

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH): WHY THIS MATTERS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

33 million people currently living with HIV



783 million people do not have access to clean water



2.5 billion people do not have access to sanitation



PLHIV are vulnerable to infections
90% will experience diarrhoea



WASH prevents the spread of diarrhoea



44%




40%



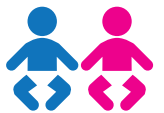
30%

65%. The percentage of diarrhoeal deaths prevented when WASH behaviours are practiced together

WASH protects HIV affected households

- Babies born to HIV positive mothers are 3 times more like to get diarrhoea.
- WASH protects HIV affected households from illness and lost productivity and earnings 
- Stigma and discrimination can prevent PLHIV from accessing basic services. Inclusive WASH makes sure water and sanitation is accessed by all.

#2
killer of children under 5



Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV through breastmilk requires access to clean water for formula and replacement feeding



1.5 liters of safe water is needed to take antiretroviral medication



Consequent diarrhoea may reduce the effectiveness of this life saving drug

WASH HELPS PLHIV TO LEAD LONGER, HEALTHIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE LIVES