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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	25 April 2022
To:	Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA)
Subject:	The impact of climate change on humanitarian crises : water and humanitarian aspects - presentation by Secours Islamique France

Following the COHAFA meeting of 25 April, delegations will find in Annex presentation made by Secours Islamique France⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

¹ Secours Islamique France (SIF), identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 482366946136-41.

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WASH in crisis

COHAFA – 25/04/2022

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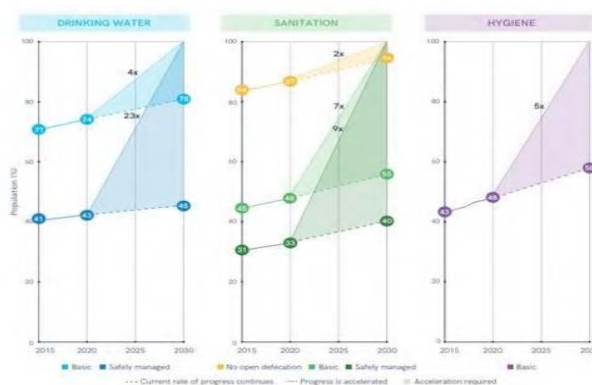
SDG6 JMP 2021

Nearly 1/3 of people still lack access to drinking water

Nearly 1/2 of people still lack access to improved sanitation facilities

1/3 of the global population lack basic handwashing facilities with soap and water at home

Achieving SDG WASH targets by 2030 will require a quadrupling of current rates of progress



THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS A WATER CRISIS

90% of all natural hazards are water-related.

Since 2000, the number of **flood disasters** has increased by **134%** over the previous two decades.

By 2030, **250,000 additional deaths per year** are expected due to malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea and heat stress.

By 2030, some **700 million** people could be displaced by intense **water scarcity**.

By 2050, the **demand** for water is expected to grow by **30%**, while **half of the world's population** could be living in areas facing **water scarcity** by as early as 2025.

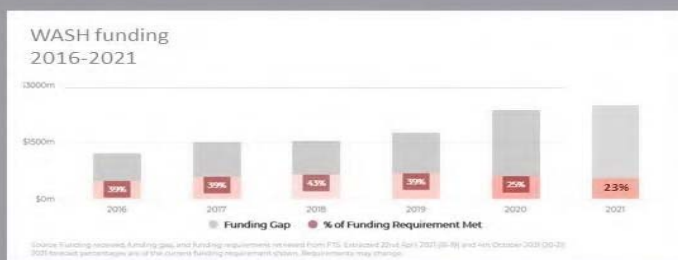


HUMANITARIAN WASH OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

- Implement the triple nexus for a WASH resilient system by :
 - Implement Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and groundwater monitoring and alert system
 - supporting disaster risks reduction interventions,
 - supporting WASH attenuation and adaptation measures,
 - providing a quality and coordinated WASH emergency response
- Implement localization
- Focus on the most vulnerable
- Engage with climate sector and other sectors to integrate WASH challenges and vice-versa



VS. WASH HUMANITARIAN SECTOR GAPS



270 million people expected in need of humanitarian assistance in 2022 in complex settings

Lack of funding leading to gaps in humanitarian WASH response **impacting coordination, capacity, and quality**

Shrinking of the humanitarian space

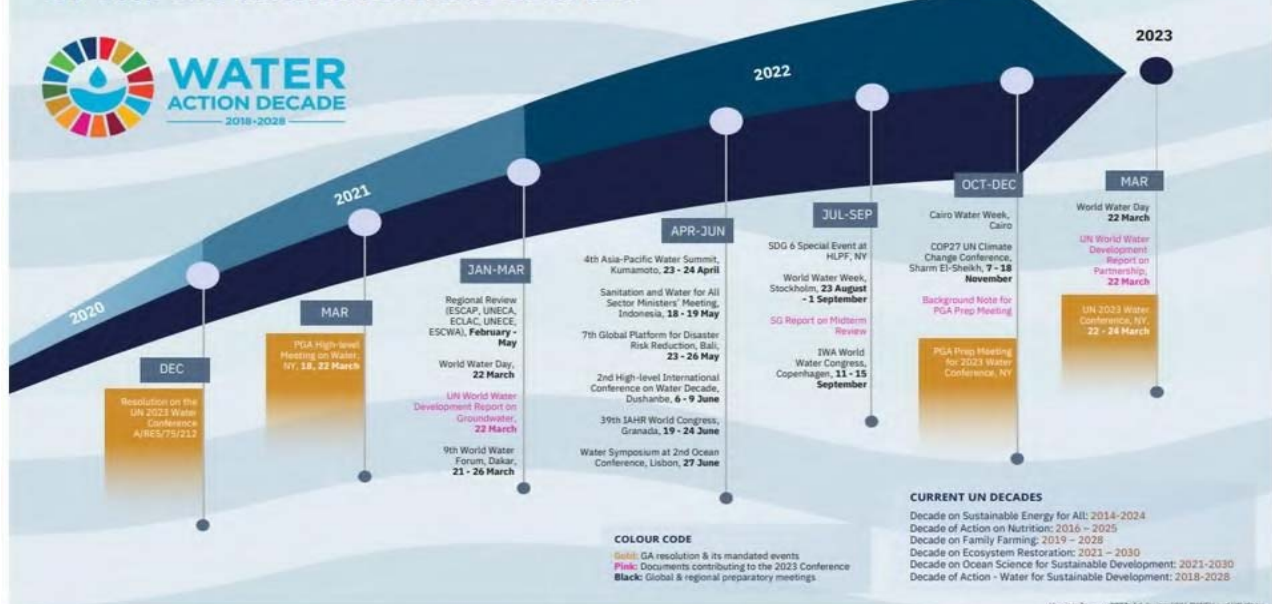


HUMANITARIAN WASH CHALLENGES INTO INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS

- A fragmented sector at the international level (World Water Forum, World Water Week, Sanitation and Water for All meetings...)
- No regular high political level discussions on water at international level
- WASH emergency response and its challenges are still rather absent of the debates



ROADMAP TO THE UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE UN WATER ACTION DECADE



RECOMMENDATIONS

- WASH must be prioritized, as key component of climate change, mitigation, adaptation, DRR strategies, at EU level and MS level. Intersectoral and nexus coordination is required.
- The EU, as one of the largest humanitarian donors of WASH assistance with around €200 million each year, must maintain this level of engagement and increase financing through NGOs.
- For the UN 2023 conference :
 - EU member states should engage individually and announce concrete commitments on humanitarian WASH related to climate change.
 - The EU should take concrete commitments on humanitarian WASH related to climate change in the european position currently discussed for the Conference (announced in the Council conclusions on water of 19th november 2021).



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RÉSULTATS DES TRAVAUX

Origine : Secrétariat général du Conseil
en date du : 19 novembre 2021
Destinataire : délégations
N° doc. préc. : 13440/21
Objet : L'eau dans le cadre de l'action extérieure de l'UE
- Conclusion du Conseil (19 novembre 2021)

Les Délégations trouveront en annexe les conclusions du Conseil relatives à l'eau dans l'action extérieure de l'UE, adoptées par le Conseil lors de sa 1552^e session tenue le 19 novembre 2021.

SAVE THE DATE

31/05/2022

15h – 17h CET

Labelled event under the EU French Presidency :

Enhancing water security for better resilience to climate threats

Organised by **WaterAid** and **Coalition eau**



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