



**Millennium Child Support Group**

## **HLPF 2023 SDG Learning Session #2**

Accelerating SDG 6 Implementation: Water Action Agenda and Interlinkages with other SDGs

Monday, 10 July 2023, 3pm to 5pm EDT, Conference Room 5, UNHQ

### Organizing Partners

- World Vision: <https://www.wvi.org/high-level-political-forum>
- Millennium Child Support Group: <https://www.millenniumchildsupport.org/>

### Background

The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) is the main platform to review the progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each year, a subset of the goals is reviewed in depth and in 2023, SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11, and 17 are under review. SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation) is especially important this year as the HLPF follows the UN 2023 Water Conference in March and precedes the SDG Summit in September where additional support will be galvanized to achieve the lofty aims of the SDGs.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are at the heart of child well-being and are foundational for children and their communities to experience life in all its fullness. However, millions of people still lack access to basic water and sanitation services. Growing global and regional problems, including climate change, political instability, economic crises, long-term effects of COVID-19, and other yet unknown issues are challenging hard fought gains in WASH services. Sustained commitment and investment in the sector are needed to ensure that everyone has access to clean and safe WASH services.

WASH is central to the achievement of all the SDGs. Access to safely managed WASH services is essential for improved child well-being, health, nutrition, education, and overall outcomes. Simply stated, WASH services that are safe, plentiful, inclusive, and sustained are transformative. Transformative WASH relieves families of concerns about the quality, accessibility, or reliability of services, and leads to flourishing communities.

In this learning session, we will explore the connection of WASH to other SDGs to illuminate interlinkages and allow for alignment between diverse stakeholders.

### Session Objectives

Participants in this session will have the ability to:

- Articulate the importance of SDG 6 as a cross-cutting issue required to achieve all other SDGs
- Specifically describe the connection between SDG 6 and SDGs 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, and 17
- Hear practical examples from World Vision and Millenium Child Support Group, and contribute examples from their own work
- Discuss the way forward for achieving SDG 6

## Program

3:00 - Welcome and setting the stage

3:05 - Integration of WASH with SDG 3 (WASH and Health)

3:20 - Integration of WASH with SDG 4 (WASH and Education)

3:35 - Integration of WASH with SDG 5 (WASH and GESI)

3:50 - Integration of WASH with SDG 7 (WASH and Energy)

4:00 - Integration of WASH with SDG 13 (WASH and Climate)

4:10 - Integration of WASH with SDG 17 (WASH and Partnership)

4:20 – Panel discussion and audience Q&A

4:40 – Final wrap-up and close