

Handwashing for Health: The Power of the Market

Why are we talking about



Water, sanitation and hygiene

2-3 000 000 deaths

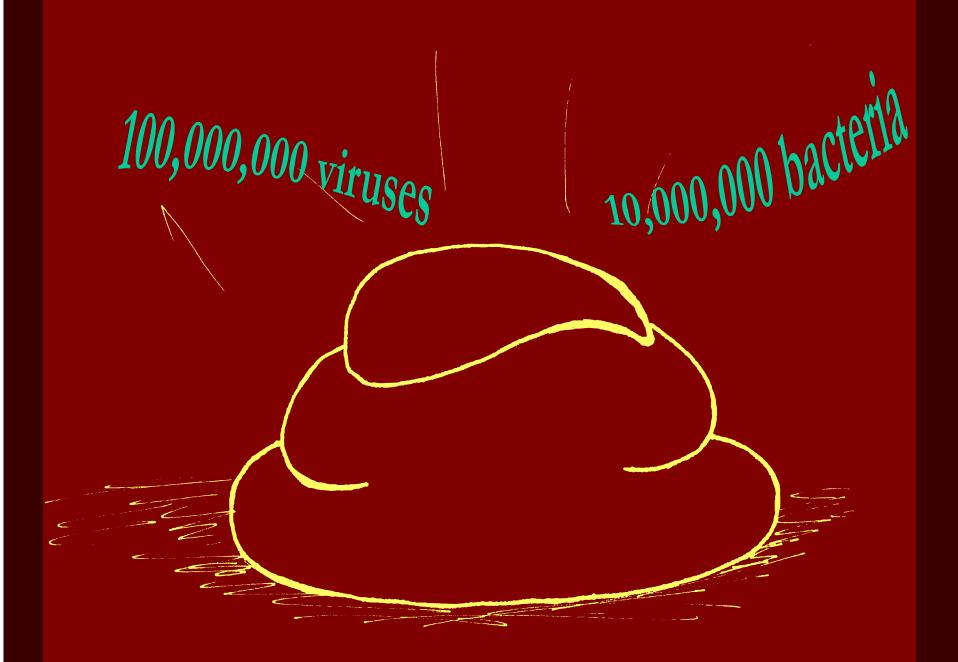
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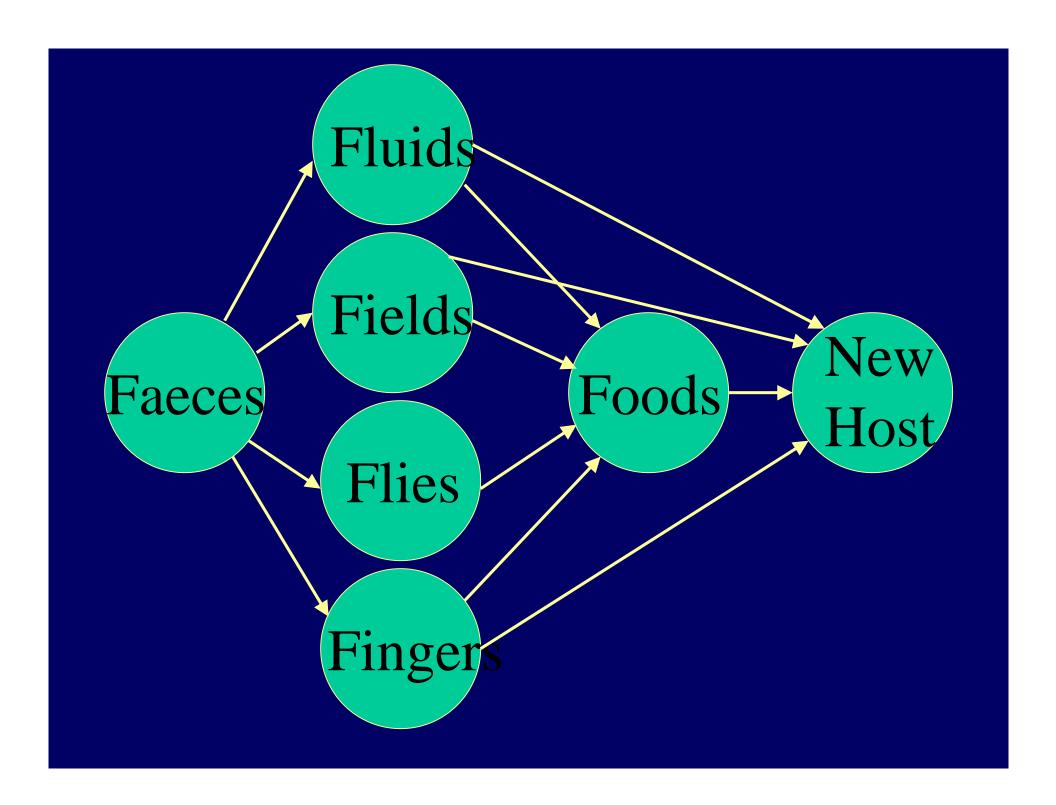


