

STOP, COLLABORATE, AND SYSTEMS!

A QUARTERLY RESOURCE ROUNDUP FROM AGENDA FOR CHANGE



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INTRODUCING THE RESOURCE ROUND-UP!

A new, quarterly* document featuring content on systems strengthening, curated from Agenda for Change members and external systems actors.

This document is meant to be useful to the following audiences:

- Readers who are just starting to learn about WASH systems strengthening;
- Readers who are starting to implement WASH systems strengthening and want to see practical examples from other stakeholders in the field; and
- Readers who are already implementing WASH systems strengthening at local or national levels and want to identify opportunities for country-level collaboration or mentorship.

*This issue will also highlight content from 2019.

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All resources are in English unless otherwise specified.



REPORTS



Strengthening water, sanitation, and hygiene systems: Concepts, examples, and experiences (Tillett, W., Huston, A., et al., 2020). Several Agenda for Change members document their experiences strengthening WASH systems across several countries including practical examples. [Learn more.](#)



Strengthening sanitation and hygiene in the WASH Systems conceptual framework (Gensch, R., and Tillett, W., 2019). An in-depth analysis of the eight building blocks used by Agenda for Change and proposals for adaptations to better reflect sanitation and hygiene. [Learn more.](#)



Application of the district-wide approach in 5 pilot districts of Rwanda: Lessons learned (Bakker, E., and Smits, S., 2020). Partners involved in the district-wide approach share their process and lessons learned across the following categories: relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. [Learn more.](#)



Beyond building blocks? Identifying and monitoring dynamic drivers of sector performance (WaterAid, 2019). Provides an assessment of approaches to monitoring systems change and associated risks, plus recommendations to drive change in a complex sector. [Learn more.](#)



Doing WASH well – a set of principles for implementing agencies and their evaluators (Carter et al., 2019). Presents a set of principles to guide WASH actors in forming an evaluation benchmark for good programming practice. [Learn more.](#)



Embracing complexity – Towards a shared understanding of funding systems change (McKinsey et al., 2019). A collection of insights from funders, intermediaries, and systems change leaders with five principles that funders can adopt to support systems change. [Learn more.](#)

TRAINING



WASH Systems Academy (IRC, 2019). A free, online course aimed at assisting WASH sector professionals to apply a WASH systems strengthening approach in their work. Includes multiple courses that can be done at your own pace: the basics, building blocks, finance, and more. [Learn more.](#)

VIDEOS & PODCASTS



Training on WASH Systems Strengthening (Water for Good and Water Mission, 2019). A 4-minute video from a collaborative workshop in Jinja, Uganda. [Learn more:](#) ([English](#))([Français](#))([Español](#)).

Understand Your Entry Points: How Admitting Failure Transforms Policy (CARE, 2019). A 12-minute podcast that highlights learning from failure in the School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene plus communities (SWASH+) project. [Learn more.](#)

BLOGS

Sustainable Services Initiative: Review and Upscaling Workshop in Kenya

(Aguaconsult, 2019). Reflections on a partner workshop in Makueni County, Kenya led by Aguaconsult and Welthungerhilfe under the Sustainable Services Initiative. [Learn more.](#)

From Solar Pumping Systems to WASH Systems Strengthening (Water for Good, 2019). Initial outcomes of the long-term technical assistance and learning partnership that has developed between Water for Good and Water Mission [Learn more.](#)

No short cuts: reaching scale takes time and persistence (Water For People, 2019). A blog focused on a sanitation marketing approach in the Musaffarpur district of Bihar, India. [Learn more.](#)

How Does Systems Change Really Happen? Four Key Insights (Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor, 2019). Shares four insights for embracing systems change towards delivering city-wide sanitation in Maputo, Mozambique and Lusaka, Zambia. [Learn more.](#)

Collective action towards WASH systems strengthening (Agenda for Change, 2019). Highlights five collaborative efforts of the collaboration to accelerate collective action in 2019. [Learn more.](#)

“Systemic Change? What Are You Talking About?” (Helvetas, 2019). A quick assessment of available materials and experiences suggest three key aspects of systemic change. [Learn more.](#)

What are collective action approaches anyway? (Millennium Water Alliance et al., 2019). Group reflections on collective action approaches and examples of collective action in the WASH sector. [Learn more.](#)



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PRESENTATIONS



Tackling the ‘Political Will’ Problem: How local leadership development has accelerated sanitation uptake in Cambodia (WaterSHED, 2019). A presentation on the Civic Champions sanitation leadership program in Cambodia. [Learn more.](#)

Left Behind: How Shut Off Laws Create Water Accessibility Traps and How to Fix It (CWSC, 2019). A presentation about the impact of local laws on equitable water service provision in Maryland, USA. [Learn more.](#)

BRIEFS



“Comités de Investigación” in Ecuador: Using data to make policy change (CARE, 2019). A 2-page brief on facilitating adaptation and resilience to climate change within the Pichincha province. [Learn more.](#)

Project WASH in Schools for Everyone / Project WISE (Splash, 2019). A 2-page brief on Project WISE implementation in government schools across Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Kolkata, India. [Learn more.](#)