The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the importance of handwashing for reducing the spread of disease and protecting health. As we move beyond the pandemic and into a new normal, it is crucial that we maintain momentum and move forward together toward universal hand hygiene.

### OUR FUTURE IS AT HAND

Sustainable Development Goal 6 includes striving towards universal hand hygiene by 2030.

At the current rate of progress, only 78% of people will have access to a hand hygiene facility by 2030, leaving approximately 1.9 billion people unable to wash their hands.

In order to achieve SDG 6 by 2030, global efforts towards universal hygiene must increase by at least 4x.

### LET’S MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER

We must take collective action to accelerate progress for hand hygiene.

**Governments:** Develop and fund country roadmaps toward universal hand hygiene, including a combination of policy, regulation, and awareness raising for hand hygiene.

**Donors:** Invest in programs that are hygiene sensitive, promote behavior change, and drive hand hygiene habits.

**Businesses:** Contribute toward resilient hand hygiene systems through partnerships, research, policies, financing, and innovation, and promote hand hygiene within your workforce.

**Institutions:** Prioritize hand hygiene infrastructure and policies within schools, healthcare facilities, workplaces, and public settings.

**Researchers:** Make hand hygiene research publicly available and translate complex findings into easy-to-use guidance or recommendations for implementers.

**Advocates:** Raise awareness on the importance of hand hygiene behavior change as an essential part of health and development to influence political buy-in.

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