

Training Workshop: Community WASH Promotion

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Workshop Description

The role of the Community WASH Promoter is important for the successful implementation of any water, sanitation, or hygiene (WASH) initiative. Through this workshop, participants will gain a clear understanding of the best practices for supporting community members in changing their WASH behaviours.

This workshop has three modules: Foundation, Technical, and Practical. The workshop begins with an exploration of the importance of WASH, its benefits, and the challenges of achieving behaviour change. It then covers the more technical aspects of WASH; with focus on household water treatment and safe storage, latrines, various hygiene issues, and gender. It includes the technology, installation, operation and maintenance of stainless steel biosand filter 'JalKalp'. The last module is very practical and outlines the steps and strategies for effectively working with households and community members.

Objectives

The overall goal for this workshop is for participants to be able to motivate community members to practice effective WASH behaviours.

Upon completion of the workshop participants will be able to:

- Explain how WASH impacts life and livelihood
- Identify factors which influence behaviour
- Describe the role of a Community WASH Promoter
- Verify the correct, consistent, and continued use and maintenance of household water treatment and safe storage technologies, latrines, and handwashing stations
- Identify WASH Issues in a household
- Use effective questions to gain a better understanding of environmental and personal factors that contribute to specific WASH behaviours in a household
- Discuss different strategies to influence behaviour change
- Discuss ways to be more inclusive in providing WASH services

- Use forms to monitor behaviour change in achieving WASH for Healthy Homes
- Collaborate with household members in making commitments
- Demonstrate an effective household visit

Methods of Instruction

The participatory workshop includes theory, activities, role plays, demonstrations, open discussion, scenarios, and case studies. Active participant engagement in all learning activities is encouraged.

Content

The following is a list of the topics covered in the workshop. The elective options in module 2 and the final agenda will be selected based on consultations with the organizer and participants.

Module 1: Foundation

- What is WASH?
- Why WASH Matters - Global and Local Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Issues
- Benefits of Adopting WASH Practices
- Factors that Influence Behaviour
- Role of a Community WASH Promoter

Module 2: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- Water: How Water Gets Contaminated
- Water: The Multi-Barrier Approach
- Water: Correct, Consistent, and Continued use of household water treatment technology (Options: Biosand filter, ceramic pot filter, ceramic candle filter, chlorine, SODIS, and a blank template for a technology not listed above)
- Water: Biosand Filter technology, installation, operation and maintenance
- Water: Safe Water Storage and Handling
- Sanitation: The Sanitation Ladder
- Sanitation: Correct Use and Maintenance of Latrines
- Hygiene: Handwashing
- Hygiene: Food Hygiene

- Environmental Sanitation

Module 3: Practical

- Gender and WASH
- Basic Principles of a Household Visit
- Identifying and Prioritizing WASH Issues
- Making Commitments with Households
- Monitoring for Healthy Homes
- Role Playing Household Visit
- Action Planning

Participants

Participants may be individuals or groups who are:

- Community leaders, WASH or health promoters, or individuals in the community who have a desire to teach others about water, sanitation and hygiene
- Individuals motivated to improve the water, hygiene, and sanitation situation in their communities
- Project managers who will train, manage and monitor community WASH promoters
- Technicians who interact with households

The ideal participants:

- Have an interest in improving the lives of others in their communities
- Have current skills in presenting, educating, listening, and working with the community
- Have a basic understanding of the importance of safe water for health

Participation by women is encouraged. Preferably, two to five people from each organization would attend to ensure that they learn together and benefit most from the workshop.

Training Materials

The following materials will be provided:

- Monitoring Forms for WASH for Healthy Homes