

RANO WASH - CRITERIA TO BECOME WASH FRIENDLY INSTITUTIONS (2019)

WASH-Friendly Health Centers: RANO WASH process

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What is a WASH-Friendly health center?

A health center is classified as a “WASH-Friendly Health Center” (WFHC) when the 6 key WASH behaviors listed below are implemented by its health workers, its Community Health Volunteers and its users:

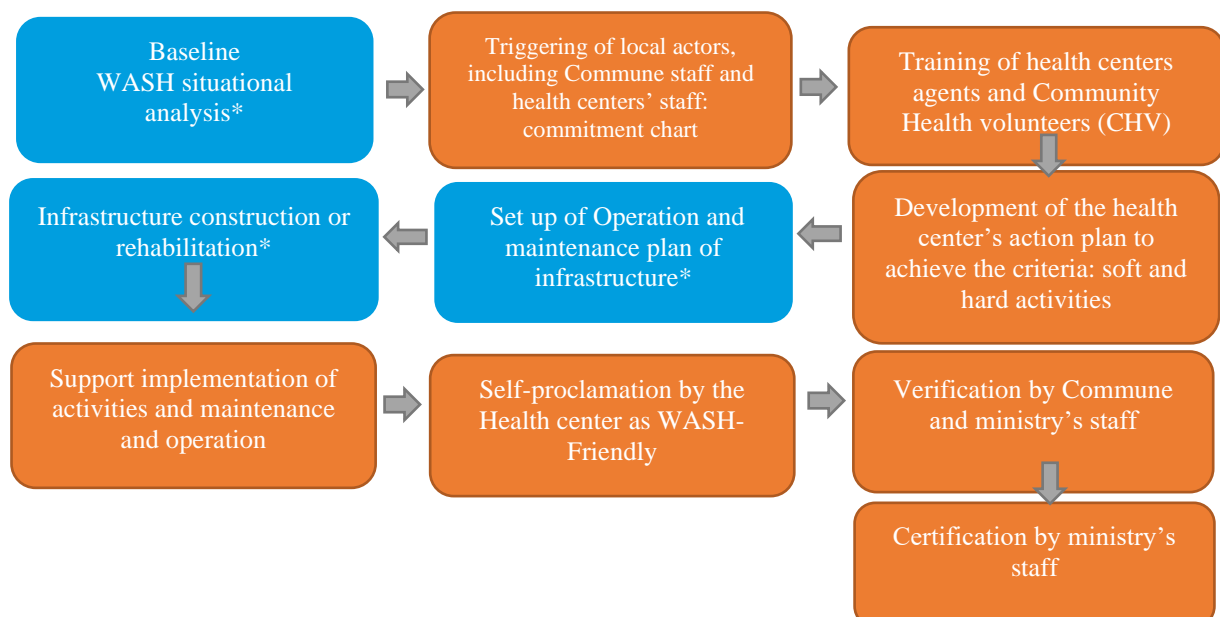
1. Preserving the potability of water from collection to consumption;
2. Effective use of hygienic latrines;
3. Washing hands with soap;
4. Maintaining good menstrual hygiene;
5. Managing medical waste appropriately; and
6. Cleaning and Disinfecting.

A WFHC must ensure adequate water and sanitation services in a clean and hygienic environment.

How is a health center chosen to be WASH-Friendly?

All health centers in the Communes where RANO WASH is constructing infrastructure have been selected to become WASH-Friendly health centers. The project delivers a complete intervention package in these communes, and the health centers are connected to the constructed water system.

How does a health center become WASH-Friendly?



WASH-Friendly Schools: RANO WASH process

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What is a WASH-Friendly school?

A school is classified as “WASH-Friendly” when the following WASH criteria are achieved:

- Teachers are trained on integrating WASH in their daily teaching activities and how their school can be labeled as “WASH-Friendly.”
- There is a functional School WASH Committee
- Sanitation and hygiene activities take place within and outside the school
- Teachers and pupils practice key WASH behaviors, which are:
 - Preserving the potability of water from collection to consumption
 - Effective use of hygienic latrines
 - Washing hands with soap or ash
 - Managing menstrual hygiene

There are three levels of WASH-Friendly Schools in Madagascar. The differences lie in the infrastructure quality and implementing mechanisms to ensure the sustainability of the behaviors above. For RANO WASH, the objective is to support the school to become a Level 3 WASH-Friendly school while considering the progress each school makes towards this goal.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<p>The school has improved latrines, safe water, and a handwashing system with available soap and trash bins.</p>	<p>The school has improved latrines, safe water (1.5 L per student per day), at least 3 handwashing systems with soap per class, and garbage pits for safe waste management.</p> <p>The school has a private space for girls to practice menstrual hygiene management.</p> <p>The school WASH Committee is functional and has the financial means to fund its action plan.</p>	<p>The school has improved latrines, one compartment per 50 to 100 students with separate compartments for boys and girls, and basic provisions of WASH services in school, including showers.</p> <p>The school WASH committee is functional and has a sustainability plan.</p> <p>School staff and students organize behavior change campaigns related to WASH within their communities.</p>

How is a school chosen to be WASH-Friendly?

Primary and secondary schools that are close to the water system constructed by the project are chosen to become WASH-Friendly. The choice is validated with the Ministry of National Education. The project mainly works with public primary schools but also with a few secondary school to be able to address the menstrual hygiene issue with teenage students.

How does a school become WASH-Friendly?

