate
☐ Stairs or steps at the threshold/entrance to the facility
☐ No handrails or support on the floor or sidewalks
☐ The door is less than 80 cm wide and/or opens inward
☐ The door handles cannot be gripped easily or are too high or low to reach
☐ There is no seating for persons who are unable to squat, or the existing seat is not easily accessible (too high or too low)
☐ Insufficient space inside for a wheelchair user to enter and park by the toilet/latrine
☐ None

3.23 Is there an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. Hint: If yes, ask if they can take you to the next toilet.
☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.23 Is there an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. is Yes:

Toilet 2

3.04a. [Observe] What type of sanitation facility is this?

☐ Flush toilet to piped sewer system
☐ Flushed toilet to septic tank
☐ Flushed toilet to pit latrine (single or twin)
☐ Flushed toilet to elsewhere (e.g. river, surface, etc.)
☐ Ventilated improved pit latrine (VIP)
☐ Pit latrine with slab
☐ Pit latrine without slab
☐ Composting toilet
☐ Bucket
☐ Hanging toilet
☐ Community latrines
☐ Other (please specify)

3.18a Is this sanitation facility designated for women and girls only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.20a Is this sanitation facility designated for staff only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know
3.05a [For enumerator] Take a picture of the sanitation facility.

☐ Not Applicable

3.11a [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure?

☐ Yes, with roof
☐ Yes, no roof
☐ No

If 3.11a [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof: 3.06a [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)?

☐ Yes
☐ No, key is always available
☐ No, key is not always available
☐ No door

If 3.06a [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)? is one of Yes, No, key is always available, No, key is not always available: 3.07a [Observe] Can the door be closed and locked from the inside?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.08a [Observe] Are there barriers on the path, opening, or hole/pit for the sanitation facility that block entry or use.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.11 [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof: 3.12a [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any major holes in the super-structure that allow someone to see through it?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.09a [Observe] What type of flooring/slab does this sanitation facility have?
☐ Concrete
☐ Boards/planks
☐ Plastic
☐ Sticks and/or mud
☐ No floor/slab (open pit)
☐ Other (please specify)

3.10a [Observe] Do you observe any of the following in the sanitation facility? Mark all that apply: ☐ Unstable slab
☐ Pit too big
☐ Pit caving in
☐ Pit full or overflowing
☐ Slab/toilet cracked or broken
☐ Facility flooded
☐ Bad smell
☐ None

3.14a [Observe] Is there a lid covering the hole/slab?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.13a [Observe] Are culturally appropriate anal cleansing materials currently available at this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.17a [Observe] Is there functional lighting in this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.15a [Observe] Are feces present on the floor, slab, or walls?
☐ Feces present, floor is wet
☐ Feces present, floor is dry
☐ No feces, floor is wet
☐ No feces, floor is dry

3.16a [Observe] Are there flies present?
☐ Yes, more than 10
☐ Yes, less than 10
☐ No

3.19a [Observe] Which of the following is this sanitation facility equipped with? (Check box next to any that apply.)
☐ a bin with a lid on it within the cubicle
☐ water
☐ soap
☐ private space for washing
☐ None

3.22a [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any of the following characteristics that would make it difficult for people with limited mobility to use?
☐ Path to toilet is difficult to navigate
☐ Stairs or steps at the threshold/entrance to the facility
☐ No handrails or support on the floor or sidewalls
☐ The door is less than 80 cm wide and/or opens inward
☐ The door handles cannot be gripped easily or are too high or low to reach
☐ There is no seating for persons who are unable to squat, or the existing seat is not easily accessible (too high or too low)
☐ Insufficient space inside for a wheelchair user to enter and park by the toilet/latrine
☐ None

3.23a Is there an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. Hint: If yes, ask if they can take you to the next toilet.
☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.23a Is there an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. is Yes:

Toilet 3

3.04b [Observe] What type of sanitation facility is this?

☐ Flush toilet to piped sewer system
☐ Flushed toilet to septic tank
☐ Flushed toilet to pit latrine (single or twin)
☐ Flushed toilet to elsewhere (e.g. river, surface, etc.)
☐ Ventilated improved pit latrine (VIP)
☐ Pit latrine with slab
☐ Pit latrine without slab
☐ Composting toilet
☐ Bucket
☐ Hanging toilet
☐ Community latrines
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ [other]

3.18b Is this sanitation facility designated for women and girls only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.20b Is this sanitation facility designated for staff only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.05b [For enumerator] Take a picture of the sanitation facility.
☐ Not Applicable

3.11b [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure?

