

Global Annual Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water

GLAAS

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1. Rationale

- 2.5 billion people without improved sanitation, around 900 million people without improved drinking-water
- **Diarrhoeal disease is the 2nd leading cause of death from infectious diseases, even before HIV/AIDS.** The majority of deaths among children under 5
- Such deaths could be prevented
- Sanitation and drinking-water are low priorities for donors and recipient governments alike, compared to other sectors (e.g. education, health)
- One reason is that it is **difficult to make evidence-based policy decisions** in the sanitation and drinking-water sectors. For example:
 - Almost impossible to relate improvements in sanitation service levels to the money spent in the sector.
 - The quantification of the human resource needs at the national level to reach the MDG drinking-water and sanitation target is not known.



2. What is GLAAS

Purpose

- GLAAS is a **UN-Water initiative** led by the World Health Organization
- The purpose is to strengthen **evidence-based policy-making** in drinking-water and sanitation
- It complements other UN-Water reports
 - such as the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation or the World Water Development Report
 - by concentrating on the capacity of countries and external support agencies to improve the sanitation and drinking-water sectors



2. What is GLAAS

Scope



- Global analysis
 - of available relevant data and information (e.g. JMP, OECD, WSP) and
 - filling in critical information gaps
 - identifying trends
- Four main dimensions:
 - service levels
 - policy and institutional setting
 - human resource capacity
 - financial system capacity
- Focus is on drinking-water and sanitation only
- External support agencies and recipient countries are both part of the analysis






3. The global context

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Regional				
Global				

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Country	Sector Information and Monitoring Systems National Agencies in charge of water, sanitation, health – Urban/Rural Joint Sector Reviews National Agencies + Budget/Finance			Household Surveys Censuses National Statistics Office
Regional	Country Status Overviews (CSOs) 			Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) 
Global	Global Assessment on Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS) 			 

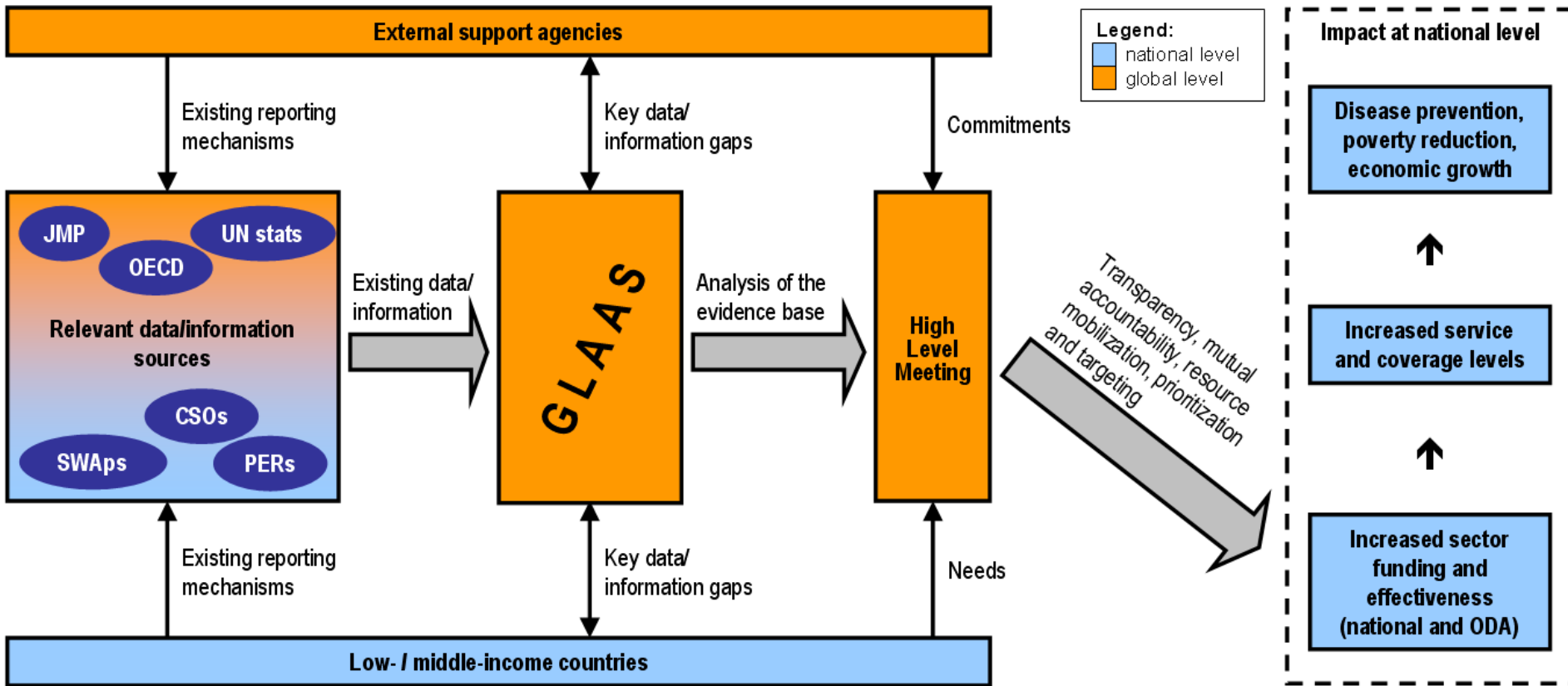
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The GF4A