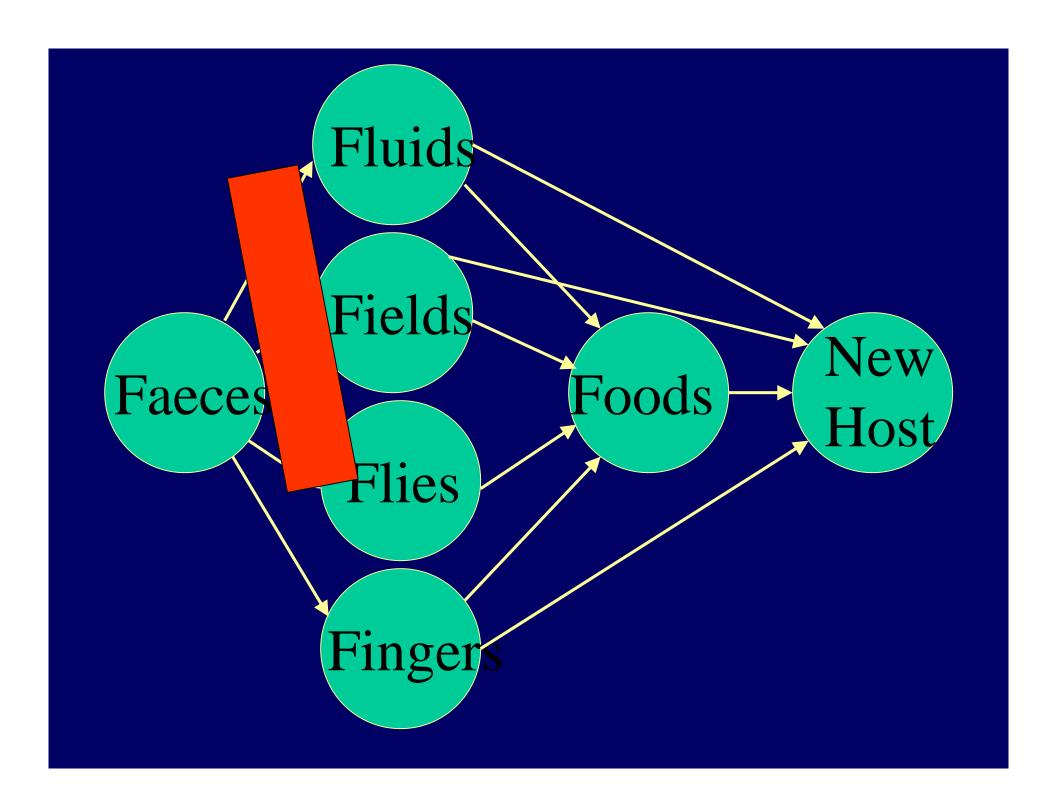
Universal sanitation and handwashing could together eliminate almost all gastroenteric infection

