**Introducing the new Urban WASH “Core” Working Group**

The “Idea” to establish a UW Core Group is based on initial discussions in the beginning of 2021 with National Societies active in Urban WASH (UW), who expressed the wish to develop clear guidelines, a roadmap and objectives within a small group of experts from interested NSs working in UW before we start to reinvigorate the Technical Working Group for UW once again.

The group is going to work out also practical ways of implementing UW in new and existing projects with support provided to partners who would like to engage in UW. The core group is going to consist of 5-7 people with experience in UW who are able to dedicate a certain amount of time per month/week to work on the UW file.

The tasks and expected achievements are divided into two phases, phase one is concentrating on the short time objectives and re-establishing of the TWG whereas the second phase is more long-term supporting the TWG with expertise and practical support to develop the lasting directions and ways of hand-on implementation in UW in the movement.

**Group Priorities**

Following initial consultation with the members and the feedback of the group work during the last TWG meeting in 2018 in Manila, the main priorities that have been identified are:

* Knowledge sharing and gathering of materials relating to Urban WASH
* Guidelines and training program
* Implementation
* Partnerships
* Establishing of a permanent IFRC Global Focal point
* Planning of a Webinar and reinvigorate the URBAN WASH WORKING GROUP
* Funding

**Core Group Methodology and Outcomes**

The Core working group work will be operational in 2 phases during the next 12 months:

* The first task of the Core Group will be the development of the roadmap, direction, objectives as well as the Terms of Reference (ToR) with specific outputs for the Urban WASH Technical Working Group. This will then lead to the reinvigoration of the UWTWG in April 2021.
* After that, the Core Group members will work together/lead Sub working groups with members of the new UWTWG on the further development of detailed Urban WASH direction, objectives and implementation on how to establish UW in the movement.

**Phase 1** – From March 2021 – June 2021

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| **Knowledge sharing and gathering** | **Guidelines and training** | **Implementation and partnerships** |
| *1.phase actions** Mapping of who is doing what in UW and case studies within the movement.
* Planning and Implementing of Urban WASH Webinar
* Establish ToR for the UWTWG
* Reinvigorate the urban wash technical working group
 | *1.phase actions*Revise and finalize existing UW guideline, HP guideline etc.Develop roadmap, direction, objectives and planned outcome for TWGEngage with partners from outside of the movement for trainings and identify funding possibilities.  | *1.phase actions** Establish Relationships with non-RC Organisation working in Urban WASH
* Initiate/Establish (seed) funding for first IFRC (pilot) project in Urban WASH
* Establishing and funding of a permanent IFRC Global Focal point linked to a UW (Pilot) project– for a minimum of 2 years
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***Outcomes/deliverables***

* ***Terms of reference (ToR) for Urban WASH TWG***
* ***Implementing of Urban WASH Webinar introduces the outcomes/deliverables of Phase 1 as well as the way forward to the wider RC audience***
* ***Reinvigorate the urban wash working group with clear directions and objectives***
* ***Project Planning and funding for at least one (pilot) project is initiated***
* ***Finalization of UW and HP Guidelines***
* ***Comprehensive Mapping of Case study and UW Wash projects in the Red Cross movement***
* ***Partnership with at least one external partner***
* ***Identify suitable trainings for UW practitioners and NS***
* ***A position of the IFRC global focal point is in place***

**Phase 2** - From July 2021 – February 2022 (8 months)

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| **Knowledge sharing and gathering** | **Guidelines and training** | **Implementation and partnerships** |
| *First draft of Mid-term actions- after establishing the UWTWG** Coordination with (APRO) Urban Working Group
* Coordination with Urban WASH Working Groups in and outside of the movement
* Newsletter in UW
* Improved knowledge management of what exists and full access to resources within the movement
* Establish regional/global hub for UW
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 | *First draft of Mid-term actions- after establishing the UWTWG** Customize and adaptation of existing resources and guidance and tools
* Development of additional tech. guidelines and training material
* Designing/conducting UW trainings
* Sharing external training and other opportunities (WSUP, OXFAM, UNHCR etc...).
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 | *First draft of Mid-term actions- after establishing the UWTWG** Implement the Urban WASH roadmap, direction, objectives in the movement
* Initiating of the first (pilot) project directly managed or coordinated by the UW focal point
* Advocacy and leadership support for Urban Wash implementations in the regions and for HNS’s.
* Improve coordination at Global and regional level.
* Joint projects with partners in and outside of the movement
* Establish Reporting, Monitoring and evaluations with comparable output indicators.
* Establish (seed) funding for (bilateral and multilateral) projects in Urban WASH
* Joint capacity development beyond trainings, e.g. mentoring, exposure missions etc...
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***Outcomes/deliverables Phase 2***

* ***Detailed Roadmap and objectives for UW in the movement***
* ***Regional /Global Hub is in place***
* ***Close cooperation with other Urban and UW working groups***
* ***Allocated tasks and agreed timelines are in place***
* ***Initial Funds and technical expertise available***
* ***Project Planning and funding is initiated; secured for the first (pilot) project***
* ***Advanced knowledge management and information sharing is in place***
* ***Roll-out of new guidelines***
* ***Joint trainings initiated***
* ***Support established for practitioner and NS***
* ***Initiated joint projects***
* ***PMER in place***