- The Global Framework for Action on Sanitation and Water Supply (GF4A)
 - To galvanize political commitment
 - Living by the principles of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005)
- Starting from 2010:
 - A global annual sector high level meeting (March 2010)
 - A global annual report to inform the high level meeting
 - A potential pump priming fund to support countries to develop and implement national plans
- **GLAAS is the one global annual report**

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GLAAS at a glance...



4. Partnerships

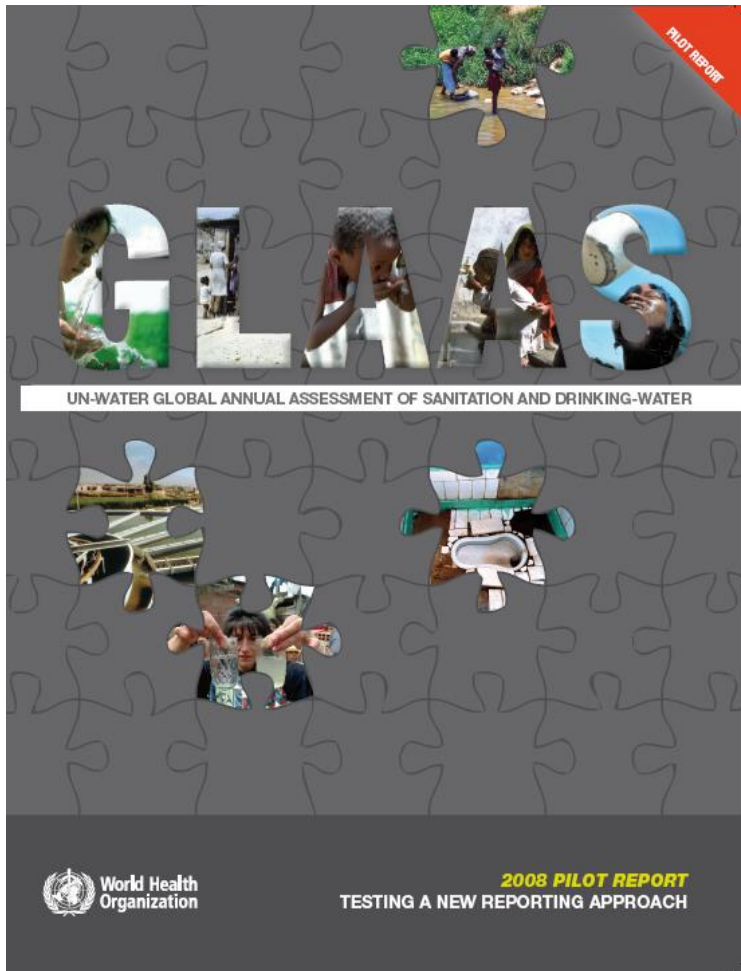
- Through the Global Framework for Action:
 - UNICEF (High Level Meeting, communication strategy)
 - World Bank's Water and Sanitation Program
 - UN-Water
 - WSSCC
 - Bilateral agencies (e.g. DFID, DGIS)
 - NGOs (e.g. End Water Poverty, WaterAid)
- For the assessment itself, very strong collaboration with:
 - AMCOW/WSP's Country Status Overviews in Africa
 - UN ESCAP in Asia
- Continuously looking for opportunities to develop/strengthen collaboration with global/regional stakeholders



5. Towards the 1st GLAAS report in 2010

- GLAAS pilot report published in September 2008
 - Available at www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/glaas
- Data/information collection currently in progress
- 1st GLAAS report published in January 2010





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For further information:

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