☐ Yes, with roof
☐ Yes, no roof
☐ No

If 3.11b [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof: 3.06b [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)?

☐ Yes
☐ No, key is always available
☐ No, key is not always available
☐ No door

If 3.06b [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)? is one of Yes, No, key is always available, No, key is not always available: 3.07b [Observe] Can the door be closed and locked from the inside?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.08b [Observe] Are there barriers on the path, opening, or hole/pit for the sanitation facility that block entry or use.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.11b [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof: 3.12b [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any major holes in the super-structure that allow someone to see through it?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.09b [Observe] What type of flooring/slab does this sanitation facility have?

☐ Concrete
☐ Boards/planks
☐ Plastic
☐ Sticks and/or mud
☐ No floor/slab (open pit)
☐ Other (please specify)

3.10b [Observe] Do you observe any of the following in the sanitation facility? Mark all that apply:
☐ Unstable slab
☐ Pit too big
☐ Pit caving in
☐ Pit full or overflowing
☐ Slab/toilet cracked or broken
☐ Facility flooded
☐ Bad smell
☐ None

3.14b [Observe] Is there a lid covering the hole/slab?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.13b [Observe] Are culturally appropriate anal cleansing materials currently available at this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.17b [Observe] Is there functional lighting in this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.15b [Observe] Are feces present on the floor, slab, or walls?
☐ Feces present, floor is wet
☐ Feces present, floor is dry
☐ No feces, floor is wet
☐ No feces, floor is dry

3.16b [Observe] Are there flies present?
☐ Yes, more than 10
☐ Yes, less than 10
☐ No

3.19b [Observe] Which of the following is this sanitation facility equipped with? (Check box next to any that apply.)
☐ a bin with a lid on it within the cubicle
☐ water
☐ soap
☐ private space for washing
☐ None

3.22b [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any of the following characteristics that would make it difficult for people with limited mobility to use?
☐ Path to toilet is difficult to navigate
☐ Stairs or steps at the threshold/entrance to the facility
☐ No handrails or support on the floor or sidewalls
☐ The door is less than 80 cm wide and/or opens inward
☐ The door handles cannot be gripped easily or are too high or low to reach
☐ There is no seating for persons who are unable to squat, or the existing seat is not easily accessible (too high or too low)
☐ Insufficient space inside for a wheelchair user to enter and park by the toilet/latrine
☐ None

3.23b Is there an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. Hint: If yes, ask if they can take you to the next toilet.
☐ Yes
☐ No
If there is an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. If yes:

Toilet 4

3.04c [Observe] What type of sanitation facility is this?

☐ Flush toilet to piped sewer system
☐ Flushed toilet to septic tank
☐ Flushed toilet to pit latrine (single or twin)
☐ Flushed toilet to elsewhere (e.g. river, surface, etc.)
☐ Ventilated improved pit latrine (VIP)
☐ Pit latrine with slab
☐ Pit latrine without slab
☐ Composting toilet
☐ Bucket
☐ Hanging toilet
☐ Community latrines
☐ Other (please specify)

3.18c Is this sanitation facility designated for women and girls only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.20c Is this sanitation facility designated for staff only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.05c [For enumerator] Take a picture of the sanitation facility.
☐ Not Applicable
3.11c [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure?

☐ Yes, with roof
☐ Yes, no roof
☐ No

If 3.11c [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof: 3.06c [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)?

☐ Yes
☐ No, key is always available
☐ No, key is not always available
☐ No door

If 3.06c [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)? is one of Yes, No, key is always available, No, key is not always available: 3.07c [Observe] Can the door be closed and locked from the inside?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.08c [Observe] Are there barriers on the path, opening, or hole/pit for the sanitation facility that block entry or use.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.11c [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof: 3.12c [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any major holes in the super-structure that allow someone to see through it?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.09c [Observe] What type of flooring/slab does this sanitation facility have?

☐ Concrete
☐ Boards/planks
☐ Plastic
☐ Sticks and/or mud
☐ No floor/slab (open pit)
☐ Other (please specify)

3.10c [Observe] Do you observe any of the following in the sanitation facility? Mark all that apply: ☐ Unstable slab
☐ Pit too big
☐ Pit caving in
☐ Pit full or overflowing
☐ Slab/toilet cracked or broken
☐ Facility flooded
☐ Bad smell
☐ None

3.14c [Observe] Is there a lid covering the hole/slab?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.13c [Observe] Are culturally appropriate anal cleansing materials currently available at this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.17c [Observe] Is there functional lighting in this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.15c [Observe] Are feces present on the floor, slab, or walls?
☐ Feces present, floor is wet
☐ Feces present, floor is dry
☐ No feces, floor is wet
☐ No feces, floor is dry

3.16c [Observe] Are there flies present?

