

Global WASH Cluster Membership

CATEGORY	MEMBERS	STANDING OBSERVERS
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	<p>Members of the Global WASH Cluster (GWC) are organisations, including; International Non-Governmental Organisations, International Organisations, United Nations Agencies who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a mandate that includes assisting vulnerable people to prepare for, respond to or recover from the effects of natural or man-made disasters on their access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, and; 2. Actively deliver, either directly or in support of, WASH outcomes in at least three countries, and; 3. Have a commitment to humanitarian principles and the Principles of Partnership¹, and; 4. Participate in actions that specifically improve accountability to affected populations, and; 5. Demonstrate active engagement in coordination at global and national levels. 	<p>Standing Observers of the GWC are international organisations who would otherwise be Members of the GWC but would prefer to have Standing Observer status.</p>
RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive all correspondence, products and materials of the GWC, except those subject to confidentiality requirements of individuals or organisations; 2. Attend and participate in Annual Meetings and/or regular/ad hoc calls of the GWC; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive all correspondence, products and materials of the GWC, except those subject to confidentiality requirements of individuals or organisations; 2. Attend and participate in Annual Meetings and/or regular/ad hoc calls of the GWC;

¹ Equality, transparency, results-oriented approach, responsibility, and complementarity as defined in the statement of commitment contained in www.globalhumanitarianplatform.org.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Participate in decisions and consultations of the GWC; 4. Request that the SAG address a specific item or issue; and 5. Eligible to vote in all GWC elections i.e. SAG etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Participate in consultations of the GWC by invitation.
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RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

GWC MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES/COMMITMENTS

- The minimum commitments as described in the IASC Reference Module:
 - a. Commitment to humanitarian principles, the Principles of Partnership, cluster-specific guidance and internationally recognised programme standards, including the Secretary-General's Bulletin on Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse;
 - b. Commitment to mainstream protection in programme delivery (including respect for principles of non-discrimination, do no harm);
 - c. Commit to participate in actions that specifically improve accountability to affected people, in line with the IASC commitments to Accountability to Affected Populations;
 - d. A demonstrated understanding of the duties and responsibilities associated with membership of the cluster, as defined by IASC ToRs and guidance notes, any cluster-specific guidance;
 - e. Active participation in the cluster and a commitment to consistently engage in the cluster's collective work;
 - f. Capacity and willingness to engage and contribute to the cluster's response plan and activities, which must include inter-cluster coordination;
 - g. Commitment to mainstream key programmatic cross-cutting issues (including age, gender, disability inclusion, environment and HIV/AIDS);
 - h. Commitment by a relevant senior staff member to work consistently with the global and national WASH cluster to fulfil its mission;
 - i. Commitment to work cooperatively with other cluster partners to ensure an optimal and strategic use of available resources, and share information on organisational resources;
 - j. Willingness to take on leadership responsibilities in national, sub-national or working groups as needed, subject to capacity and mandate;

- k. Undertake advocacy, and disseminate advocacy messages to affected communities, the host Government, donors, the HCT, CLAs, the media and other audiences.
- Uphold, use and actively promote GWC agreed principles, standards, tools and other products at all levels within the organisation, and with members.
- Actively participate in WASH coordination at global/country (national, sub-national) fora where members have WASH programmes.
- In contexts or situations where interagency tools are not appropriate, coordinate with other responding agencies and agree on an alternative.
- Provide inputs to all interagency tools and resources, according to area of expertise, mandate and interests, endorse these tools and resources.
- Actively participate in the GWC Annual Meeting, and regular/ad hoc calls organised by CAST on updates of the GWC's Strategic Plan, and/or new or on-going crises.
- Facilitate the sector/cluster to access relevant information from all sources (UNICEF, government, or specialist institutions).
- Actively participate and contribute to cluster processes for work planning (including membership of working groups), adoption of standards and guidelines and clarifying funding requirements.
- Actively participate and contribute to the design and implementation of the GWC's Strategic Plan.
- Align organisation's plans with agreed sector/cluster plans, priorities, objectives and indicators.
- Promote adherence to standards and guidelines through the organisation's programmes.
- Participate in the cluster and commit to engage in the GWC's annual work plan when and where appropriate.

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