



Webinar: Delivering Rural Sanitation Programs at Scale, with Equity and Sustainability. Rising up to the SDG Ambition A Call to Action

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Two billion people lack basic sanitation and 72 percent of them live in rural areas. At the current pace, universal access to safely managed sanitation will not become a reality until the 22nd century. Diseases linked to poor sanitation and hygiene hit children and the most vulnerable hardest – women and girls are affected disproportionately by poor access. Making sanitation and hygiene a political priority and investing the required resources remains a struggle for many countries. At the same time, donor expenditure for basic sanitation has been declining since 2015. Although successes have been achieved, past programs have not yet managed to deliver equitable and sustainable results at scale. In October, a call to action was launched calling on all stakeholders to renew their commitment to rural sanitation and hygiene and step up their ambitions and investments and apply five basic principles: government leadership, stakeholder alignment, area-wide programming, inclusive solutions, evidence-based and adaptive implementation.

In this webinar, chaired by Anne Mutta, SNV, Andrés Hueso from WaterAid will explain more about the call to action and the principles. Furthermore, we will hear from Mr. Kamal Adhikari from the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management of Nepal and Mr. Issa M. Msumari from Arusha district in Tanzania how they managed to make progress on rural sanitation over the recent years and what the principles mean in their context.



Anne Mutta (chair)

Multi-country programme manager of the Sustainable Sanitation and Hygiene for All Results programme at SNV

Anne Mutta is multi-country programme manager of SNV's largest Payment by Results (PbR) programme to date – a multi-million programme that increased sanitation access by more than 2.5 million people across Africa and Nepal. Anne, based in Kenya, has 20 solid years of experience leading action-oriented and evidence-based WASH programmes.



Andrés Hueso (speaker)

Senior Policy Analyst Sanitation at WaterAid

Andrés Hueso provides strategic leadership to WaterAid's global sanitation research and advocacy. He combines an engineering background with several years as a development scholar, having conducted research in South America, Africa and South Asia. Active in the sanitation sector since 2009, he joined WaterAid in 2014. His PhD focused on rural sanitation in India. Current interests include: rural sanitation approaches, gender and sanitation, sanitation workers, sustainability of big sanitation systems.



Kamal Adhikari (speaker)

Sociologist, National Water Supply and Sanitation Training Centre, at Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management of Nepal

Mr. Adhikari has served with the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management of the Government of Nepal since 1999. Over this time, he contributed to formulate the national policies, master plan and guidelines on water supply and sanitation in Nepal. He has been widely engaged in sector strengthening, strategic planning, national and sub-national level trainings, project monitoring, research and development and knowledge management. He also has conducted research and studies on water supply, health, hygiene, sanitation and environment and has published papers and books on the topic. Mr Adhikari has a master's degree in Anthropology and bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Law.



Issa M. Msumari (speaker)

Arusha District Environmental Health Officer (DHO), Arusha, Tanzania

Issa M. Msumari has served as a DHO for 14 years in different districts. He heads the Preventive Health Department and provides strategic leadership and coordination of implementation of government and development partners interventions on sanitation and hygiene in the district. At the district level he is in charge of implementation of the government National Sanitation Campaign, the government leadership advocacy and commitment drive of "Niko Tayari" (I am ready) to support Sanitation and the ongoing National BCC Campaign with a slogan "Nyumba Ni Choo" (A house is not complete without a toilet). He has worked and coordinated implementation of interventions by many local and international NGOs including: ICF, Pathfinder International, Minnesota International Health volunteers, WaterAid, and SNV. He has extensive hands on experience on implementation of sanitation and hygiene interventions at the district and local level.



Rubika Shrestha (closing remarks)

Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, The World Bank

Rubika is a Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist in the World Bank, Country Office Nepal, and recently joined the Bank in May 2019. She has been working in the water supply, sanitation, and hygiene sector in Nepal since more than 10 years and have extensive practical experiences working in different capacities at Governmental and development organizations. She has engaged in improving access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene in the rural communities of Nepal through context-specific WASH project design, planning, implementation, capacity building, monitoring, database management, and reporting. She also contributed to researches in drinking water quality managing different field activities at project sites, supporting different training, research questionaries' development, data management system. She has participated in the different forums at the national and international levels and presented about WASH/ Water sector in Nepal. She has pursued my bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Pulchowk Engineering Campus Kathmandu Nepal and MSc. in water resources management from Leuphana University, Suderburg Campus Germany.

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washmatters.wateraid.org/rural-sanitation-call
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