☐ Yes, more than 10
☐ Yes, less than 10
☐ No

3.19c [Observe] Which of the following is this sanitation facility equipped with? (Check box next to any that apply.)

☐ a bin with a lid on it within the cubicle
☐ water
☐ soap
☐ private space for washing
☐ None

3.22c [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any of the following characteristics that would make it difficult for people with limited mobility to use?

☐ Path to toilet is difficult to navigate
☐ Stairs or steps at the threshold/entrance to the facility
☐ No handrails or support on the floor or sidewalls
☐ The door is less than 80 cm wide and/or opens inward
☐ The door handles cannot be gripped easily or are too high or low to reach
☐ There is no seating for persons who are unable to squat, or the existing seat is not easily accessible (too high or too low)
☐ Insufficient space inside for a wheelchair user to enter and park by the toilet/latrine
☐ None

3.23c Is there an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. Hint: If yes, ask if they can take you to the next toilet.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.23c Is there an additional sanitation facility? If yes, ask if they can take you to it. is Yes:
Toilet 5

3.04d [Observe] What type of sanitation facility is this?

☐ Flush toilet to piped sewer system
☐ Flushed toilet to septic tank
☐ Flushed toilet to pit latrine (single or twin)
☐ Flushed toilet to elsewhere (e.g. river, surface, etc.)
☐ Ventilated improved pit latrine (VIP)
☐ Pit latrine with slab
☐ Pit latrine without slab
☐ Composting toilet
☐ Bucket
☐ Hanging toilet
☐ Community latrines
☐ Other (please specify)

3.18d Is this sanitation facility designated for women and girls only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.20d Is this sanitation facility designated for staff only?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

3.05d [For enumerator] Take a picture of the sanitation facility.

☐ Not Applicable
3.11d [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure?

☐ Yes, with roof
☐ Yes, no roof
☐ No

If 3.11d [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have a superstructure? is one of Yes, with roof, Yes, no roof: 3.06d [Observe] Does this sanitation facility have a door which is unlocked (If unsure, ask if a key is available at any time)?

☐ Yes
☐ No, key is always available
☐ No, key is not always available
☐ No door

3.07c [Observe] Can the door be closed and locked from the inside?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.08c [Observe] Are there barriers on the path, opening, or hole/pit for the sanitation facility that block entry or use.

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.12c [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any major holes in the super-structure that allow someone to see through it?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3.09c [Observe] What type of flooring/slab does this sanitation facility have?

☐ Concrete
☐ Boards/planks
☐ Plastic
☐ Sticks and/or mud
☐ No floor/slab (open pit)
☐ Other (please specify)

3.10c [Observe] Do you observe any of the following in the sanitation facility? Mark all that apply: ☐ Unstable slab
☐ Pit too big
☐ Pit caving in
☐ Pit full or overflowing
☐ Slab/toilet cracked or broken
☐ Facility flooded
☐ Bad smell
☐ None

3.14c [Observe] Is there a lid covering the hole/slab?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.13c [Observe] Are culturally appropriate anal cleansing materials currently available at this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.17c [Observe] Is there functional lighting in this sanitation facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3.15c [Observe] Are feces present on the floor, slab, or walls?
☐ Feces present, floor is wet
☐ Feces present, floor is dry
☐ No feces, floor is wet
☐ No feces, floor is dry

3.16c [Observe] Are there flies present?
☐ Yes, more than 10
☐ Yes, less than 10
☐ No
3.19c [Observe] Which of the following is this sanitation facility equipped with? (Check box next to any that apply.)

☐ a bin with a lid on it within the cubicle
☐ water
☐ soap
☐ private space for washing
☐ None

3.22b [Observe] Does the sanitation facility have any of the following characteristics that would make it difficult for people with limited mobility to use?

☐ Path to toilet is difficult to navigate
☐ Stairs or steps at the threshold/entrance to the facility
☐ No handrails or support on the floor or sidewalls
☐ The door is less than 80 cm wide and/or opens inward
☐ The door handles cannot be gripped easily or are too high or low to reach ☐ There is no seating for persons who are unable to squat, or the existing seat is not easily accessible (too high or too low)
☐ Insufficient space inside for a wheelchair user to enter and park by the toilet/latrine
☐ None

3.23d Is there an additional toilet?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 3.23d Is there an additional toilet? is Yes:
3.24 How many additional toilets are there?

