# hands4health

A comprehensive approach to hand hygiene, water quality and sanitation in primary health care and schools not connected to functional water supply systems





do **not** have access to **handwashing**, **basic hygiene**, and **water supply** in low-income countries

Source: JMP Global Baseline Report - 2019



Where we work

**Primary schools** and **health care centres** not connected to functional water supply



Nigeria, Palestine



Burkina Faso, Mali

## The hands4health approach

Hands4health is structured around a **systemic approach**. The intervention addresses contextualised gaps and their root causes, and includes an extensive research component in Switzerland and the countries. To investigate the intervention's overall effect, a health impact evaluation is included through cluster randomised controlled trials, including several rounds of quantitative and qualitative data collection.

In Nigeria, the intervention package is implemented by the local Terre des hommes (Tdh) team and comprises...

Assessment: FACET and Theory of Change

Hardware

Management & Monitoring

Behaviour change



Gravit'eau handwashing stations



Preventive maintenance



Ranas4Schools



Digital data collection

Impact Evaluation: Randomised controlled trials

## In Nigeria

hands4health focuses on the most vulnerable schoolchildren in the Local Government Areas of Jere and Maiduguri, in Borno State.



## Project stats in the country

#### **Baseline observations**



 $\textbf{92\% of students} \quad \text{did not wash their hands before eating and 86\% did not wash}$ them after using the toilet



99% of students' hands

contaminated with E. coli (based on the 335 students examined)

#### Implementation achievements



#### 50 schools

assessed for WASH infrastructure upon project kickoff



#### 1.300 children

participated in the behaviour change activities in the intervention schools



#### 26 schools

targeted by the project (split 50/50 between control and intervention groups)



#### 2 RanasEXPERTS

locally available and trained on the Ranas approach for systematic behaviour change



#### 26 Gravit'eau

handwashing stations implemented in the intervention schools (2 stations/school)



#### Data collection

at baseline and midline successfully completed in all schools



## Cleaning materials

distributed to intervention schools for the daily maintenance of sanitation facilities



#### 52 teachers

trained on preventive maintenance of Gravit'eau stations and WASH facilities



## Next steps

The Tdh Nigeria team will finalise the implementation phase, carry out the endline data collection and then replicate the intervention package to the control group.

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