



WASHplus: Supportive Environments for Healthy Households and Communities

About WASHplus

WASHplus is USAID's flagship global Environmental Health project. Led by FHI 360 in partnership with CARE, WASHplus promotes healthy households and communities by creating and delivering interventions that lead to significant improvements in access, practices, and health outcomes related to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and Household Air Pollution (HAP).

CARE provides technical support to USAID operating units across WASHplus in the areas of sanitation, innovation, knowledge management and the integration of WASH into other development sectors including primary education, neglected tropical diseases, and nutrition.

Objectives

- Reduce diarrheal disease and acute respiratory infections, the top two killers of children under five years of age globally
- Integrate WASH into existing education, HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, NTD and nutrition programs
- Build strong in-country partnerships to increase impact.
- Promote innovation in the WASH and HAP sectors.

Program Countries

Out of all the program countries in which WASHplus operates, CARE leads the implementation of activities in Mali and Zambia, focusing on integrating WASH into nutrition programming and WASH in schools.

Zambia

Since October 2011, CARE Zambia has partnered with FHI360 to improve student performance in primary schools in Zambia through WASH in schools.

SPLASH

The four year program known as Schools Promoting Learning Advancement through Sanitation and Hygiene (SPLASH) reaches more than 240,300 primary school pupils in four districts of the Eastern Province (Chipata, Mambwe, Chadiza and Lundazi). SPLASH works in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Local Government and Housing in 375 primary schools to improve WASH facilities such as boreholes and latrines and to also provide a comprehensive hygiene improvement program that promotes healthy habits such as treating drinking water and hand washing with soap.

Program Name:

WASHplus

Program Countries:

Benin, Burkina, Faso, Mali, Zambia, Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Uganda

Timeframe: Sept 2010 – Jul 2016

Budget: US\$ 12 million

Donor: USAID

Beneficiaries:

199,400

Zambians with access to improved drinking water

6,241

Households in Mali with newly constructed latrines

1,650

Households in Mali with newly rehabilitated latrines



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SPLASH Objectives

- Increase pupils' access to safe water and adequate sanitation
- Improve pupils' health, learning and performance
- Strengthen capacity of Parent Teacher Associations (PTA)
- Effectively operate and maintain water and sanitation facilities
- Organize financial participation from schools and local catchment areas to cover WASH costs



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In the past three years, SPLASH has provided access to safe drinking water and new latrine compartments for pupils and teachers. Facilities and activities to promote menstrual hygiene management are helping older girls miss fewer days of schools each month and stay in school longer. SPLASH trains teachers, PTA members and student leaders in School Led Total Sanitation, and develops WASH lessons and activities with educators through the official in-service teacher training system.

Mali

CARE Mali leads WASHplus' Integrating WASH and Nutrition project in Mali. The project aims to improve the nutritional status of children under five in 180 rural villages in three districts in the Mopti Region (Mopti, Bandiagara, and Bankass). The project focuses on integrating water, sanitation and hygiene practices into nutrition specific interventions at the community level and seeks to demonstrate a replicable model for how integrated WASH/nutrition programming can be effectively implemented by civil society agencies and local governments.



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By the end of fiscal year (FY) 2014, after less than one full year of an operational presence at the community level, the project has achieved the following illustrative results:

- Used the Community Led Total Sanitation plus (CLTS+) process in 180 villages
 - Constructed 6,241 improved latrines
 - Rehabilitated 1,538 latrines without subsidies
- Designed innovative low-cost latrine models for difficult soils (rocky, sandy and flood plains)
 - Recognized nationally as a success and incorporated into the national CLTS guide
- Introduced the small doable actions approach, including the development of a new compendium of WASH-Nutrition counseling cards
- Implemented a study on the opportunities for sanitation marketing and introduced new models of improved latrines in the urban centers of Mopti, Sevare and Bandiagara.
- Established a community-based system of screening children under five for malnutrition, which resulted in increased numbers of children receiving care and treatment.
- Reduced dropout rate at district malnutrition rehabilitation center in Bankass from 17% in December 2013 to 1% in September 2014



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