☐ Don't Know
3.25 [Observe] Are hand hygiene stations available in or near all sanitation facilities?  (“Near the sanitation facilities” meaning within 5 meters of the sanitation facility exit)

☐ Yes, available in or near all sanitation facilities
☐ No, available in or near only some sanitation facilities
☐ No, not available in or near any sanitation facilities

If 3.25 [Observe] Are hand hygiene stations available in or near all sanitation facilities?  (“Near the sanitation facilities” meaning within 5 meters of the sanitation facility exit) is one of Yes, available in or near all sanitation facilities, No, available in or near only some sanitation facilities:

3.26. [Observe] Do these hand hygiene stations have soap and water?

☐ Water and soap available at all hand hygiene stations in or near the sanitation facilities.
☐ Water and soap available at some of the hand hygiene stations in or near the sanitation facilities.
☐ No hand hygiene stations in or near the sanitation facilities have both water and soap.

If 3.25 [Observe] Are hand hygiene stations available in or near all sanitation facilities?  (“Near the sanitation facilities” meaning within 5 meters of the sanitation facility exit) is one of Yes, available in or near all sanitation facilities, No, available in or near only some sanitation facilities:

3.26b. [Observe] Do all of these hand hygiene stations have hygienic hand drying materials available?

☐ Yes, available at all hand hygiene stations in or near the sanitation facilities.
☐ No, available at only some of the hand hygiene stations in or near the sanitation facilities.
☐ No hand hygiene stations in or near the sanitation facilities have hygienic hand drying materials.

3.30. What measures are taken when the tank or pits are full?

☐ Abandon it
☐ Abandon it and construct a new sanitation facility
☐ Switch to the second pit/tank/vault onsite (within 5 m)
☐ Empty the pit/septic tank
☐ Nothing
☐ Other (please specify)  
☐ Decline to state  
☐ Don't Know  
If 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:

HYGIENE KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES

Ask the respondent to take you to each of the examination rooms at the health facility and answer the following questions for each health facility.

Examination rooms are points in which medical care is physically provided to patients. If there are more than 4 types of examination rooms, try to visit one of each type. Do not include pharmacies or office spaces.

4.01 What is the main type of care provided in this examination room?

☐ General/Internal medicine (e.g. mild illness, physicals)  
☐ HIV/AIDS treatment  
☐ Vaccinations  
☐ Tuberculosis treatment  
☐ Maternal services  
☐ Other (please specify)  

4.02. [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care?

☐ Yes  
☐ No  

If 4.02. [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:
4.02a [Observe] Does the hand hygiene station have water and soap or an alcohol based hand rub available?

☐ Water
☐ Soap
☐ Alcohol based hand rub
☐ None

If 4.02. [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:
4.03. [Observe] Which of the following are present at this hand hygiene station?

☐ Reusable towel
☐ Disposable towel
☐ Drying machine
☐ No method provided
☐ Other (please specify)

4.06a [Observe] Are there hand hygiene promotion materials clearly visible and understandable around the examination room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.07. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room?

☐ Sharps container
☐ Plastic bucket
☐ Plastic bag
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ None stored in this room

4.08. [Observe] Is waste safely segregated into at least three labeled bins in the consultation area?

Hint: (The three bins are: sharps waste, infectious waste, non-infectious general waste. The bins should be clearly labelled (either color coded, written labels or signs), no more than
three quarters (75%) full, and each bin should not contain waste other than that corresponding to their label.)

☐ Yes, bins are present and labeled
☐ Bins are present but don’t meet all requirements
☐ No

4.09. [Observe] Are medical gloves available in this room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.10. [Observe] Floor: swept, no obvious dirt or waste

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.11. [Observe] Counters/tables/chairs: wiped clean no obvious dust or waste

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.12. [Observe] Needles, sharps outside sharps box

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.07. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room? isn't None stored in this room:

4.13. [Observe] Sharps container overflowing or torn/pierced

☐ Yes
☐ No

[For Enumerator] Take a picture of the examination room. (include waste bins in the picture.

☐ Not Applicable


☐ Yes
☐ No

4.15. Is there an additional examination room?
   Hint: If yes, ask if they can take you to it.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.15. Is there an additional examination room? is Yes:
4.16 Can you show me the next examination room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.16 Can you show me the next examination room? is Yes:

Examination Room 2

4.01a What is the main type of care provided in this examination room?

☐ General/Internal medicine (e.g. mild illness, physicals)
☐ HIV/AIDS treatment
☐ Vaccinations
☐ Tuberculosis treatment
☐ Maternal services
☐ Other (please specify)

4.02a [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.02a [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:
4.02aa [Observe] Does the hand hygiene station have water and soap or an alcohol based hand rub available?