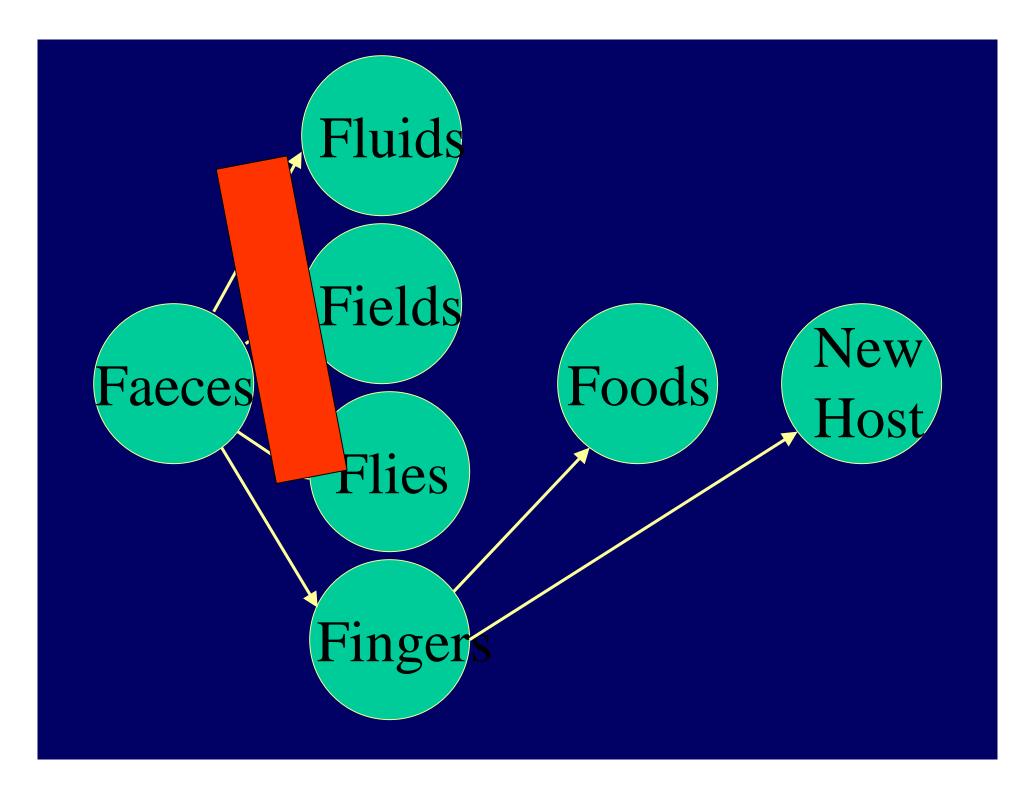


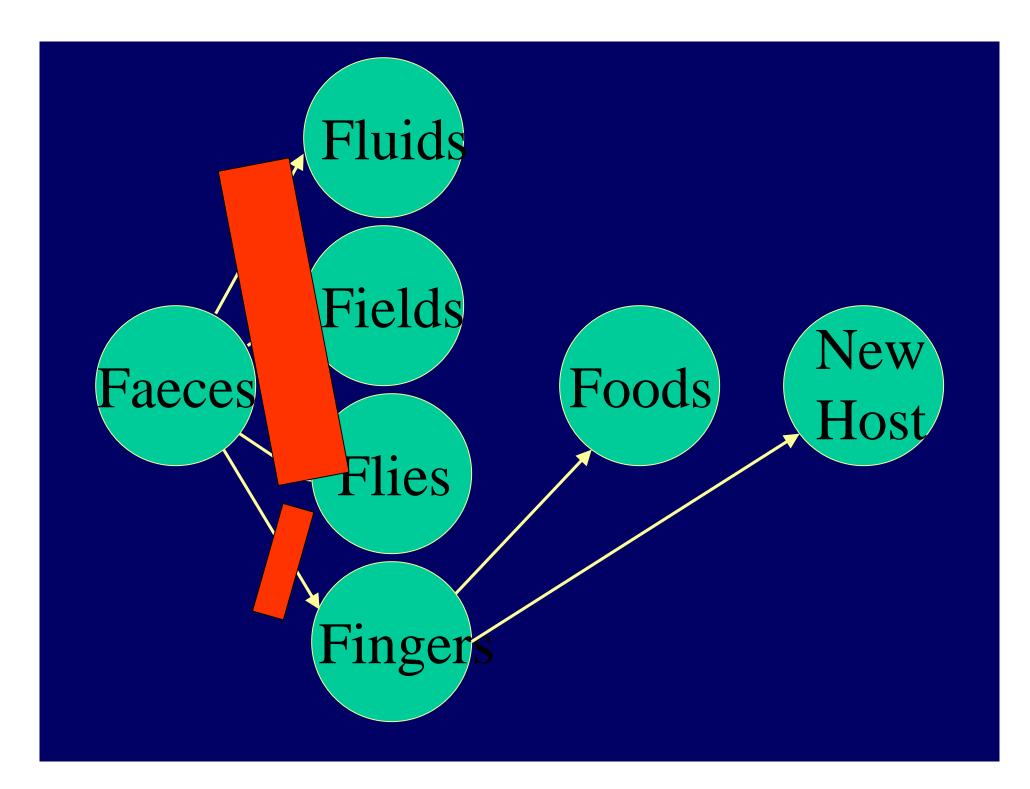


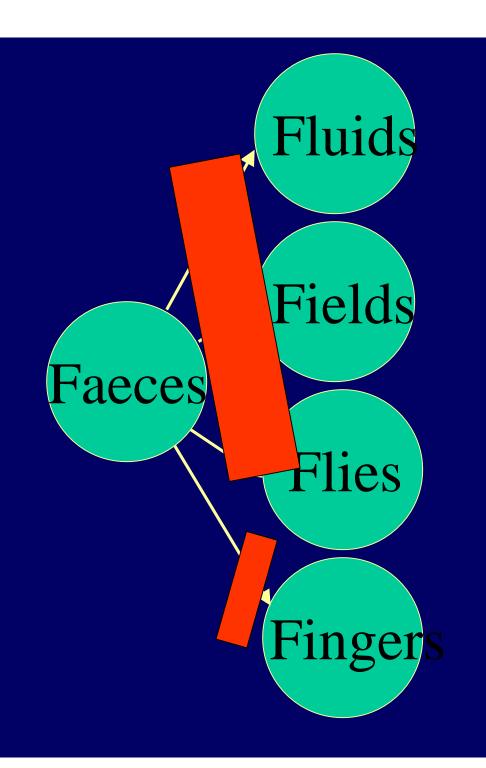










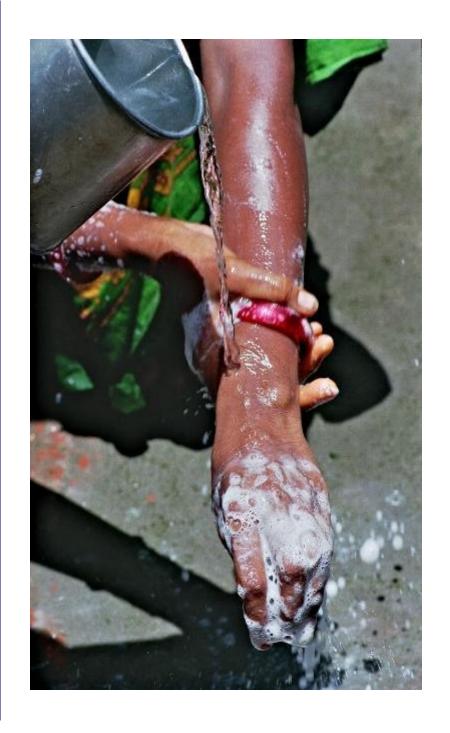






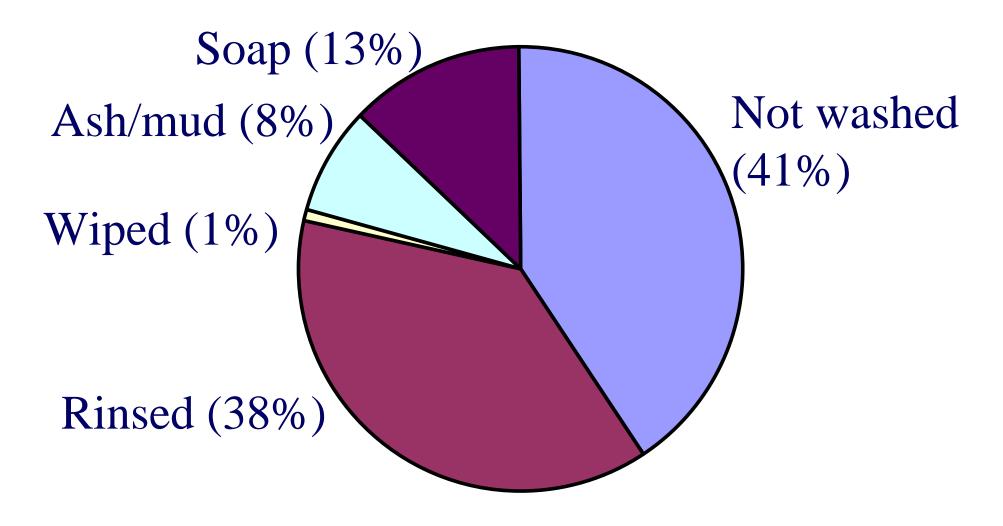
Study	Location	Diarrhoea incidence reduction
Black, 1981	US Day-care	48%
Khan, 1989	Bangladesh	35%
Han, 1989	Burma	30%
Shahid, 1996	Bangladesh	62%
Barros, 1999	Brazil Day-care	33%
Average		42%

