

Highlights and New Resources from the WASHplus Project and its Partners

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WASHplus Program Updates



Zambian Girl Guides presented a poem on their right to quality education and school WASH facilities at the Eastern Province Indaba meeting.

Indaba Makes a SPLASH in Zambia

WASHplus joined forces with UNICEF in September to host the SPLASH (Schools Promoting Learning Achievement through Sanitation and Hygiene) Eastern Province School WASH Indaba, a multistakeholder strategic planning meeting. This Indaba brought together nearly 100 government and nongovernment partners and stakeholders in school WASH at the provincial level and provided a platform for coordination, contribution, and capacity building. Participants identified 16 areas of common ground, with adequate WASH facilities in all schools topping the list.

Other recent activities included the design and implementation of USAID/Zambia's first ever paperless baseline survey using tablets, which will help SPLASH accomplish another priority item of the Indaba—creating and harmonizing a school WASH database. Smaller mini-Indabas were also held in the two SPLASH districts to establish common ground and develop the groundwork for the school activities planned at the district level. More on [Indaba](#).

Bangladesh—Consumer Cookstove Needs Evaluated

The WASHplus cookstove (ICS) consumer needs, preferences, and willingness to pay assessment in Bangladesh (funded by USAID/Bangladesh's Economic Growth Office) is expected to



WASHplus is a five-year project funded through USAID's Bureau for Global Health that supports healthy households and communities by developing and implementing interventions that lead to improvements in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and indoor air pollution (IAP) activities.

Events and Resources Integrating Sanitation into Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS

This new publication from the C-Change and WASHplus projects offers guidelines and tools, examples of how countries have integrated sanitation into their HIV programming, and a suggested list of in-country partners. Read it [here](#).

Two WASHplus team members participated in the **19th International AIDS Conference** held in Washington, DC, in July. Julia Rosenbaum and Renuka Bery presented on a panel entitled **Poop and People/Taps and**

start up this month. The WASHplus team identified fuelwood-dependent stove trial locations and finalized the study design and tools, which are expected to be approved by the review board very soon. While preparing for the assessment, the WASHplus team discovered that fuel combination usage varies significantly by region and that the locally produced ICS model currently promoted in Bangladesh is rudimentary in design and performance; few other options are currently available. This activity will contribute to a broader USAID clean energy investment program, Catalyzing Clean Energy in Bangladesh.

Kenya—Supporting WASH/HIV Integration

In July WASH-HIV integration activities in Kenya changed hands from the C-Change project to WASHplus. Since then, WASHplus has hosted and provided technical support to a number of integration-related training sessions—facilitator training for implementing organizations, capacity-building training for community health extension workers specializing in home-based care, and training of trainers affiliated with organizations implementing programs supported by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Department of Defense. Participants left the workshops with implementation plans in hand. With WASHplus support the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation organized provincial Interagency Coordinating Committee meetings in both Eastern and Nyanza provinces. The meetings focused on accelerating community-led sanitation (CLTS) approaches to meet ministry open defecation free targets by 2013. In addition, the Kswahili training guide and counseling cards were finalized and are now being distributed. Available in English [here](#) and Kswahili [here](#). Related training guide is [here](#).

Madagascar—From Sanitation to WASH-Everywhere

USAID-supported Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP) activities carried out over the past year in collaboration with WASHplus are winding down. These activities included the construction of water kiosks and production and promotion of the sale of latrine slabs (SanPlats) in peri-urban areas around the capital city, Antananarivo (Tana). WSUP has also been promoting the WASHplus “WASH-Everywhere” strategy together with partners CARE and WaterAid to encourage schools and other institutions to become WASH-friendly by providing clean latrines, hand washing stations, and safe drinking water.

While the WSUP collaboration is coming to a close, a new collaboration with Practica is getting underway with the launch a pilot activity that will test the feasibility of options for fecal sludge removal as a business. This pilot builds on an earlier Practica [assessment](#) about sludge removal options in Madagascar that WASHplus supported last year. In addition, the WASHplus team in Madagascar also recently completed the rehabilitation of two

Toilets. [Presentation](#). Ms. Bery also presented at a satellite session on **Integrated Approaches, Local Solutions: Integrating WASH into HIV Programming.** [Presentation](#).

WASHplus was featured in the August 2012 issue of USAID's *Global Waters* e-zine. The article, which starts on page 23, highlights WASHplus programs and approaches. Read it [here](#).



Global Handwashing Day is October 15. Are you ready? You can find the latest information about hand washing and hygiene and resources for Global Handwashing Day activities [here](#). And try your hand at the **World WASH Up** Twitter/Facebook [game](#) and get out the word about why hand washing with soap is so important.

The Global Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing (PPPHW) and its partners hosted 30 experts working on behavior change for a Handwashing Think Tank from June 20-21, 2012, in New York City. Participants came

WASH blocks (public or privately managed community facilities with toilets and showers) in the Tana area.



A WASH block constructed by WASHplus in the Nanisana area of Tana.

Resource Partner Highlights

Envirofit—Announcing a \$500,000 Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge. Envirofit is expanding access to clean cookstoves throughout Africa and has put out a request for proposals for marketing, sales, and distribution partners. Read [more](#).

IDEO.org—Designing Solar Energy Systems for Off-Grid Locations. IDEO.org is working with d.light to define future product opportunities for consumer solar energy. Read [more](#).

Procter & Gamble—Delivers 5 Billionth Liter of Clean Drinking Water. P&G announces a milestone in their effort to save one life every hour. Read [more](#).

together to take stock of the best, identify the gaps, and articulate the way forward for hand washing behavior change. On July 17, PPPHW with support from WASHplus, hosted a [webinar](#) to share highlights from the think tank meeting and next steps.

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