☐ Water
☐ Soap
☐ Alcohol based hand rub
☐ None

If 4.02a [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:

4.03a. [Observe] Which of the following are present at this hand hygiene station?

☐ Reusable towel
☐ Disposable towel
☐ Drying machine
☐ No method provided
☐ Other (please specify)

4.06aa [Observe] Are there hand hygiene promotion materials clearly visible and understandable around the examination room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.07a. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room?

☐ Sharps container
☐ Plastic bucket
☐ Plastic bag
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ None stored in this room

4.08a. [Observe] Is waste safely segregated into at least three labeled bins in the consultation area?

Hint: (The three bins are: sharps waste, infectious waste, non-infectious general waste. The bins should be clearly labelled (either color coded, written labels or signs), no more than three quarters (75%) full, and each bin should not contain waste other than that corresponding to their label.)

☐ Yes, bins are present and labeled
☐ Bins are present but don’t meet all requirements
☐ No
4.09a [Observe] Are medical gloves available in this room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.10a [Observe] Floor: swept, no obvious dirt or waste

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.11a [Observe] Counters/tables/chairs: wiped clean no obvious dust or waste

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.12a [Observe] Needles, sharps outside sharps box

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.07a. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room? isn't None stored in this room:

4.13a [Observe] Sharps box overflowing or torn/pierced

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.14a [Observe] Bandages/infectious waste lying uncovered

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.15a Is there an additional examination room?

Hint: If yes, ask if they can take you to it.

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.16a Can you show me the next examination room?

☐ Yes
☑ No

If 4.16a Can you show me the next examination room? is Yes:

Examination Room 3

4.01b What is the main type of care provided in this examination room?

☐ General/Internal medicine (e.g. mild illness, physicals)
☐ HIV/AIDS treatment
☐ Vaccinations
☐ Tuberculosis treatment
☐ Maternal services
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.02b [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:

4.02ab [Observe] Does the hand hygiene station have water and soap or an alcohol based hand rub available?

☐ Water
☐ Soap
☐ Alcohol based hand rub
☐ None

If 4.02b [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:

4.03b. [Observe] Which of the following are present at this hand hygiene station?

☐ Reusable towel
☐ Disposable towel
☐ Drying machine
☐ No method provided
☐ Other (please specify)
4.06ab [Observe] Are there hand hygiene promotion materials clearly visible and understandable around the examination room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.07b. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room?

☐ Sharps container
☐ Plastic bucket
☐ Plastic bag
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ None stored in this room

4.08b [Observe] Is waste safely segregated into at least three labeled bins in the consultation area?

Hint: (The three bins are: sharps waste, infectious waste, non-infectious general waste. The bins should be clearly labelled (either color coded, written labels or signs), no more than three quarters (75%) full, and each bin should not contain waste other than that corresponding to their label.)

☐ Yes, bins are present and labeled
☐ Bins are present but don’t meet all requirements
☐ No

4.09b [Observe] Are medical gloves available in this room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.10b [Observe] Floor: swept, no obvious dirt or waste

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.11b [Observe] Counters/tables/chairs: wiped clean no obvious dust or waste
☐ Yes
☐ No

4.12b [Observe] Needles, sharps outside sharps box

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.07b. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room? isn't None stored in this room:

4.13b [Observe] Sharps box overflowing or torn/pierced

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.14b [Observe] Bandages/infectious waste lying uncovered

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.15b Is there an additional examination room?
Hint: If yes, ask if they can take you to it.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.15b Is there an additional examination room? is Yes:

4.16b Can you show me the next examination room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.16b Can you show me the next examination room? is Yes:

Examination Room 4

4.01c What is the main type of care provided in this examination room?

☐ General/Internal medicine (e.g. mild illness, physicals)
☐ HIV/AIDS treatment
☐ Vaccinations
☐ Tuberculosis treatment
☐ Maternal services  
☐ Other (please specify)  

4.02c [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  

If 4.02c [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:  
4.02ac [Observe] Does the hand hygiene station have water and soap or an alcohol based hand rub available?  
☐ Water  
☐ Soap  
☐ Alcohol based hand rub  
☐ None  

If 4.02c [Observe] Is there a hand hygiene station at this point of care? is Yes:  
4.03c [Observe] Which of the following are present at this hand hygiene station?  
☐ Reusable towel  
☐ Disposable towel  
☐ Drying machine  
☐ No method provided  
☐ Other (please specify)  

4.06ac [Observe] Are there hand hygiene promotion materials clearly visible and understandable around the examination room?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  

4.07c. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room?  
☐ Sharps container  
☐ Plastic bucket
4.08c [Observe] Is waste safely segregated into at least three labeled bins in the consultation area?  
Hint: (The three bins are: sharps waste, infectious waste, non-infectious general waste. The bins should be clearly labelled (either color coded, written labels or signs), no more than three quarters (75%) full, and each bin should not contain waste other than that corresponding to their label.)

