

Possible indicators for the right to water and sanitation

	Obligation Respect, Protect, Fulfil	Potential Indicator	To be dis-aggregated? Yes/No	Structural Process Outcome	Current Indicator? Yes/No. Data Source	Priority and Feasibility
1. General Indicators						
1.1	Right to water expressly contained in law as a justiciable right (R, P, F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 17, 25, 55	Is the RTWS expressly contained in the constitution or other law? Is the right justiciable in courts or other bodies?	No	S	No. Review of legislation. Treaty body report. Legal Cases	***
1.2	National Strategy and Plan of Action (F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 17, 26, 37 (f)	Is there a national strategy and plan of action for universal delivery of water and sanitation? Is it time specified?	Yes	S	No. Questionnaire	***
2. Non-discrimination and attention to vulnerable and marginalised groups						
2.1	Non discrimination (R, P, F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 12 (c) (iii), 13	Does national or regional legislation explicitly prohibit discrimination? Is there an institution in place to investigate and provide remedies for discrimination?	No	S	No. Review of legislation	***
2.2	Equity in budget allocations (F)	What proportion of public	Yes	P	Examination of national	**

	General Comment No. 15, paras. 14, 15, 16 (c) and (h), 27	water and sanitation budgets are allocated to vulnerable and marginalised groups, including those living in informal settlements or arid areas?			and local budgets	
2.3	Priority to institutions serving vulnerable and marginalised groups (F) General Comment No. 15, para. 12 (c), 16	Are institutions such as schools, hospitals, prisons and refugee camps given priority in access to water and sanitation (including extension of services, tariffs and subsidy plans)?	Yes	P		
2.4	Institutions and facilities (F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 12 (c) (i), 16	What percentage of schools, hospitals, prisons and refugee camps have water and sanitation facilities, including hand-washing facilities and separate toilets for males and females?	Yes	O	Yes. UNICEF, WHO, ?ICRC? UNRWA?	**
2.5	Nomads/Travellers/Indigenous Peoples (R, P) General Comment No. 15, paras. 16 (d) (e), 21	Is the right of nomads and travellers to traditional water resources recognised and protected?	Yes	S	No. Review of national policies	**
3. Access to information						

3.1	Provision of information to public (F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 12 (c) (iv)	Are there mechanisms in place to provide information on existing and planned government policies and programmes in the water and sanitation sector? Does such information reach all sectors of society?	1. No 2. Yes	S P	No. Review of national policies and programmes Questionnaire, survey	
3.2	Availability of environmental and health data (F) General Comment No. 15, para. 48	Is there a legal requirement to make essential data on water quality and environmental health available to the public?	No	S	No. Review of national legislation and policy	***
4. Participation						
4.1	Facilitate participation of individuals and communities in water and sanitation decision-making (F) General Comment No. 15, para. 37 (f), 48 Sub Commission Guidelines, Section 8.2	Are participatory processes required for the development of water and sanitation policies? Are there mechanisms and programmes to ensure that representatives of vulnerable and marginalised groups genuinely influence such processes?	Yes	1. S 2. P	No. Review of national policies	***

4.2	Participation in development and management of water and sanitation facilities (F) Sub Commission Guidelines, Section 8.2	Are there legal or policy provisions that permit community development and management of small-scale water and sanitation services in appropriate situations?	NO	S	No. Review of national laws and policies	**
4.3	Participation in regulation and monitoring (F) General Comment No.15, 37 (f)	Are users able to participate in the monitoring and regulation of their water and sanitation service providers?	YES	P	No. Review of policy, projects and practice	**
5. Water Availability						
5.1	Quantity of Water (F) General Comment No. 15, para. 12 (a)	Do national or regional standards stipulate a minimum amount of water for personal and domestic use? What is this amount per person per day?	No	S	No. Review of national policy.	***
5.2	Priority to minimum quantities of drinking water over other uses (F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 6, 34	Does the allocation of water resources prioritise water for essential domestic uses over agricultural and industrial uses?	Yes	S, P	No. Review of national law and policy.	**

