



# WASH IN EPIDEMICS

An eLearning course for humanitarian responders

A two-three hour, **free online eLearning course** for all humanitarian responders, introducing learners to the role of WASH in preventing, mitigating, and breaking the transmission routes of infectious diseases commonly encountered in humanitarian settings

## SYNOPSIS

WASH in Epidemics is designed for individuals responding to a variety of humanitarian crises in which an infectious disease outbreak is also occurring. Learners will examine the role of WASH in preventing the spread of infectious diseases of three modes of transmission—fecal-oral, respiratory, and direct contact with bodily fluids—and how integration with RCCE and other key thematic sectors leads to a more effective response during an outbreak.

*WASH in Epidemics* was developed by the READY initiative, a USAID/Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance-funded consortium of partners led by Save the Children, augmenting the global capacity of NGOs to respond to major infectious disease outbreaks.

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*WASH in Epidemics* is available on **Kaya Connect**, a free humanitarian learning platform.

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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Describe three infectious disease transmission routes typically encountered in humanitarian settings, and explain the role of WASH interventions in preventing, mitigating, and breaking these transmission routes;
- Explain how to implement critical WASH interventions in a community, a health care facility, and a school during an outbreak;
- Recognize the importance of enhancing rapid changes in community attitudes and behavior towards sanitation and hygiene during an infectious disease outbreak, and;
- Consider the role of other key thematic sectors when implementing WASH interventions in an infectious disease outbreak, to ensure a holistic and human-centered response.