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A bimonthly newsletter highlighting efforts in advancing universal access to safe water, sanitation & hygiene in Indonesia.



At least a \$4 return for every dollar invested in water and sanitation services

It has been almost 18 months after schools in Indonesia were closed to curb the spread of COVID-19 with over 60 million students affected by nationwide school closures in March 2020. School closures impact not only on students' learning, but also on their health and well-being at critical developmental stages. Access to basic WASH services are more critical than ever to keep students safe in returning to the classroom. The WASHActs-3 highlights UNICEF efforts to support the safe reopening of schools, in collaboration with government, development and private sector partners.

530,000 schools closed in early March

OVER 60 MILLION LEARNERS affected by school closure

83%

Schools without access to functional and sex-separated toilets

WinS Profile 2020



60%

of schools do not have basic hand-washing facilities

WinS Profile 2020



44%

of Madrasah lack basic hand-washing facilities

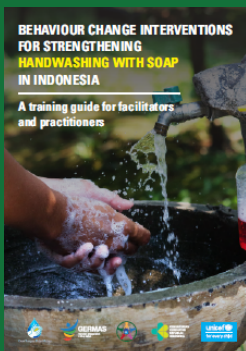
WinS Madrasa Profile 2020

Rural schools are 1.7 TIMES LESS LIKELY to have basic sanitation access compared to urban schools

WinS Profile 2020

## Summary support:

In the post COVID19, the Government of Indonesia has made substantial investments and the initial data shows good improvements in handwashing access in schools.



A national hygiene behaviour change training guide (ENGLISH | BAHASA ) was officially launched by the Ministry of Health, followed by national and sub-national level Training of Trainers workshops.

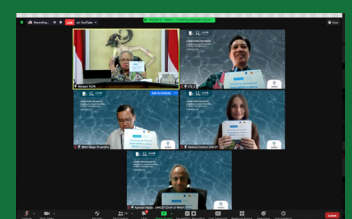


UNICEF has been supporting school safety by supporting development of a technical guideline and video tutorial for handwashing facilities, data analysis for schools and madrasas, in addition to technical support to local government.

The National Handwashing Coalition supported the safe reopening of schools by providing **COVID-19 Safe School Kits with essential hygiene supplies** to 15,000 schools and madrasahs. See more details in [English & Bahasa](#)

A **sustainability study of handwashing facilities** was conducted in public places in South Sulawesi and Aceh provinces to identify factors for improving sustainability.

The technical guideline on utilization of Zakat (Islamic alms) for improving WASH access among the poorest was officially launched in the presence of the Deputy Minister of Bappenas.



**INCUBITS** (WASH Innovation Hub) was launched to unleash the **power of innovation** to address WASH challenges in the presence of the Minister of Public Works and Housing (see this link for the Call-to-Engage document).

A round table discussion was held by Bappenas to seek **actionable recommendations** from line ministries, building on UNICEF **climate resilient urban sanitation research**.

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## WASH safe school reopening support

### Hygiene behaviour change training :



UNICEF has developed a hygiene behaviour change training guide to improve Handwashing with Soap (HWWs) practices in Indonesia. Based on evidence generated from a formative research, the training guide contains a set of systematic interventions to promote and sustain HWWs practices in communities, schools and in

health care facilities. The training content provides front-line government and development staff a theoretical and practical understanding of the linkages between hygiene and health outcomes, the role of behaviour change interventions in triggering emotional responses, and techniques to apply behaviour change interventions in targeted settings.

The training guide was officially launched by the Director-General of Public Health, Ministry of Health (MoH). This is a major step towards mainstreaming hygiene behaviour change interventions into ongoing national WASH programmes. Key ministries were engaged at the launch event including the Ministries of Education & Culture, Religious Affairs, Public Works and Housing, Tourism, Trade, Transportation, and Bappenas. To build the capacities of government agencies, front line environmental health staff, health promoters, teachers, and development practitioners, a series of national and sub-national level Training of Trainers (ToT) have been conducted and the capacity of 365 facilitators and practitioners have been enhanced. Efforts are underway by MoH to institutionalize the training within MoH's accredited training programme.

