

# Global WASH Cluster

## Membership Categories

1. **Full Members** of the Global WASH Cluster (GWC) are organisations, including; International and National Non-Governmental Organisations, International Organisations, United Nations Agencies and instrumentalities of national governments who:
  - a. have a mandate that includes assisting vulnerable people to; prepare for, respond to or recover from the effects of natural or man-made disasters on their access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, and;
  - b. actively deliver against their mandate in five or more countries, and;
  - c. have a commitment to humanitarian principles and the Principles of Partnership<sup>1</sup>, and;
  - d. participate in actions that specifically improve accountability to affected populations, and;
  - e. participate within the cluster and consistently engage in the GWC's collective work, and;
  - f. have capacity and willingness to contribute to the GWC Strategic Plan, and;
  - g. work cooperatively with other GWC partners to ensure effective use of available resources, including sharing information and organisational talents, and;
  - h. request to be considered full members of the GWC
  
2. **Associate Members** of the GWC are organisations, including; International and National Non-Governmental Organisations, International Organisations, United Nations Agencies, instrumentalities of national governments, educational and research entities, corporations and individuals, who request to be considered Associate Members of the GWC.
  
3. **Standing Observers** of the GWC are organisations who would otherwise be Full Members of the GWC but elect Standing Observer status over full membership.
  
4. **Ad Hoc/Special Invitees** are organisations or individuals who, upon the invitation of any member of the SAG or the Global WASH Cluster Coordinator, attends or participates in activities or meetings of the GWC over a defined period of time

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<sup>1</sup> Equality, transparency, results-oriented approach, responsibility and complementarity as defined in the statement of commitment contained in [www.globalhumanitarianplatform.org](http://www.globalhumanitarianplatform.org)

Rights and privileges are accorded to the categories of members as follows

1. Full Members have the right to:
  - a. Vote in elections of the SAG
  - b. Receive all correspondence, products and materials of the GWC, except those subject to confidentiality requirements of individuals or organisations
  - c. Be included in decisions and consultations of the GWC
  - d. Require the SAG to address a specific item or issue
  - e. Attend and participate in General Meetings of the GWC
  
2. Associate Members have the right to:
  - a. Receive technical and operational products and materials of the GWC
  - b. Attend and participate in General Meetings of the GWC
  
3. Standing Observers have the right to:
  - a. Receive all correspondence, products and materials of the GWC, except those subject to confidentiality requirements of individuals or organisations
  - b. Be included in decisions and consultations of the GWC
  - c. Require the SAG to address a specific item or issue
  - d. Attend and participate in General Meetings of the GWC
  
4. Ad Hoc/Special Invitees have (for the period of their invitation) the right to:
  - a. Receive all correspondence, products and materials of the GWC, except those subject to confidentiality requirements of individuals or organisations
  - b. Be included in decisions and consultations of the GWC
  - c. Attend and participate in General Meetings of the GWC