☐ Yes, bins are present and labeled  
☐ Bins are present but don’t meet all requirements  
☐ No

4.09c [Observe] Are medical gloves available in this room?

☐ Yes  
☐ No

4.10c [Observe] Floor: swept, no obvious dirt or waste

☐ Yes  
☐ No

4.11c [Observe] Counters/tables/chairs: wiped clean no obvious dust or waste

☐ Yes  
☐ No

4.12c [Observe] Needles, sharps outside sharps box

☐ Yes  
☐ No

If 4.07b. [Observe] How are used sharps and disposable syringes stored in this room? isn’t None stored in this room:

4.13c [Observe] Sharps container overflowing or torn/pierced
☐ Yes
☐ No

4.14c [Observe] Bandages/infectious waste lying uncovered

☐ Yes
☐ No

4.15c Is there an additional examination room?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If 4.15c Is there an additional examination room? is Yes:
4.16c How many additional examination rooms are there?

☐ Yes, cleaned every day with a disinfectant
☐ Yes, cleaned every day with water and detergent
☐ Yes, cleaned every day, but just with water
☐ Cleaned with a disinfectant less than once a day
☐ Cleaned with water and detergent, but less than once a day
☐ No
☐ Decline to state

☐ Don't Know

4.17. Are the health facility’s floors, surfaces, and sanitation facilities cleaned at least once a day with water and detergent or disinfectant?

☐ Yes, cleaned every day with a disinfectant
☐ Yes, cleaned every day with water and detergent
☐ Yes, cleaned every day, but just with water
☐ Cleaned with a disinfectant less than once a day
☐ Cleaned with water and detergent, but less than once a day
☐ No
☐ Decline to state

☐ Don't Know

4.18. Are mattresses, pillows, and or linens cleaned between each patient with detergent?

☐ Yes, between every patient
☐ Yes, but not between every patient
☐ No, never washed
☐ No linens, mattresses or pillows are provided by this facility
☐ Decline to state

☐ Don't Know
4.19. Is equipment sterilized between patients?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

If 4.19. Is equipment sterilized between patients? is Yes:

4.20. How is equipment sterilized between patients?

☐ Autoclave (pressure and wet heat)
☐ Dry heat sterilizer/ electric dry heat sterilizer
☐ Boiler or steamer (no pressure, electric or not)
☐ Normal sterilization technique is currently non-functional
☐ Only single use equipment is used
☐ No sterilization equipment used
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

4.21. How does this facility treat and/or dispose of ‘infectious waste’?

Hint: waste contaminated with blood and other bodily fluids (e.g. from discarded diagnostic samples), cultures and stocks of infectious agents from laboratory work (e.g. waste from autopsies and infected animals from laboratories), or waste from patients in isolation wards, and equipment (e.g. swabs, bandages and disposable medical devices)

☐ Autoclaved
☐ Incinerated (two chamber, 850-1000C incinerator)
☐ Incinerated (brick incinerator)
☐ Open burning
☐ Open dumping without treatment
☐ Chemical disinfection with hypochlorite
☐ Not treated, but buried in lined, protected pit
☐ Not treated and added to general waste
☐ Not treated, but collected for medical waste disposal ☐ Other (please specify)
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

4.22. How does this facility treat and/or dispose of sharps waste?

☐ Autoclaved
☐ Incinerated (two chamber, 850-1000C incinerator)
☐ Incinerated (brick incinerator)
☐ Open burning
☐ Open dumping without treatment
☐ Chemical disinfection with hypochlorite
☐ Not treated, but buried in lined, protected pit
☐ Not treated and added to general waste
☐ Not treated, but collected for medical waste disposal
don’t know
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

4.22b Do medical staff carry alcohol based rub or sanitizer while on duty?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

If 4.21. How does this facility treat and/or dispose of ‘infectious waste’? includes all of Incinerated (two chamber, 850-1000C incinerator) or 4.22. How does this facility treat and/or dispose of sharps waste? includes all of Incinerated (two chamber, 850-1000C incinerator) or 4.21. How does this facility treat and/or dispose of ‘infectious waste’? includes all of Incinerated (brick incinerator) or 4.22. How does this facility treat and/or dispose of sharps waste? includes all of Incinerated (brick incinerator):

4.23. [Observe] If incinerating, ask to see the incinerator. Is the incinerator functioning and is fuel available on the day of the visit?
☐ Yes
☐ No

4.23b [Observe] Are there used sharps or medical waste lying around on the ground in the yard of the facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No

4.24. [Observe] Does the health facility have electricity on the day of the visit?
☐ Yes
☐ No

4.25. How many days was there no power for at least part of the day in the last 7 days (week)?
☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

If 1.05. Does this facility conduct maternity services including deliveries? is Yes and 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:

**MATERNAL WASH**

Ask respondent to see the maternity ward.