### Safe school kits:

The multi-stakeholder engagement for HWWs has been further strengthened through the National Handwashing Coalition (Public-Private Partnership for HWWs) to support the safe reopening of 15,000 schools and madrasahs across ten provinces in October. As part of the initiative, key hygiene companies have pooled resources to distribute COVID-19 Safe School Kits with essential hygiene supplies such as soaps, hand sanitizers and disinfectants to schools for a minimum period of at least one month reaching about 1 million school children. UNICEF is coordinating with the local government and partners to support the distribution to the selected locations.



### Assessment of handwashing (HWWs) facilities in Aceh and South Sulawesi provinces:

A sustainability study of HWWs facilities was conducted in public places in South Sulawesi and Aceh provinces to identify factors for improving sustainability. In Aceh, most facilities were functional; however, issues regarding drainage and maintenance were identified. The South Sulawesi

study highlighted that school operational funds were used to install HWWs facilities and provide soap and paper napkins at the HWWs station. The findings are being used to strengthen inclusive HWWs stations design and proper operation and maintenance and advocacy efforts towards greater investments in sustainable HWWs.



## High-level advocacy for WASH

### Promoting innovations in WASH sector:

UNICEF, in partnership with the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) and in close collaboration with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, established [INCUBITS](#) to engage and collaborate with stakeholders in the Innovation Hub ecosystem. The INCUBITS platform will support: (1) Innovative products and services that are field tested to improve service delivery in emergencies, (2) Digital innovations to improve delivery and quality of programmes, and use data and evidence for acceleration, and (3) Innovative financing mechanism, including non-traditional mechanisms to support communities' affordability and accessibility. INCUBITS was launched in the presence of the Minister of Public Works and Housing, Vice Minister of Tourism and Economic Creative, and Vice Minister of National Agency of Research and Innovation, Institute of Sepuluh Nopember, other key line ministries, UN agencies, corporates, youth talents and partners.

### Climate resilient WASH advocacy:

Given limited practical evidence on the climate impact on sanitation services, Bappenas and UNICEF in collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Futures-University of Technology Sydney and University of Indonesia organized the roundtable discussion to seek actionable recommendations from UNICEF commissioned research on climate resilient urban sanitation. The discussion also involved an organization of people with disabilities and youth. Going forward, UNICEF supports national and sub-national government to mainstream climate resilient WASH planning.

### Alternative finance for the poorest:

With UNICEF support, the Zakat fund (Islamic Alms) was recognized as one of alternative financing for water and sanitation for the poor. UNICEF supported Bappenas, BAZNAS (National Zakat Institution), and MUI (Indonesia Ulema Council) to launch the technical guideline on utilization of Zakat for WASH as part of capacity building efforts. The launching event was opened by the Deputy Minister of Bappenas, led by the Director of Housing and Settlement, Vice Chairman of BAZNAS, Chairman of MUI, and Chief WASH UNICEF; and attended by over 200 participants from subnational BAZNAS, Zakat Forum, and other partners.

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## New UNICEF WASH knowledge products

**A practical guidebook:**  
[Sustaining Sanitation Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

**UNICEF WASH Technical paper:** [Understanding Open Defecation Practices in Rural Aceh, Indonesia](#) authored by Muhammad Kurniawan

**A peer-reviewed research paper:**  
[Safely Managed On-Site Sanitation: A National Assessment of Sanitation Services and Potential Fecal Exposure in Indonesia](#), authored by UNICEF staff members

**Hygiene behaviour change training guide:** Behaviour change interventions for improving handwashing with soap practices in Indonesia, published by UNICEF and Ministry of Health : [ENGLISH](#) | [BAHASA](#)