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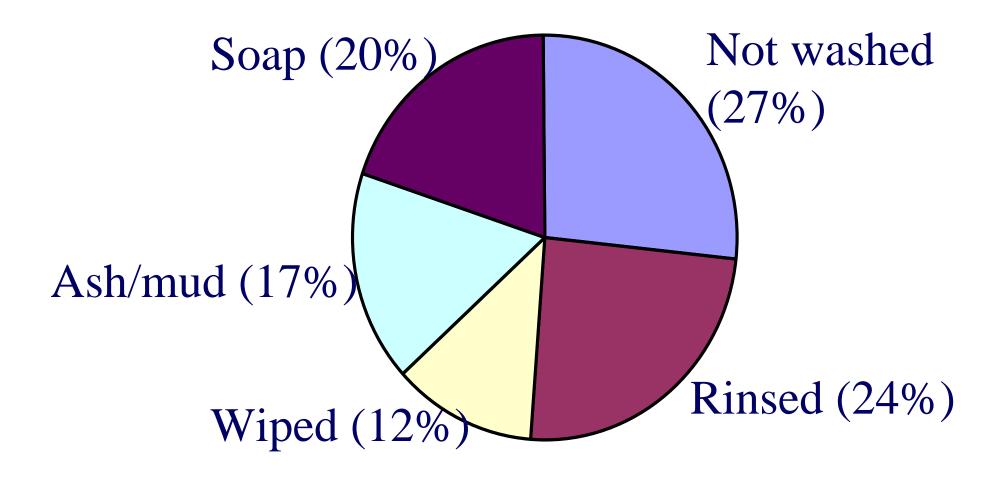


But:

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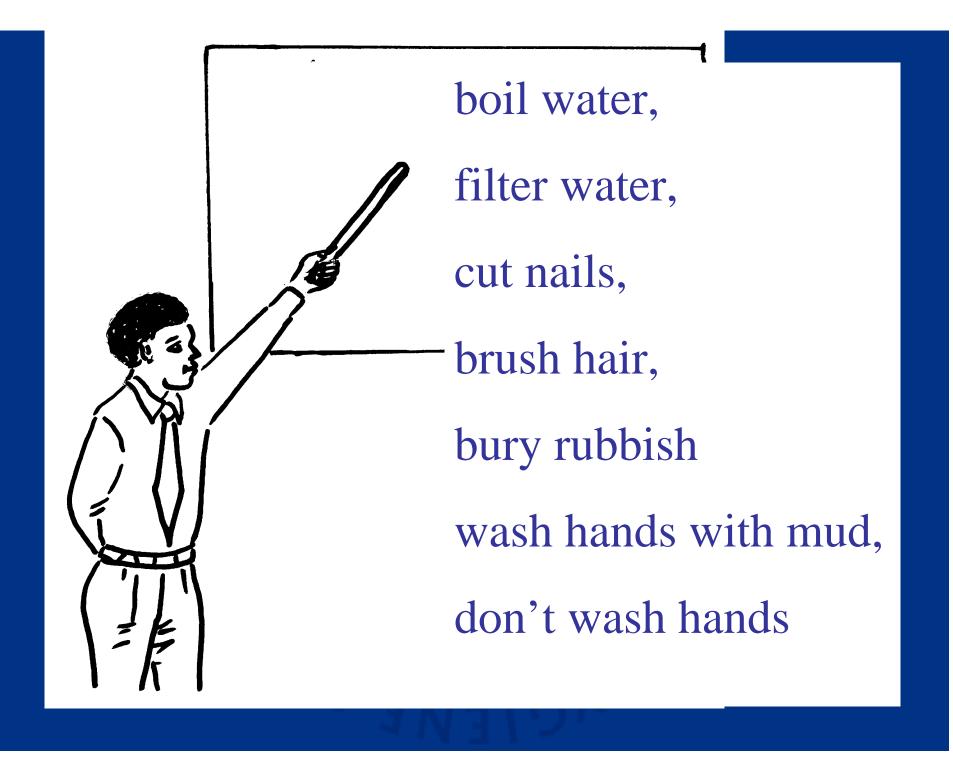
Mother's handwashing with soap after

