

To protect gains in water and sanitation,

TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE

Clean water and improved sanitation have reached millions more people across South-East Asia in recent decades, but climate change threatens to undo that progress. Climate-smart planning now can reduce the threat.

CLIMATE ACTION IS HEALTH ACTION

Many countries have made significant investments in WASH – but not always considering or acting on the climate change impacts. Individuals and communities can mobilise to take action on health and climate together.

Start at home

- Clean water storage tanks regularly and keep them covered
- Ensure latrines are separate from drinking water and away from animals
- Harvest rainwater for flushing
- Make a plan for getting safe drinking water during droughts and disasters
- Reduce standing water around homes and clear gutters

Be a champion in your community

- Create WASH coordination committees with government, NGO, business and community leaders
- Learn and share information on climate impacts on water and sanitation systems
- Coordinate with others in managing water resources and land together
- Establish citizen science initiatives to monitor water quality

Ask government to address climate change in WASH

- Mobilise decision-makers to allocate budgets for WASH
- Advocate for climate-resilient water safety planning
- Advocate for sanitation and hygiene master plans
- Collaborate with leaders on localized WASH plans
- Encourage officials to partner with leaders in water, health, public works, meteorology, environment, agriculture, finance, etc.

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