

2.2 Sphere and Water & Sanitation

Trainer's Note

Session at a Glance:

Content	Activity	Time
1 Introduction	Brief Oral Presentation	5 minutes
2 Review of Sphere standards	OH presentation with facilitated plenary discussion	30 minutes
3 Visualizing the indicators	OH presentation with mini-exercises	50 minutes
4 Conclusions	Brief Oral summary of main points	5 minutes
Total Session Time: 90 minutes		

Required Materials: 2.2 OH set, well-marked Sphere book (chapter 1), flipcharts, calculators for quick exercises

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1. Introduction – 5 minutes

This session, like the other “Sphere and...” sessions that follow, is intended to make participants open, read, understand, and work with the Sphere Standards and Indicators for this chapter. It is useful at this point to remind the participants that although this is a very useful tool, it is still far from perfect. One way to encourage closer reading of the text and better understanding of its uses and limitations is to challenge the readers to find errors, and or points that they find confusing or difficult to understand.

2. Review of Sphere Standards – 30 minutes

This part of the session is designed to “walk them through” each of the standards in this sector. It is sometimes useful to have different participants read them out and then recompose them in their own words to ensure that they are clear and that the whole group understands the main points of each standard. In every case, challenge the group to “test” the standard to see whether or not they agree that they are in fact, universal in nature and globally applicable.

3. Visualizing the Indicators – 50 minutes

The point of this part of the session is to make the indicators “come alive” for the participants. It should be very graphic. If you have any other props to bring to the session (tapstand hardware, VIP latrine diagrams, empty jerry cans for illustration - or better – full ones to illustrate their weight) use them. Use the questions in the presentation to get active participation from the group. It will be very useful to have several pocket calculators on hand for participants to work out several of the calculations involved in using some of the numerical indicators.

4. Conclusions – 5 minutes

While not perfect, the Sphere Standards and Indicators provide a very useful guide for designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating water and sanitation systems. Review any questions or problems participants may have found in the chapter.