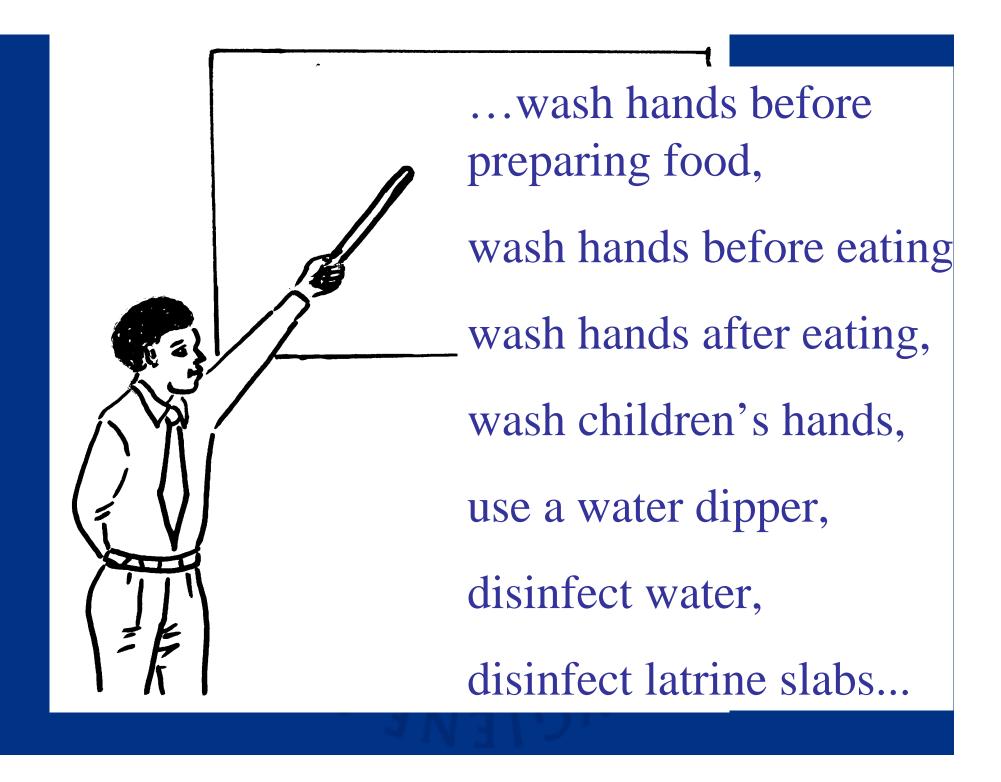
toilet cleaning child

Lucknow 20% 13%

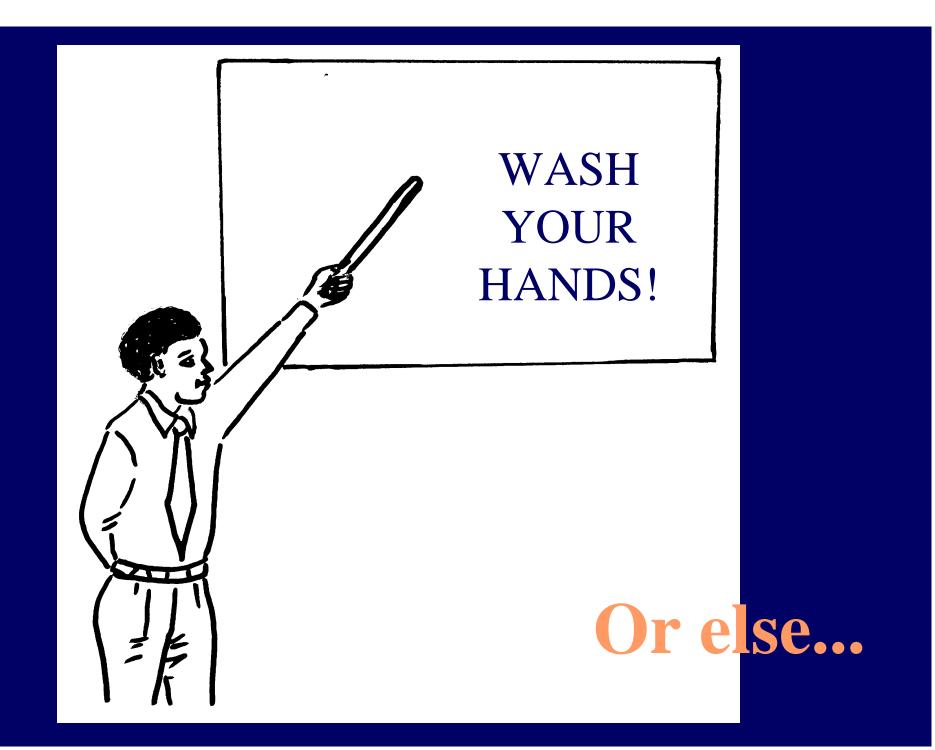
Burkina Faso 1% 13%

Kyrgyzstan 18% 0%









"Everybody wants to be clean"





