10 IMMEDIATE WASH in SCHOOLS (WinS) ACTIONS

PREPARING FOR REOPENING OF SCHOOLS – SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL HEADS TO MANAGE THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19

5 WASTE MANAGEMENT
Ensure bins are located in classrooms, in toilet blocks and at strategic locations on school grounds and are safely emptied daily using waste management system.

6 PHYSICAL DISTANCING
Make sure children and school staff adhere to physical distancing keeping at least 1 metre apart (or as recommended by national guidelines). Possible options are: Assign children to specific shifts, stagger the beginning and end of the school days as well as during breaks, create space between desks or teach outdoors or with open windows, if possible, and paint or tape lines on the floor to demonstrate physical distance at places where students line up or gather (e.g. in front of toilets or washing stations).

7 ESTABLISH A MONITORING TEAM
Assign staff member(s) – teachers and staff like cleaners, guards, gardeners or older students, community members and WASH clubs, etc. – to oversee handwashing stations and toilets (availability of water and soap, maintenance issues, handwashing behavior and compliance of rules for physical distancing etc.).

8 ORIENTATION/TRAINING
Organize orientation for all teachers, non-teaching staff and community members on WASH in Schools and Covid-19 and ensure that everyone understands their specific role. Ensure teachers orient the learners, by using age appropriate hygiene promotion materials.

9 CHECKLISTS
Introduce and ensure the use of checklists (including: date, time when checked, name of responsible person) for teachers and non-teaching staff to ensure routines are implemented daily. Specifically, introduce checklists for:
- School entrance (handwashing behaviour, handwashing stations, water and soap availability)
- Classrooms (cleaning & disinfection protocol)
- Toilets and waste management

10 HYGIENE CULTURE
Establish a culture of hygiene in school and encourage hygiene behavior change in the community. Emphasize that all teaching and non-teaching staff are part of a team working to address pandemic preparedness and response and make sure that education can move on and schools are clean and safe places. Recognize individual WASH champions in school and community.

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FURTHER INFORMATION:
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