

# Guidance note: WASH

## Background

- The WASH expenditure is comprised of the cost of water and the cost of common hygiene items.
- According to research on WASH standards, an average of 4-5% of total reported expenditure should be spent on WASH items.<sup>1</sup>
- **Exceptions:** In the Jordan context, exceptional circumstances highlight additional vulnerabilities; for example cases living in informal tent settlements (ITS), and/or families that are not connected to municipal piping tend to incur higher costs for trucked water delivery compared to cases that are connected to the municipal network.

## WASH expenditures

### Summary

- Overall, the average WASH expenditure **decreased by 0.52 JOD**, from 4.15 JOD in 2016 to 3.62 JOD in 2017.
- The average expenditure on Hygiene items **increased by 1.46 JOD**, from 7.13 JOD in 2016 per capita to 8.58 JOD in 2017.
- The average expenditure on Water **decreased by 2.42 JOD**, from 7.31 JOD in 2016 to 4.90 JOD in 2017.

Table 1: 2017 WASH MEB

Section	Case size						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
Hygiene items	2.19	4.05	8.45	10.63	9.68	10.94	14.15
Water	2.25	3.36	4.56	5.17	5.17	5.80	7.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>7.41</b>	<b>13.01</b>	<b>15.80</b>	<b>14.86</b>	<b>16.73</b>	<b>22.12</b>

Figure 1: Changes in cost from 2016 to 2017



<sup>1</sup> [http://www.semide.net/media\\_server/files/D/p/eau\\_potable\\_prix\\_abordable\\_livre-complet.pdf](http://www.semide.net/media_server/files/D/p/eau_potable_prix_abordable_livre-complet.pdf)

## Methodology

- No notable change in methodology from 2016. The data was analysed from the 2017 Baseline survey, which shows self-reported expenditure.
- Average expenditure figures were calculated for each family size for all of the identified WASH items.
- Expenditure at the weekly and yearly levels were normalised to a per month basis.

## Source data

- **VAF Baseline 2017. May-June 2017. (3,000 cases across Jordan).** A nationally representative random sample.

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