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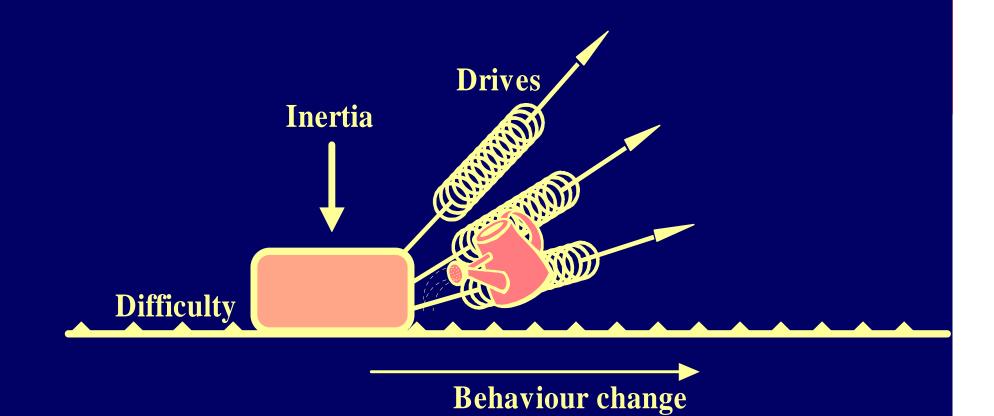
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Hygiene motivation

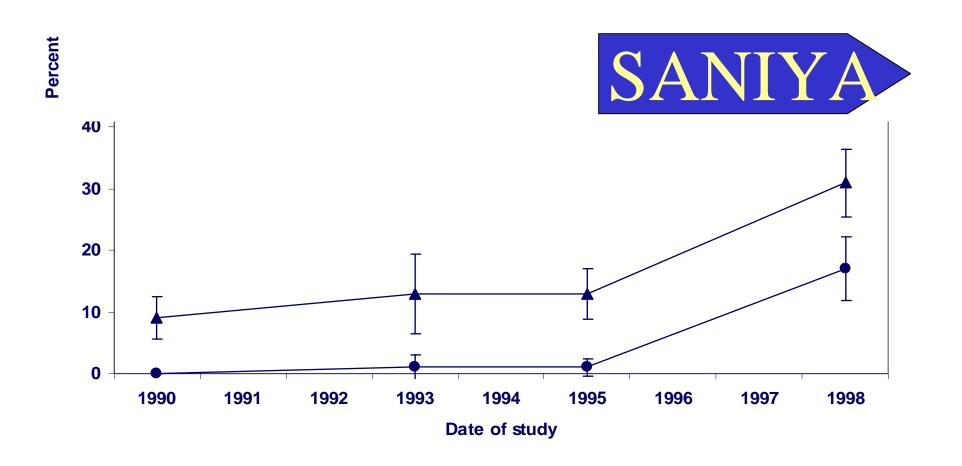
- nurture
- disgust
- aesthetics
- order
- respect/dignity



IF:

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Observed rates of handwashing with soap over five years prior to and three years of the hygiene intervention in Burkina Faso (Curtis et al, Bull WHO)



