Providing Water and Sanitation in Uganda through Women

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Introduction

Integrated Water Resources Management and Sanitation contributes to:

* Poverty eradication
* Increase household productivity
* Improve service delivery
* Focuses attention to all members of society including marginalized groups

Which results in sustainable development.

If implemented at the lowest appropriate level (Dublin 2)
If done with the full and equal participation of women (Dublin 3)
The important role of women in Water and Sanitation

Activities that are undertaken by women
- drinking/food preparation
- care of domestic animals, crop irrigation
- personal hygiene
- care of the sick
- cleaning and washing
- waste disposal
The important role of women in Water and Sanitation

- Central role of women is often overlooked
- No voice in decision about the kind of services they receive
- Few women in decision making positions
- Water resource development too physical for women
- Girls are discouraged from science subjects
- Poor attitude towards women achievements
Consequences of women poor access to water and sanitation

- Danger in traveling long distances to access water
- Health hazard esp. during pregnancy
- Time-consuming and exhausting work of water collection
- Girls restricted from attending schools
- Women violated while looking for latrines
Consequences of women poor access to water and sanitation

- Suffer gastric disorder
- Lack of privacy and security
- Waterborne diseases through contaminated water
- Difficulties in handling HIV-patients
Bottom-up approach model

Activities from the Top

Grassroot Involvement

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Rights and Responsibilities

- Participation
- Decision making
- Ownership
- Institutionalised Process
- Clear Criteria, Target and output
- M&E
- Quality Control and Accountability

Sustainable institution
How can women be empowered?

- Adequate information concerning health conditions
- Sensitisation of women and men about importance of the inclusion of women in decision-making
- Improvement of economic status
- Training in various areas
Present Situation of Women Empowerment in Uganda

- Few women in decision-making processes or top management positions
- WRD too physical for women
- Girls are discouraged to attend scientific subjects
- Poor attitudes towards women achievements
Key Message from Uganda

Social mechanisms – capacity building and local empowerment are the key to successful sustainable technical solutions, however in practise often overlooked.