

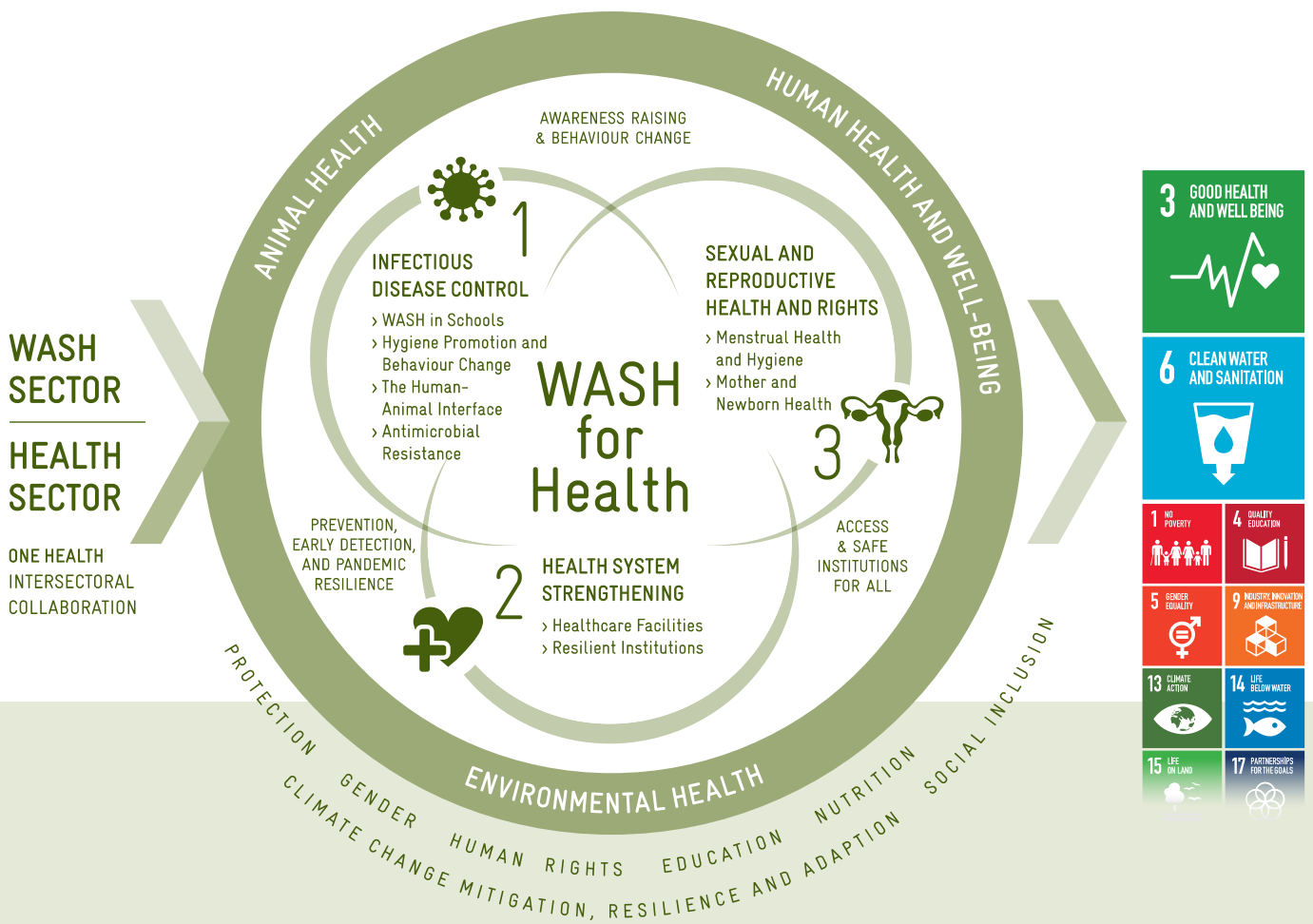
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Fact Sheet

WASH for Health

as a key element for global health and pandemic prevention

- The Key Messages**
- Recognizing WASH as a key requirement for health is essential. To enhance intersectoral collaboration, it's vital to prioritize and invest in financing mechanisms that address the interlinkages of WASH and health.
 - Incentivizing cross-sectoral working and joint project planning to ensure the integration of WASH for Health in relevant strategies and programmes with a particular focus on hotspots of disease transmission (healthcare facilities, schools, prisons, emergency, and humanitarian settings).
 - Strengthening national and sub-national coordination between ministries responsible for health, finance and WASH and integrating WASH for Health into the scope of global Pandemic Preparedness plans and the implementation of country-led, costed national strategies.



The Approach / Bringing the WASH and Health Sector closer together offers important opportunities to better achieve not only SDG 3 and SDG 6. In a range of areas, like 1. Infectious Disease Control, 2. Health System Strengthening and 3. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, joint approaches and intersectoral collaboration are a pre-condition for achieving the goals. The One Health approach provides a wider perspective and helps to bring together key action fields shared by both sectors as well as connecting them with the broader SDG arena and cross-cutting topics (e.g., gender, nutrition, climate).