5.03. [Observe] Is there a functional hand hygiene facility within the delivery room? Hint: A functional hand hygiene station may consist of soap and water with a basin/pan for washing hands, or an alcohol-based hand rub dispenser. If alcohol-based hand rub is used, healthcare staff may carry a dispenser around between points of care

☐ Yes, with soap and water present at time of visit
☐ Yes, with alcohol based hand sanitizer present at time of visit
☐ No, hand hygiene facility is present, but only water is available
☐ No, no hand hygiene facility is present
If 5.03. [Observe] Is there a functional hand hygiene facility within the delivery room? is one of Yes, with soap and water present at time of visit, Yes, with alcohol based hand sanitizer present at time of visit, No, hand hygiene facility is present, but only water is available:

5.04. Are there hygienic hand drying materials available?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don’t Know

5.05. [Observe] Is there a sanitation facility specific to the delivery room or postnatal ward that can be used by the patient without sharing?

☐ Yes
☐ Yes, but shared
☐ No

If 5.05. [Observe] Is there a sanitation facility specific to the delivery room or postnatal ward that can be used by the patient without sharing? is one of Yes, Yes, but shared:

5.05a [Observe] Where is the sanitation facility designated for the maternity ward located?

☐ Inside delivery room
☐ Within 5m of delivery room
☐ Within 10m of delivery room
☐ >10m from delivery room

5.06 Is there a designated space with access to water for mothers to clean themselves postdelivery?

☐ Yes, in delivery room
☐ Yes, outside of delivery room
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

5.07. [Ask and Observe] Are there materials for cleaning the perineum (region from anus to vulva) of the mother?

☐ Yes
☐ No
5.08. Is the delivery bed surface cleaned between every patient?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

5.09. Is a clean plastic or sheet available for every birth?

☐ Yes, provided by facility
☐ Patients bring their own
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

5.10. [Observe] Is a clean blade or scissors available for cord cutting?

☐ Yes
☐ No

5.11. [Observe] Are clean string or cord clamps available to tie the umbilical cord?

☐ Yes
☐ No

5.12. [Observe] Are there clean towels to dry and wrap the baby and mother?

☐ Yes
☐ No

5.13. [Observe] Is there a sufficient amount of water stored in the delivery room? Hint: (Sufficient amount of stored water is 100L per delivery)

☐ Yes
☐ No

5.14. How is the placenta (anatomical waste) disposed of? ☐ Placed in separate lined and covered bin in delivery room and then buried or burnt
☐ Placed in infectious waste disposal bin and then buried or burnt
☐ Placed directly into placenta pit
☐ Placed in general waste
☐ Patient takes home in a plastic bag or some other container to keep it separated from contact with humans
☐ Patient takes home in a way that does not prevent human contact with placenta ☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

If 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:

**Administrative/training**

6.01. Does the facility have an infection control policy/procedure or document?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

6.02. Is there an annual budget for the facility which includes funding for WaSH and infection prevention and control infrastructure, services and personnel? If so, is it sufficient to meet the needs of the facility?

☐ Yes, a budget exists which is sufficient to meet the needs of the facility
☐ Yes, a budget exists but is insufficient to meet the needs of the facility
☐ No budget exists
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don’t Know

6.03. Is there a protocol for operating and maintaining the facility, including procurement of IPC or WASH supplies? If yes, is it followed?

