Dear Colleagues,

Below you’ll find this week’s round-up of funding opportunities, articles, and upcoming events.

**UPDATE ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Our research associate Thomas reviews every COVID-19 funding announcement and he updates the [COVID-19: WASH in HCF Funding Opportunities spreadsheet](#) 2-3 times per week with open RFPs and other funding opportunities. He added **seven new opportunities** this week. We recommend checking back frequently.

- It was brought to our attention that several major funders are including WASH in their response (though not highlighted in the press releases). For example, USAID has mentioned WASH and health initiatives as top priorities for their COVID-19 response and is helping current grantees shift and scale up their actions to address these areas.

- That said, a fraction of the announcements has included WASH in the description of their funding priorities. **We encourage you to help funders appreciate the critical role of WASH as part of a holistic COVID-19 response.** See an opportunity for resiliency or health worker capacity building? Make the case for why WASH in HCF should be funded as a foundational component!

**SPOTLIGHT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- The [Open Road Alliance](#) is looking to fund organizations up to $100,000 for projects dedicated to ‘flattening the curve’. There are no geographic restrictions for this grant.

- The [Booz Allen Foundation Innovative Fund](#) is looking to enhance COVID-19 relief efforts, specifically through programs that will build lasting community resilience by protecting vulnerable populations and frontline workers. International projects are eligible. The application window opened yesterday.

**UPCOMING EVENTS – “Clean Care is in Your Hands”**

- Tuesday, May 5 is a two-for-one deal: [Save Lives: Clean Your Hands Day](#) AND [International Day of the Midwife](#). Then the following Tuesday, May 12 is [International Nurses Day](#). These awareness days are even more pertinent than ever – we hope you’ll **raise your voice about the role of WASH in HCF in protecting healthcare workers and their patients**.

- Join Global Handwashing Partnership’s webinar “Rx Hand Hygiene: Facilitating Clean Hands in Healthcare Facilities During COVID-19 and Beyond” on Thursday, May 7 | 8:00 – 9:30AM EDT. [Register HERE](#).

**NEW RESOURCES**
WASH in HCF Update 5/1: Funding, Events, Resources

- Need ideas for what you can do NOW about WASH in HCF as part of the COVID-19 response and to build resiliency? Our list of 10 immediate WASH in HCF actions for COVID-19 response which we shared a few weeks ago has been translated into FRENCH, SPANISH, and PORTUGUESE.

- Recordings from the WHO/UNICEF WASH in HCF Webinar Series on COVID-19 are available on their new YouTube channel and the slides can be found by going to WASHinHCF.org/resources and searching “COVID-19”.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

- For COVID-19, Focus on the Basics: WASH in Healthcare Facilities – Sanitation and Water for All

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