5.3	Ensure continuous supply of water (P, F) General Comment No. 15, para. 12 (a)	What is the average number of days per year of disruption of supply?	Yes	O	No.	*
5.4	Disconnections (P) General Comment No. 15, paras. 10, 44 (a) (i)	Is there a legal prohibition on complete exclusion from a water source, e.g. by disconnection?	No	S	Review of law	**
6. Water quality and hygiene						
6.1	Water quality standards (P, F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 12 (b), 12 (c) (i)	Are water quality standards in place?	No	S	Yes. National standards	
6.2	Pollution (P, F) General Comment No. 15 paras. 8, 16 (c) (d), 44 (a) (iii)	Are there regulations and policies to control pollution of water resources? Does the State impose disincentives and penalties for pollution?	No	1. S 2. P	National laws and policies	** *
6.3	Disinfection (P, F) General Comment No. 15, para. 12 (b)	What percentage of persons relying on water supply through the distribution network is supplied with water that is effectively disinfected?	Yes	P	No.	*
6.4	Child Health (F) General Comment No. 15, para. 12 (b)	What percentage of children suffers from serious levels of diarrhoea per year?	Yes	O	Yes. Ministry of health reports. UNICEF. WHO.	**

6.5	Hygiene awareness (F) General Comment No. 15, para 25, 29 (see footnote 24)	Is there a national programme for hygiene awareness? What is the percentage of the population covered?	No	S	Unlikely (possibly in national health strategy or educational curriculum)- UNICEF?	**
7. Physical accessibility						
7.1	Extension of services (F) General Comment No. 15, paras. 25, 26, 29	Is there a national policy with explicit timeline to extend water and sanitation services, particularly to deprived urban and rural areas?	No	S	No. National Policy	***
7.2	Distance (F) General Comment No. 15, para. 12 (c) (i) Sub Commission Guidelines, Section 1.3 (a)	Are there targets on minimum distance to a water point or toilet?	No	P	Possibly. National policy	
7.3	Ensuring physical security when accessing water and sanitation (P, F) General Comment No. 15, para 12 (c) (i) Sub Commission Guidelines, Section 1.3 (c)	Are there any policy provisions to ensure physical security when accessing water and sanitation?	No	S/P	No. National policy	
7.4	Ensure physical accessibility to water and sanitation (F)	What is the proportion of the population without	Yes	O	Yes. MDG reports, UNICEF-WHO Joint	

	General Comment No. 15, para 12 (c) (i)	access to improved water and sanitation?			Monitoring Programme etc.	
7.5	Providing services to informal settlements (F) General Comment No. 15, para. 16 Sub Commission Guidelines, Section. 5.4.	Are services provided to informal settlements?	Yes	O	No	
7.6	Financial allocation for expansion of access (F) General Comment No. 15, 44 (c)	What percentage of the water and sanitation budget is directed towards expanding access to those without any form of access?	Yes	P	No	*
Affordability						
8.1	Designing, monitoring and controlling charges by service providers (P) Sub Commission Guidelines, Section. 2.3 (e) General Comment No. 15, para.24	Is there a government process or institution to set, monitor and control charges by water and sanitation utilities and small-scale service providers?	No	S	Review of laws and policies	***
8.2	Reducing costs through providing a range of service levels (F) Sub Commission Guidelines, Section 5.1, 6.3	Does the government policy or plan of action provide for a broad range of options for facilities	Yes	1. S 2. P	No. Review of policy/ practice	

	General Comment No. 15, para. 27 (a)	and service levels, including low cost options? Is community participation required for such decisions?				
8.3	Provision of subsidies, tariffs (F) Sub Commission Guidelines, Section 6.1 General Comment No. 15, para. 27 (b)	Are subsidies for extension of services and for payment tariffs provided to low-income communities?	Yes	P	No. Policies, Tariff structures.	

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