☐ Yes, a protocol exists and is followed
☐ Yes, a protocol exists but is not followed
☐ No protocol exists
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

6.04. Does the facility have a dedicated Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) or WaSH focal person?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

6.05. Is there an infection prevention and control, WaSH, or hygiene committee that employees at this health facility belong to? If yes, have they met in the past 6 months?
☐ Yes, and they have met within the past 6 months
☐ Yes, but they have not met in the past 6 months
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

6.06. Does the facility have a community-composed oversight committee? If yes, have they met in the past 6 months?
☐ Yes, and they have met within the past 6 months
☐ Yes, but they have not met in the past 6 months
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

6.07 How many times has there been training on infections control and prevention at this facility in the past 12 months?

☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

If 6.07 How many times has there been training on infections control and prevention at this facility in the past 12 months? is greater than 0:
6.08. Is water and sanitation included in infection control and prevention training?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

If 6.07 How many times has there been training on infections control and prevention at this facility in the past 12 months? is greater than 0:

6.09. Who conducts these trainings?

☐ Infection control nurse
☐ Environmental Health Officer
☐ Sub-Divisional or Divisional Health Sisters
☐ Doctors
☐ Other (please specify)
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

If 6.07 How many times has there been training on infections control and prevention at this facility in the past 12 months? is greater than 0:

6.10. Who attends these trainings?

☐ Doctor
☐ Nurse
☐ Environmental Health Officer
☐ Janitor
☐ Maintenance staff
☐ Other (please specify)
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

6.11. Is WaSH training provided to health care providers at this facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

6.12. Is anything done to make the community aware of the importance of infection prevention within the facility?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state
☐ Don't Know

If 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:

Satisfaction/areas for improvement

7.01 In what general areas, if any, do you feel this health care facility needs improvements or upgrades? (do not read answers aloud)

☐ Personnel (non-medical and medical staff)
☐ Infrastructure (water supply, hand washing stations, and toilets)
☐ Infection control and prevention practices
☐ Building (structure, ventilation, power supply)
☐ Waste management (solid, infectious, and hazardous)
☐ Informational technology/data or record management
☐ Medical technology and supplies (e.g. consumables)  ☐ Other (please specify)

☐ None
☐ Don't Know
☐ Not Applicable

7.04. What do you see as the biggest challenge to making improvements at this facility?

☐ Availability of human resources
☐ Technical expertise
☐ Supplies/procurement
☐ Budget
☐ None
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state

☐ Don't Know

Read aloud: I will now ask some questions about your satisfaction with the general facilities.

7.05. Are you satisfied with your water service at this health facility?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state

If 7.05. Are you satisfied with your water service at this health facility? is No:
7.06. Why are you not satisfied with your water service? (Do not read answer choices) (check any and all that apply)

☐ Not enough quantity (supply)
☐ Poor quality
☐ Too far away
☐ Unreliable (breaks down often)
☐ Too expensive
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state

7.07. Are you satisfied with your sanitation facilities at this health facility?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state

If 7.07. Are you satisfied with your sanitation facilities at this health facility? is No:
7.08. Why are you not satisfied with your sanitation facilities? (Do not read answer choices) (check any and all that apply)

☐ Not enough quantity (supply)
☐ Poor quality
☐ Too far away
☐ Unreliable (breaks down often)
☐ Too expensive
☐ Facility is currently broken
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state

7.09. Are you satisfied with your hygiene facilities at this health facility?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state

If 7.09. Are you satisfied with your hygiene facilities at this health facility? is No:
7.10. Why are you not satisfied with your hygiene facilities? (Do not read answer choices) (check any and all that apply)

☐ Not enough quantity (supply)
☐ Poor quality
☐ Too far away
☐ Unreliable (breaks down often)
☐ Too expensive
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state

7.11. Are you satisfied with the cleanliness and infection control practices in your facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Decline to state

If 7.11. Are you satisfied with the cleanliness and infection control practices in your facility? is No:
7.12. Why are you not satisfied with the cleanliness and infection control practices in your facility? 
(Do not read answer choices) (check any and all that apply)

☐ Staff do not wash hands at critical times
☐ Staff do not wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
☐ Patients do not wash hands at critical times
☐ Patients do not wash hands with soap and water
☐ Facility not cleaned well
☐ Facility not cleaned on schedule
☐ Sharps not disposed of properly
☐ Infectious waste not disposed of properly
☐ Equipment not sterilized between patients
☐ Mattresses, pillows, and/or linens not cleaned between each patient with detergent
☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Decline to state

Thank the respondent for their time.
If 0.17 [For Enumerator] Has informed consent been obtained? is Yes:

8. THE BELOW QUESTIONS ARE FOR THE ENUMERATOR.

8.01. Did the person answering the questions seem irritated or nervous during the interview?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

8.02. Did you think that the respondent was being truthful?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

8.03. How would you rate the quality of this interview?
- [ ] Good
- [ ] Fair
- [ ] Poor

8.04. How many people were present when you conducted this interview? Hint: Do not count yourself or other enumerators

8.05. Please list activities which the World Vision organization has done in this health facility to date, if any:

8.06. Other comments:
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