

# Hygiene III

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# Handwashing with soap after toilet/cleaning child

- Burkina 1% and 13%
- Ghana 4% and 2%
- Nigeria – and 10%
- Brazil – and 16%
- Peru 6% and 30%
- Kyrgyzstan 18% and 0%
- N. England 80% and 47%



# In the last 10-15 years hygiene has moved up the health agenda

What has brought about the change ?

- Infectious disease trends have increased for some agents
- Food borne disease remains at unacceptably high levels
- Person-to-person transmission is now seen a significant cause of spread of infectious intestinal & respiratory diseases
- Antibiotic resistant strains - need to prevent spread
- Viral agents - not treatable with antibiotics
- Ongoing emergence of new hazardous agents, e.g SARS
- “at risk” groups in the home and community:
  - elderly, very young, immune-compromised
  - up to 1 in 7 people in US belong to an “at risk” group

**Good hygiene practice is key to reducing these risks  
- in many cases the first line of defence**