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Main types of drinking water source, by proportion of assessed settlements:

- Unprotected well: 50%
- Protected well: 17%
- River or stream: 13%
- Borehole: 5%
- Tap stand: 2%
- Other: 1%

Proportion of people who are using latrines reported by assessed settlements where latrines usage was reported (73%):

- All: 28%
- More than half: 20%
- Around half: 16%
- Less than half: 28%

Main reason reported why people were not using latrines, of assessed settlements reporting some or all people were not using latrines (69%):

- None available: 39%
- Destroyed by conflict: 24%
- Not safe to walk to or use: 1%
- Not functional: 1%
- Cultural reasons: 1%

Main materials used for handwashing, by proportion of assessed settlements:

- Only water: 55%
- Ash with water: 18%
- Soap with water: 7%
- Sand with water: 7%
- Do not wash hands: 3%
- Other: 2%

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