

# WASH Safety and Accessibility Toolkit

## Part 3. Water Points

Reference of the audit (to easily locate the different filled checklists): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of the day: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (give the required details of the location where this audit has been conducted – You could even include project's reference):

If possible, the audit team should keep the same people filling out the different checklists (from Part.2 to this one). If there is any change in the auditing team, mention it here:

### Specifications of the Water Point

Location / Address / GPS coordinate / P-Code	
Type of water point (borehole, well, spring, public tap stand, piped water, house tap, etc.)	
Equipment of the water point (handpump, electric/solar pump, rope and bucket, etc.)	
Use of the water point (communal, shared OR private, household OR other)	
Estimated number of users	
Name of implementing organization (Who built it? Who runs and maintains it? E.g., WASH committee, local water authority)	
General description (technical characteristics; sanitary conditions of the water point and surroundings; state of the water point, equipment and platform; etc.)	

If you didn't do it in Part.2, draw a diagram (on a separate sheet) a) from above and b) from the side, to show dimensions of the water point and surroundings.

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### OBSERVATION CHECKLIST WATER POINT

Water point	Yes	No	Notes/ideas for improvement
Is the water point located inside the site (for schools, health centre facilities, marketplaces, etc.)?			
Is the water point located less than 500 metres from user's living area/shelter?			
If used at night, is the water point lit?			
Are there few people waiting at the water point? (e.g., no crowd nor long queue) <sup>1</sup>			
Are there visible risks (such as military checkpoints, bars serving alcoholic drinks, large groups of men gathering or men's WASH facilities etc.) en route to the water point?			
Is the water point accessible from a flat, even, large pathway with no holes or other obstacles?			
Is there something for the user to sit, stand or lean on while drawing water?			
Is the water drainage system appropriate (keeping water from collecting around the water point), which can make it muddy and difficult to access for persons with disabilities?			
Can the user (e.g., children, person using a wheelchair, etc.) easily reach and operate the mechanism (handle/ tap/ rope/ water surface)? If not, why not?			
Is the water point physically safe for the users (e.g., open pit, slips, or other hazards)?			
Is the water point signposted with accessible panels (when relevant)?			

<sup>1</sup> Acceptable waiting time as per SPHERE standards is 30 minutes

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<b>Any additional comments, observations, and ideas for improvement?</b>	
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### CONSULTATIONS WITH WOMEN, GIRLS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Below are suggested discussion questions that can be used in Focus Group Discussions with women and girls, older persons, persons with disabilities, women's rights/women-led organizations, and organizations of persons with disabilities.

In the Part 1 of the Toolkit, you will find recommendations and tips to conduct FGDs.

Please select and contextualize the questions that are the most relevant for your information needs. Do not hesitate to add any questions if needed.

It is strongly recommended to conduct the consultations with women and girls with female enumerators, whenever possible.

- Were women, girls, older persons and persons with disabilities consulted to determine the location and design of the water point?
- Are men and women with disabilities (ask about physical, hearing, visual, intellectual and psychosocial disabilities) of all ages using the water points? Who is not using them and why?
- Are there any risks or challenges accessing to the water point?
- If there is a committee or a technical unit from the service provider for the management, operation and maintenance of the water point, are persons with disabilities and women represented?
- What are your concerns and/or recommendations regarding the functioning of the water point committee or other service provider for Operating and Maintenance (O&M) of the water points?
- Is the access free or is there a fee for maintenance?
- Is the route to and from the WASH facilities safe to travel for all? (e.g., women, girls and boys, taking into account disabilities and age groups?) What are the potential risks to the safety of women and girls in your community, including physical attack or sexual harassment, walking to/from the water points?
- How long does it take to fetch water? Are there any difficulties for women and girls with or without disabilities in using these water points?
- What are your specific suggestions to make people feel safer going to and fetching water at the water points in your community?
- What can your community do to improve safety for women and girls at the water points?

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