



Local governments, work and WASH in times of Covid-19: Africa, Asia and the Pacific

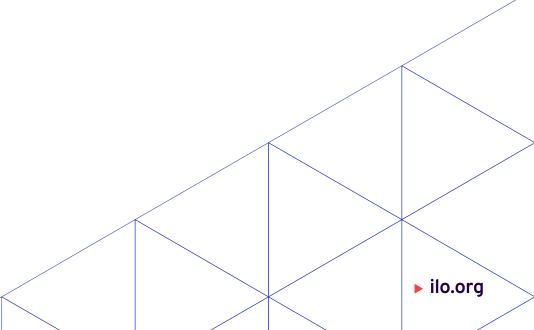
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Issues

- Communicable diseases
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Communicable diseases in the workplace

- Poor drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, and the related lack of knowledge are the main contributing and preventable factors of these diseases.
- Est. 1B people at risk of COVID-19 for lack of basic handwashing facilities.
- Workplace deaths from communicable diseases
 - 17% of all workplace fatalities in 2002
 - 10% in 2011 and
 - 9% in 2015.
- First cause of occupational deaths in Africa in 2015: 27.8% or 91,158.
- South East Asia:
 - 27% of the total workplace fatalities in the world;
 - 38% of total workplace fatalities from communicable diseases in the world, with 87,511 (10.8% of the total workplace fatalities in the region).





Handwashing and communicable diseases: Canadian CDC





Local public services for COVID-19 recovery

- > Water operators
- > Sanitation services
- > Health services
- > Emergency services
- ➤ Social protection programs ➤ Court systems

- > Communications offices
- **➤ Mass transportation**
- > Wildlife protection
- > Correctional services





Challenges

- GLAAS: 107 of the 115 countries reporting included handwashing in their hygiene strategies, but
 - only 9 per cent of hygiene strategies are fully costed and
 - only 10 per cent have sufficient human resources for their implementation
- Informality
- Water fetching: A recent <u>study</u> found that almost 50% of the rural population of 23 countries in all regions, mostly women and children, are obliged to bring water from a source outside of their home or yard.
 - In some countries, children spend up to 11.3 hours per week.
 - The mean single trip time to collect water ranges from 10 to 65 minutes in urban areas with an average increase or decrease of 2 to 13 minutes in rural areas.
- Loss of jobs means that employers cannot provide water or sanitation for the newly unemployed



ILO Instruments

- Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise, 1948 (No. 87)
- Convention on Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining, 1949 (No. 98)
- Hygiene (Offices and Commerce) Convention, 1964 (No. 120)
- Hygiene (Offices and Commerce) Recommendation, 1964 (No. 120)
- Convention on Labour Administration, 1978 (No. 150)
- Convention on Labour Relations in the Public Service, 1978, No. 151
- Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155)
- Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017 (No. 205)
- Recommendation on Violence and Harassment, 2019 (No. 206)
- Guidelines on Decent Work in Public Emergency Services, adopted in 2018





ILO activities

- Employment-Intensive Investment Programme
 - Jordan
 - Philippines
 - South Africa
 - Tunisia
- Better Work
 - Nicaragua
 - Indonesia
 - Bangladesh