

Hello Colleagues,

This week, we have a number of updates and events listed below, as well as additional information on [funding opportunities](#) (spreadsheet linked) for WASH in HCF addressing COVID-19.

#### WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY EVENT

- WHO, UNICEF, and WaterAid are hosting a side event next week alongside the World Health Assembly to recognize the one-year anniversary of the WASH in HCF Resolution.
- The virtual event will take place **Thursday, May 21 from 7:00AM-9:00AM EDT** -- [register here](#).

#### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY BUZZWORDS

- As we've noted, the vast majority of requests for proposals do not include the terms: **WASH, water, or even hygiene**.
- However, we have identified other key buzzwords, including **innovation, community resiliency, and PPE**. Our team has [developed recommendations](#) on how to link WASH in HCF to these terms in the RFPs, based on this research.

#### UPCOMING FUNDING SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- [The Lion's Share - COVID-19 Response Resilience in Wildlife Community Small Grants](#)  
Grants are available for COVID-19 response initiatives conducted in wildlife rich areas (prone to wildlife-based tourism) in developing countries – these initiatives should demonstrate innovative local-level action to increase resilience and well-being of communities.  
**DEADLINE: TODAY**
- **The next set of deadlines for many of the opportunities is the first week of June.**

#### SPOTLIGHT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- [Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation COVID-19 Funding](#)  
Investment in social enterprises that address the social problems arising from COVID-19. They "anticipate the range of missions to be broad, and are open to what those look like." Funding projects that can deploy within 30 days.

#### ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

- Aljazeera: [Nurses fighting coronavirus lack handwashing facilities: Report](#)
- The Telegraph: [One in six nurses worldwide at risk of coronavirus from lack of clean water](#)

#### SWA WORLD LEADERS' [CALL TO ACTION](#) ON COVID-19 & WASH

- Heads of State, Government, and leaders from United Nations agencies, International Financial Institutions, civil society, private sector and research and learning are **mobilizing around a call for the prioritization of WASH in response to COVID-19**. #GlobalCall4Water
- Given the noted lack of WASH in the response, this Call to Action is timely. We encourage you to disseminate the statement (particularly with country partners and donors).

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