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Dear Ms Gabunia,

**Consultation of data for Sustainable Development Goal 6 global progress reports on  
drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene**

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), through the Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (JMP), are custodian agencies to monitor global progress of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets 6.1 and 6.2 for provision of drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene services for all. Within the SDG framework, universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for all entails the provision of services at home and in other key settings, including schools and health care facilities.

JMP published global reports on SDG baselines for WASH in schools (2018) and WASH in health care facilities (2019), and is currently in the process of updating the data with the aim of publishing the next edition of progress reports. JMP prepared country estimates that are based on previous data consultations and publicly available national data sources.

Herewith we kindly request you to facilitate a data consultation process by involving the responsible ministries and authorities, including the national statistical office and the ministry of education as appropriate. We specifically request your support in the following:

1. Review the draft estimate on WASH in schools and associated data sources that are presented in the enclosed country file, and provide any additional information that can be used in updating the country estimate; and
2. Review the draft estimate on WASH in health care facilities and associated data sources that are presented in the enclosed country file, and provide any additional information that can be used in updating the country estimate

Further background information and indications on the data consultation process can be found in the enclosed guidance notes.

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Based on your feedback, JMP will update the national estimates and share the revised estimates with you. The updated country estimates will then be used for preparing the global progress reports on WASH in schools and WASH in health care facilities, which we plan to release in 2020.

Your engagement in this data consultation process is an important contribution to monitoring global progress in the implementation of SDG 6 targets, as well as implementation of the World Health Assembly resolution 72.7 on WASH in health care facilities and WASH-related regional commitments set by the Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health.

Please send your feedback on the country files to Dr Rick Johnston ([johnstonr@who.int](mailto:johnstonr@who.int)) with copy to Mr Dennis Schmiede ([d.schmiede@uni-bonn.de](mailto:d.schmiede@uni-bonn.de)), before **31 March 2020**. In case you have any questions or clarification needs related to the consultation process, please contact Dr Johnston and Mr Schmiede.

We look forward to your active participation and collaboration in the country WASH data consultation process.

Yours very truly,



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1. Country file for drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene in schools
2. Guidance note to facilitate country consultation on JMP estimates for drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene in schools
3. Country file for drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities
4. Guidance note to facilitate country consultation on JMP estimates for drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities

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