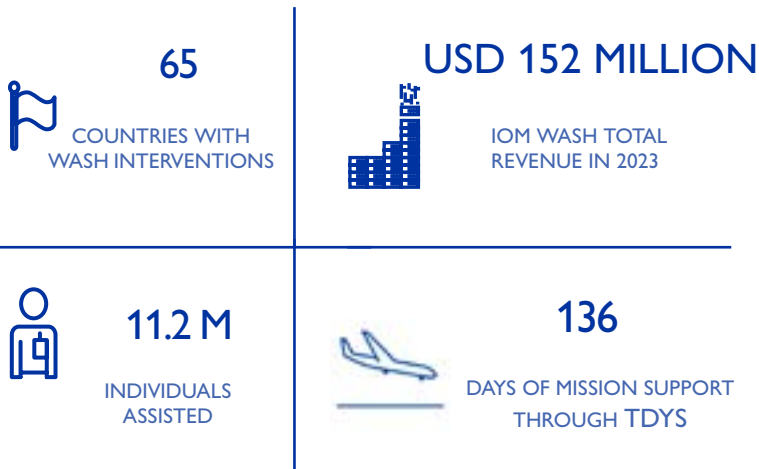


RESPONSE OVERVIEW



A FOCUS ON IOM EFFORTS TO DELIVER WASH IN ACTIVE CONFLICT SETTINGS

In 2023, the world witnessed the unfolding and escalation of crises in Sudan, Haiti and Gaza; active conflict zones that have severely hampered IOM's efforts to deliver safe access to WASH services. These regions, facing violence and instability, coupled with inadequate funding, present some of the most formidable challenges to humanitarian operations. These crises not only highlight the urgent need for humanitarian aid, but also underscore the complexities of operating in environments where safety and access are continually compromised. Despite these obstacles, IOM remains committed to addressing the critical WASH needs of affected populations, finding ways to deliver aid to displaced and host communities. IOM's adaptability shown in Haiti, Gaza, and Sudan underscores IOM's comprehensive approach to overcoming logistical and security challenges in delivering vital WASH services in line with IOM's broader mission of promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all, even in the most challenging circumstances.

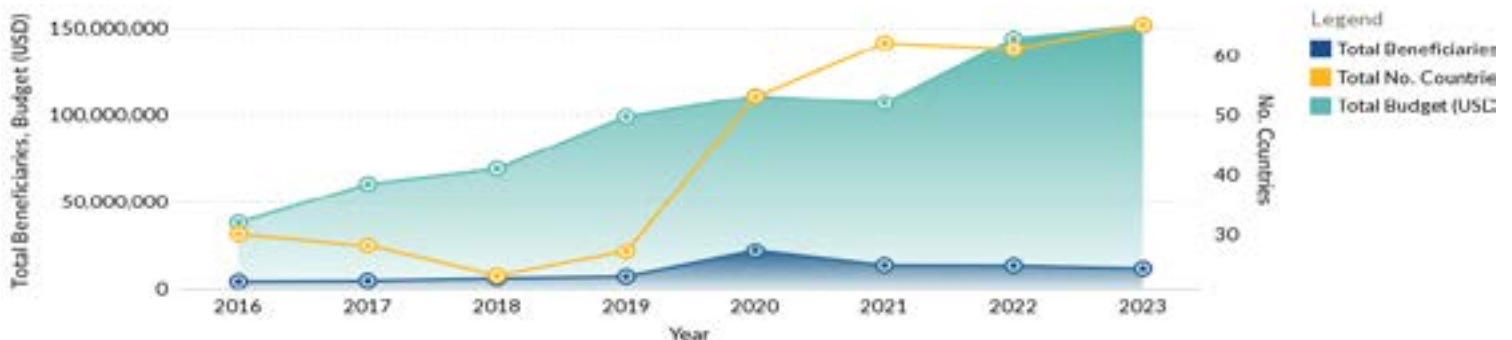
In Haiti, IOM established and specifically trained individuals to take over WASH activities. This community-based approach empowered locals to take charge in areas that IOM staff and service providers could not access. IOM also sourced alternative logistics through the WASH Sector Access Group and collaborated with the Direction Nationale de l'Eau Potable et de l'Assainissement - DINEPA to allow water trucking and access to sanitation service providers. In Gaza, where the high-risk operational environment restricts direct involvement, IOM played a pivotal role in the WASH Cluster coordination, supporting interagency needs assessments and capacity-

GEOGRAPHICAL PRESENCE



the secondment of WASH experts to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). In Sudan, IOM recruited national consultants from affected regions and partnered with local organizations to enhance their capacity.

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Over the past 8 years, IOM WASH programming has steadily increased its size and footprint, registering a growth rate of 32% in the overall budget for WASH along with an expansion of 17% in countries of WASH operations.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARDS THE IOM GLOBAL WASH ROADMAP 2023-2026

- ✓ Hosted the annual IOM Global WASH Retreat in Nairobi, Kenya, from November 13-15, 2023.
- ✓ 31 IOM staff, both national and international, from 15 missions and various thematic areas relevant to WASH attended the retreat.
- ✓ Launched the Global WASH Roadmap 2023-2026.
- ✓ Reviewed the Global WASH Steering Committee to enhance accountabilities, constitution and overall engagement for delivery of the Strategic Plan.

