



## A Morning of Systems – Part II

Translating WASH Systems into Practice: What can we contribute? What are the learnings? How can we better work together?

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# System



*“An interconnected set of **elements** that is coherently organized in a way that it achieves something.”* (Donella Meadows, 2008)

“Modern societies are, by definition, made up of complex and interlinked systems of people, laws, political and financial institutions, private companies, technologies, markets and regulations all constantly interacting, both formally and informally and responding to different sets of incentives, sanctions and influences. (...)” (Agenda for Change, 2018)

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Elevator Pitches
- New Development and Learnings
- Table Discussions
- Online Polling and Closing Remarks



# How to participate in online polling “Slido”

- 1) Open [sli.do](https://sli.do) in our browser
- 2) Type in the entry code: **WASHsys**
- 3) Wait for the moderator to start the online polling
- 4) Type in your answer and click send

→ *No need to install anything on your device*



# Sustainable WASH Systems Learning Partnership (SWS)



**USAID**  
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



- Aims:
  - Test, research and learn about systems approaches and models to improve the sustainability of WASH services
  - Develop guidance and evidence regarding how to use these effectively
  - Influence USAID to help improve the sustainability of future WASH programs
  - Catalyze national and international uptake of successful systems change approaches
- Learning about:
  - 1) System-based approaches and systems analysis tools
  - 2) Models and approaches for sustaining services preventive maintenance, learning alliances and collective action
  - 3) How to apply these approaches and models within WASH sector programming
- Subsectors: rural sanitation, small town sanitation and rural water
- Working with local and national governments in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda

# Sustainable Services Initiative (SSI)

## ➤ Aim:

- create an enabling environment to scale WASH systems thinking

## ➤ Focus Areas:

- WASH programming towards improved nutrition, therefore focus on the integration of sanitation and hygiene
- WASH systems approach in fragile contexts
- Development of conceptual materials to advance sector discussions
- Advocacy and influencing of organisations and donors

## ➤ Working in Ethiopia, Nepal and Uganda



# Agenda for Change



## **WHAT ARE WE?**

Collaboration of organizations committed to applying systems approaches to effectively meet SDG6 in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Modeling success at a district-level while expanding to national-level impact based on the foundational building blocks of Sanitation and Water For All (SWA).

## **HOW ARE WE DOING IT?**

### **ROADMAP**

Institutional arrangements and coordination • Service delivery infrastructure • Monitoring  
• Planning • Water Resource Management • Finance • Regulation and accountability •  
Learning and adaptation

# Promoting Sustainable WASH at Scale (SusWASH)

SusWASH has been designed to tackle systemic blockages to WASH sustainability.

- **Aim :**
  - Strengthen sector **coordination** and government capacity to **monitor, plan** and **budget** for WASH
  - Enhance **accountability** mechanisms and **empower citizens** to demand WASH services
  - Demonstrate sustainable models and approaches of **service delivery** and behavior change
  - Document and share learning to **influence** other WASH sector actors and the global sustainability agenda
- **SusWASH in Ethiopia (Cambodia, Uganda and Pakistan)**
  - Test innovative models and approaches for costing and managing rural water supply systems e.g.: Life Cycle Cost Approach, management models
  - Develop the districts asset inventory for effective district planning and resourcing
  - District wide approach to develop One WASH Woreda plans, budgets inclusive of post implementation support
  - Working with government and civil society to strengthen citizen representation and voice through establishment of community platforms e.g.: Community Score Cards

# Conrad N. Hilton Foundation – Safe Water Strategy (SWS)



- Embraces SDG 6 and driving impact at the district level.
- Advances proven and promising solutions and models to improve the quality of water services.
- Strengthen water governance and in-country systems to improve the sustainability of quality services.
- Build and disseminate credible and actionable evidence to galvanize focus on what works.
- Incentivizes development partners – government, private sector and civil society – to collaborate more effectively with one another to design, test and implement different approaches for systems strengthening.

# Table Discussions



- **Table 1: Transformation processes within an organization**
  - What are the biggest challenges for your organisation to engage in system strengthening?
- **Table 2: Transformation process and success at national/district level**
  - What are easy wins and initial steps for systems strengthening in a given locality and how do you measure “strengthened systems”?
- **Table 3: Integration of sanitation and hygiene in WASH system strengthening**
  - What are the easy wins and initial steps for system strengthening in sanitation and hygiene?
- **Table 4: Transitional and fragile operational contexts**
  - How can you engage in system strengthening in transitional and fragile contexts?



Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA)

**Working Group 10 “Operation, maintenance and sustainable services”**

Tue 13:30 @ Freys Hotel

**Om (O&M) - the mantra for sustainable water/sanitation services**

Thu 14.00-15.30 @ FH Little Theatre

