

Global Handwashing Partnership Annual Report 2019



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About the Global Handwashing Partnership

The Global Handwashing Partnership (GHP) was formed in 2001 to advance handwashing with soap. The Partnership has established a large network of handwashing champions, working toward our common vision of handwashing with soap being universally recognized, promoted, and practiced as fundamental to good health.

The Partnership works through:

Advocacy

- Global Handwashing Day
- Prioritizing handwashing in national policies and strategies
- Advocacy materials
- Communications to build demand for handwashing

Knowledge Management

- Bi-annual Think Tank
- Developing tools, guidance, and resources for handwashing programming
- Convening learning events at key global meetings or conferences

The Partnership

The GHP Steering Committee includes UNICEF, USAID, World Bank, Unilever, Colgate-Palmolive, Procter & Gamble, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, WSSCC, and FHI 360. The GHP is also supported by the work of 25 members and is coordinated by a secretariat hosted at FHI 360.



Activity Highlights



Nigeria Handwashing Roundtable

The GHP co-hosted a Handwashing Roundtable in Abuja, Nigeria with WSSCC, the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, and the National Task Force on Sanitation.

Results included:

- Discussions on next steps for handwashing impact in conjunction with the kickoff of the Clean Nigeria Campaign
- Ministry commitment to mainstream handwashing in all sanitation programs
- Uptake in handwashing mindset among those in attendance



Activity Highlights

Hand Hygiene in Health Facilities

This year, the GHP led a campaign focused on hand hygiene in healthcare facilities. Campaign activities included:

- Hand hygiene leader profile series, showcasing innovative and successful approaches to improve hand hygiene infrastructure and monitoring in facilities around the world
- Developing the Hand Hygiene in Health Care advocacy pack to support planning and advocacy activities
- Supporting the WASH in Healthcare Facilities resolution (EB144.R5) at World Health Assembly 72

Spotlight: Nkwan Jacob Gobte

Mr. Gobte's work to prioritize hand hygiene and infection and prevention control (IPC) among staff at his facility in Cameroon helped decrease neonatal sepsis rates in their patients. He used three key ingredients to tackle IPC behavior: supplies, information, and leadership. He addressed hand hygiene by providing trainings for staff and



developing a local handrub program to address supply issues, working with facility leadership to prioritize hand hygiene as part of their IPC protocol. Read more [here](#).

Activity Highlights

Global Handwashing Day

This year's Global Handwashing Day theme, "Clean Hands for All," promoted the importance of equity and inclusion in handwashing programs and was coordinated with UN Water's yearlong theme of "leave no one behind." Highlights included:

- Launching the new Global Handwashing Day website and community forum, making it easier for celebrants to access tools and resources
- #GlobalHandwashingDay and #CleanHandsforAll were trending and reached more than 275 million people online!



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Conferences and Events

The GHP made a big splash at key conferences and events, including:

- **Stockholm World Water Week** – Co-convened sessions focused on the importance of handwashing in emergencies and healthcare settings, and handwashing and nutrition integration
- **UNC Water and Health Conference** – Facilitated sessions on the use of nudges as a handwashing intervention and the importance of user-centered design for handwashing station products

Join us in 2020!

In 2020, the Global Handwashing Partnership will continue our work to advocate for handwashing with soap and share learnings around effective ways to improve handwashing uptake. We will continue our commitment to serve as a knowledge hub and prominent global actor for handwashing to meet our vision of handwashing being universally recognized, promoted, and practiced.

In the coming year, we will release new resources and tools, host key events on handwashing, and continue connecting handwashing implementers and experts through our network. To learn more about our activities and priorities, visit our website www.globalhandwashing.org. To learn how to get involved, please e-mail the Secretariat team at contact@globalhandwashing.org.



List of Resources Published in 2019

Advocacy

- [Infographic: Handwashing and Measles.](#) GHP, P&G, UNICEF, Manila Water Foundation, GIZ.
- [Hand Hygiene in Health Care advocacy pack.](#) GHP Secretariat.
- [Hand Hygiene Leader Profiles.](#) GHP Secretariat.
- [Global Handwashing Day Community Forum.](#) Various authors.
- [Infographic: Clean Hands for All.](#) Global Handwashing Day Working Group.
- [Clean Hands for All Fact Sheet.](#) London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- [Life is Better with Clean Hands Toolkit.](#) CDC.

Knowledge Management

- [mHealth Webinar Summary.](#) GHP Secretariat.
- [Think Tank Event Report.](#) GIZ, P&G, GHP.
- [Research Index: January – June 2019.](#) GHP Secretariat, USAID.
- [Case Study. Sanitation and Hygiene for All Program.](#) SNV.
- [Wash'Em Handwashing Design Guide.](#) Wash'em Team.
- [Ask the GHP: Integrated Approach to Diarrhea Prevention.](#) Hope Randall, DefeatDD.
- [Ask the GHP: Communities of Practice.](#) Carolyn Moore, GHP Secretariat.
- [Ask the GHP: Integrating Evidence into Handwashing Programs.](#) Sian White, LSHTM.
- [Ask the GHP: Handwashing as Key to Child Health and Growth.](#) Julia Rosenbaum, FHI360.

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Selected Blogs

- [Crossing the Finish Line: Sustaining Behavior Change for the Prevention and Elimination of NTDs.](#) NNN WASH Working Group.
- [Understanding the use of nudges in handwashing behavior change programs: Highlights from the 2019 UNC Water and Health Conference.](#) Aarin Palomares, GHP.
- [How handwashing behaviour change programmes can save lives in an emergency.](#) Claudia Codsi, Oxfam.
- [New additions to the Handwashing Research Index: A catalog of research publications.](#) Ebuwa Evbuoma, GHP.
- [Innovations in Combating the Hand Hygiene Crisis: A Lesson in Getting Creative.](#) Lindsay Denny, Global Water 2020.
- [Sensing technology: A superior alternative for improving hand hygiene compliance in health care settings?](#) Aarin Palomares, GHP.
- [Typhoid, Water and Buried Pipelines: A Call for Better Health-WASH Integration.](#) Laura Kallan, PATH.
- [Let's Make Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Inclusive!](#) Kristin Hughes Srour, Special Olympics.
- [Leave No One Behind: Advocacy & Action for Universal WASH.](#) Aarin Palomares, GHP.
- [Amid Neglected Diseases is a Neglected Solution.](#) Helen Hamilton, WaterAid.