The Global WASH Roadmap is based on four key enablers of change. Significant milestones were achieved under each of these enablers in 2023:



People and capacities: Steps were made toward collaborations between IOM and the Veolia Foundation in signing a Standby Partnership Agreement. The foundation are a lead in the field of water management, waste management and energy with more than 22,000 employees in 58 countries. Potential deployees come from all divisions and entities of the Veolia group around the world, with very specific expertise in cutting-edge technologies.

On the 5th to 7th of December 2023, 20 participants across IOM country offices in West Africa, East Africa, the Middle East, and the headquarters attended a training on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) organized by Deltares as part of the ongoing partnership between IOM and Deltares.



Systems and processes: In 2023, IOM developed a comprehensive WASH Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit. This toolkit features diverse data collection tools and integrates Artificial Intelligence to enhance proposal writing. It also supports context-specific monitoring, evaluation, and learning at various stages of project implementation—pre-intervention, intervention, and post-intervention.



Profiles and circumstances of affected populations: In 2023, IOM actively pursued various avenues to enhance its evidence generation by forging partnerships with academic institutions. Concurrently, it continued to implement its global projects, detailed below, which are designed to transform IOM and sector-wide WASH Interventions.



Global advocacy and financial sustainability: In 2023, IOM was selected to lead the Global WASH Cluster (GWC) Working Group (WG) on Climate Change. IOM will strengthen the GWC's efforts to tackle climate-related challenges, providing a dynamic platform for knowledge sharing, resource mobilization, and advocacy. This initiative aims to enhance sector expertise and promote effective climate solutions in the WASH sector.

GLOBAL WASH PROJECTS



IOM E-waste Project: Greening humanitarian response through repair, recovery and recycling of solar e-waste in displacement settings

In 2023, IOM finalized the E-waste Project Pilot with a closing workshop in Kampala, Uganda, including representation from 53 guests from IOM representatives, private sector stakeholders, representatives from the Government of Uganda, local District Officials, donors, UN agencies, technical experts, academia and local NGOs. The closing workshop allowed development of potential avenues to scale based on the pilot proof of concept, which secured private sector partners for scale and saw IOM Uganda being successful in scalability funding from Innovation Norway.



Solar Thermal Pasteurization for Wastewater Treatment

IOM, in collaboration with the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) and Veolia Foundation, are implementing an innovative project to promote solar thermal pasteurization in the treatment of faecal sludge to prevent cholera. Evidence is being compiled on specific pathogens reduction, for scalability and replicability of the solution in different humanitarian contexts.

In 2023, as part of the standby partnership, Veolia Foundation adapted its cutting edge technology, the pasteurization skid with a solar thermal system, for integration into the existing decentralized wastewater treatment system in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps as the first step of the project.





WASH contribution to IOM's Safe from the Start

The training curriculum on Gender Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Risk Mitigation in WASH Programming was delivered in hybrid format across the Pacific region (Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga, Kiribati, and Republic of Marshall Islands). Previously delivered in Nigeria and Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, the training from the Pacific sparked further adaptation of the curriculum to hybrid and online settings, and to the unique challenges faced in far outer islands of Pacific Small Island States.



Closing the Loop on Effective Waste Management in Displacement Settings Using Innovative Finance

In 2023, IOM signed a contract with Solvoz to conduct a needs assessment in Bicol, Philippines, and Bama and Dikwa, Nigeria. This initiative is a pivotal step towards sustainable procurement and development, aligning with IOM commitments to environmental sustainability and Greening the Blue.



IOM's WASH RELATED INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

In March 2023, IOM was a participant in the UN 2023 Water Conference, convened by the UN General Assembly, where IOM committed to actions that support the water initiatives outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, focusing on scalable and replicable solutions. The commitments emphasize accelerating implementation and enhancing the impact to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6.

Find more info at: <https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/human-mobility-un-2023-water-conference>.

WASH STORIES FROM THE FIELD

IOM Somalia

In a collaboration with the communities, IOM Somalia conducted impactful clean-up exercises that left a lasting impact.



IOM Nigeria

In Anambra State, IOM's WASH team delivered essential hygiene kits to 1,100 people affected by flood.



IOM Bangladesh

Responding to the fire in the #Rohingya #refugee camp, IOM & partners delivered vital assistance to the affected refugees



IOM Ukraine

IOM supported 26 Crimean Tatar families by providing hygiene and other essential winterisation items, as well as boilers and a washing machines.



IOM Ethiopia

At the Saba Care 4 IDP site in Mekelle, Tigray, 400 IDP women and adolescent girls received menstrual hygiene management (MHM) kits from IOM of migrating to an



IOM South Sudan

AGENCY FOR CHILD RELIEF AID (ACRA) with funding from IOM South Sudan worked to improve access to clean and safe water through rehabilitation of boreholes.