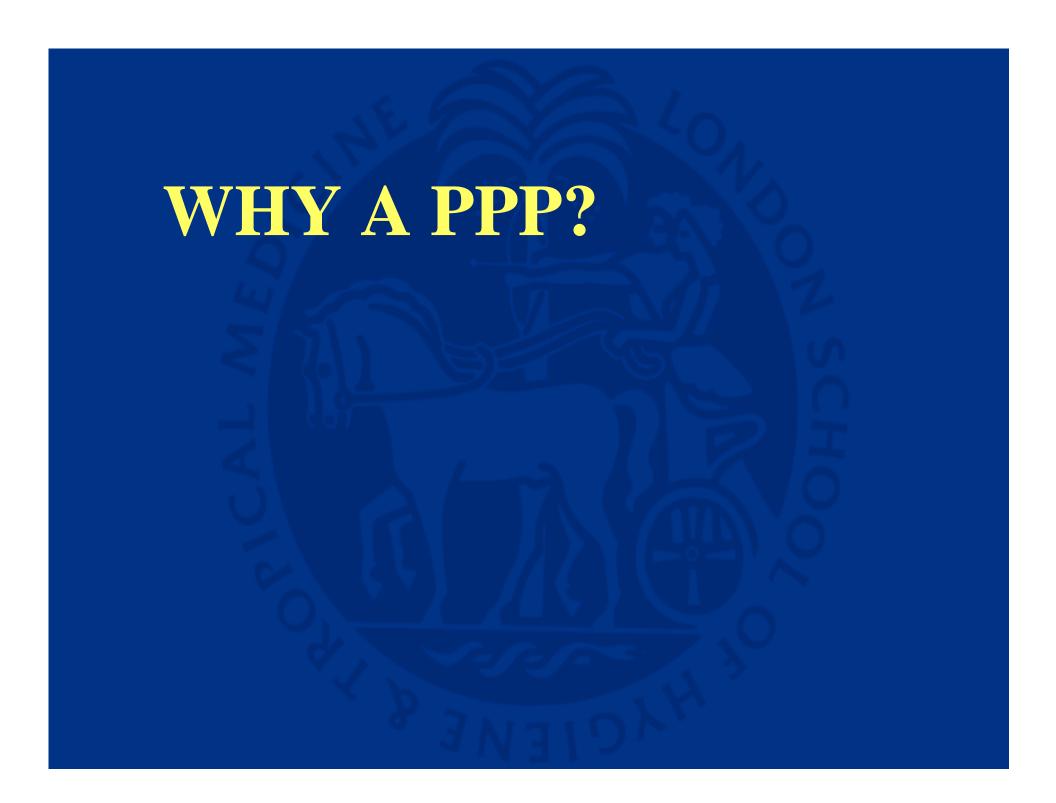
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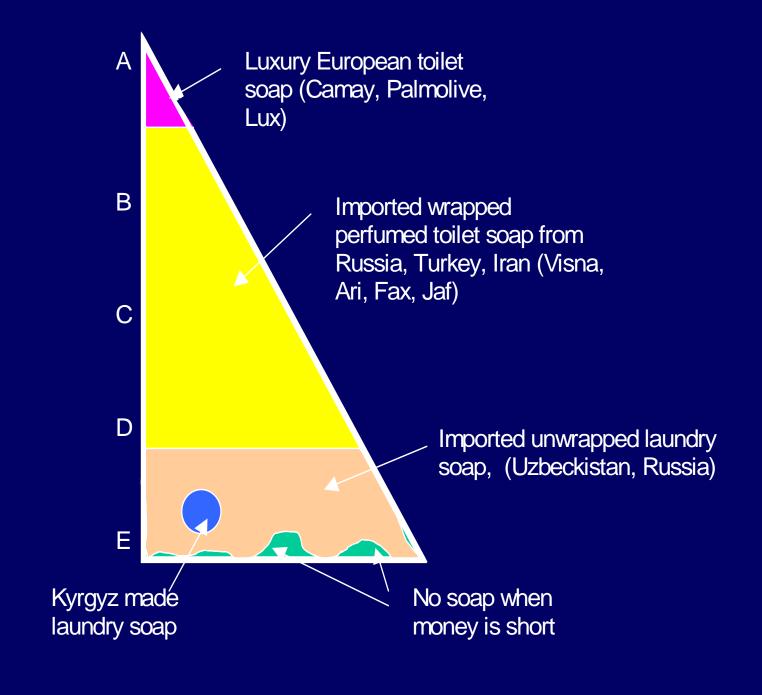
• And handwashing interventions are effective, attractive, feasible and cost-effective

THEN:

• This represents a huge potential opportunity







In most countries

- Soap is positioned as a beauty product
- Soap is bought as a laundry product

Current volume of toilet soap in India 0.5mT/a.

If 70% of the Indian population washed their hands with soap twice a day

Future volume: 0.7mT/a.

Benefits to industry:

- Soap volume
- Insight into future markets
- Enhanced image
- Motivation
- Shared risk

Benefits to public health:

• Substantial reduction in diarrhoeal diseases

Resources

Expertise

Steps:

- Set up HW PPPs in Ghana and Kerala
- Understand PPPs
- Learn from BASICS
- Understand the global soap market
- Document, disseminate, network, expand

Kerala and Ghana RWSS agencies:

- consumer study
- market insight
- form partnerships

Pitfalls and caveats

- ethics and temptations
- governance and transparence
- 2 cultures

The challenge:

Massively expand the use of soap in handwashing via a public-private partnership

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