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## THE GERMAN WASH STAKEHOLDER LANDSCAPE

The WASH e-paper is an online magazine published at regular intervals in German and English. Each edition takes a closer look at a current key issue in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector and related areas. It also provides updates on forthcoming national and international events, highlights current publications and projects, and reports on news from the sector. The WASH e-paper is published by the <u>German Toilet</u> <u>Organization</u> in close cooperation with the <u>German WASH Network</u> and the <u>Sustainable</u> <u>Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA)</u>.

## Issue no. 2

This second issue of the WASH e-paper represents a snapshot of the current **German WASH stakeholder landscape** in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian aid. It also provides a comprehensive overview of Germany's central public and civil society organisations, institutions and networks and the current focus of their work. We hope you enjoy reading this issue!

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## Ministries

BMZ M Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) I Division 312: Water; Urban Development; Transport BMZ draws up German development policy guidelines and strategies. It shapes long-term strategies for cooperation with a range of stakeholders and defines rules for their implementation. This groundwork forms the basis for the development of joint projects with the partner countries of German development cooperation (DC) and with international organisations active in the development policy arena. BMZ supports partner countries as they implement the Millennium Development Goals and the human right to water and sanitation. Germany is one of the largest bilateral donors in the water sector, and water is a priority area for German DC in 22 countries. About half of the resources it provides are dedicated to wastewater treatment and basic sanitation. Besides improving access to drinking water and sanitation, (cross-border) water resources management and links with other sectors, notably energy security and food security (the nexus perspective), now play an increasingly important role. Contact: Division 312: Water;, Urban Development ;Transport

#### BMZ W Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung

## Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) I Special Initiative: One World, No Hunger

Launched in 2014, the 'One World, No Hunger' special initiative focuses on eradicating chronic hunger and malnutrition. BMZ is also stepping up its work on healthy nutrition with this initiative. The aim is to focus greater attention in the future on the close links between food security and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). For instance, households affected by food insecurity are to receive targeted training on issues including balanced diets, food preparation, and hygiene practices, as well as the dietary needs of pregnant women, infants and small children.



## Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) I Division 404: United Nations (including responsibility for UNICEF)

In addition to joint work at political level, successful cooperation also takes the form of concrete action at national level, such as in Cambodia. GIZ is scaling up WASH in schools in the country on behalf of UNICEF. 'Fit for School', for instance, takes a holistic approach to improving sanitation and hygiene in schools and was developed by German development cooperation (DC) in the Philippines. Besides activities such as hand-washing and tooth-brushing, support for school

leaders also plays a significant role. UNICEF and GIZ have jointly developed the '3 Star Guide' based on this approach. This guide serves as a new standard in implementing UNICEF's 'WASH in Schools' programme. This approach has been adopted by UNICEF field offices and by other donors and implementing organisations and strengthens coordinated implementation in partner countries. **Contact:** Dr Angelika Stauder (UNICEF Desk Officer)

### Auswärtiges Amt

## Federal Foreign Office I Division for Humanitarian Assistance (Division S 05)

The Federal Foreign Office's Division for Humanitarian Assistance and Humanitarian Demining (S05) is responsible for the German Federal Government's humanitarian aid abroad. During a strategic reorganisation, the Federal Foreign Office decided to make WASH a priority area for German humanitarian aid abroad, alongside nutrition. In 2014, it developed the German Humanitarian WASH Strategy together with the German WASH Network. This strategy focuses on strengthening and developing local, national and international coordination structures and strategic partnerships, WASH capacity building, quality management and greater complementarity between humanitarian development-related WASH and measures. Contact: Björn Hofmann



## Federal Foreign Office I Division for Human Rights and Gender Issues (Division OR 06)

Protecting and promoting human rights is an important element in German foreign policy. This means that the German Government also acts to protect human rights within United Nations agencies. Most recently, the United Nations General Assembly recognised the right to water and sanitation, thereby raising international recognition of this right. Safeguarding this acquis and implementing this right will remain a priority area for German human rights policy. **Contact:** Thomas Rohland

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) I Division WRI1 (General, International and European Affairs in the Water Sector) and Division WRI4 (Cooperation in International River Basins, Water Management Conventions, International Water Protection Law) BMUB takes action around the world to implement clear objectives for the protection and sustainable management of water resources and to work towards providing universal access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation. BMUB's WASH activities focus on efforts to improve water quality by preventing and reducing pollution of surface water and groundwater. They do so by undertaking proper wastewater treatment and by protecting ecosystems that are fundamental to providing water of the necessary quality and in the necessary quantity. At UN level, BMUB is taking action within the context of the post-2015 agenda to ensure that these aspects are considered when developing the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and indicators. Improved monitoring and evaluation of water quality data also play a key role, including with regard to facilitating the measurement of future needs, progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and implementing the human right to drinking water and sanitation. To this end, BMUB supports the Global Environmental Monitoring System Water and work within the UNECE Water Convention Protocol on Water and Health. BMUB finances climate change adaptation projects on issues including water management through the International Climate Initiative.

Contact: Thomas Stratenwerth, Verena Klinger-Dering (WR1) and Heide Jekel (WR4)

## **Governmental implementing organisations**

**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

#### **GIZ International Water Policy sectoral project**

The sectoral project is a multi-regional project that advises BMZ on designing German development policy cooperation in the field of water and sanitation and on infrastructure issues. It mainly works in the following areas: (1) the human right to water supply and sanitation; (2) the water, energy and food security nexus; (3) water sector financing; (4) good governance in the water sector; and (5) sanitation and wastewater management. The sectoral project plays a key role in processing German and international experience in the water sector and the water, energy and food security nexus by advising BMZ and, through close cooperation with German implementing organisations, German civil society, the formal economy, German and international research institutions, and a large number of international organisations active in the water sector. It supports BMZ as it develops sector policy positions, strategies and innovative approaches to the issue of water security for German DC. It also supports key international processes, such as the post-2015 agenda and the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Contact: Dr Ulrike Pokorski da Cunha



**GIZ Sustainable Sanitation sectoral project** The Sustainable Sanitation sectoral project is responsible for advising BMZ on German development cooperation in the field of sanitation and wastewater management. It also works on behalf of BMZ to provide technical and methodological back-up for projects improving sanitation in developing countries. Projects are currently under way on four continents and in countries as diverse as Afghanistan, Bolivia, Burundi, India and Tanzania. The sectoral project also runs the secretariat of

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the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA). Founded in 2007, SuSanA is a network of more than 230 partner organisations whose goal is to improve the exchange of knowledge and experience on sustainable sanitation and raise political awareness. **Contact:** Dr Ame Panesar



#### **KfW Development Bank**

KfW has been active in the water sector on behalf of the German Government for many years. About 400 water projects worth EUR 6.2 billion in KfW funding are currently in progress. These projects reach a total of 120 million people. KfW is thus making a major contribution towards making Germany one of the largest donors in the water sector. **Contact:** Theodor Diekmann



#### Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)

BGR supports its partners in managing their groundwater resources sustainably. It focuses on the following tasks: (1) hydrogeological analyses and investigations; (2) monitoring the quality and quantity of groundwater; (3) drawing up water balances; (4) formulating and implementing groundwater protection guidelines; and (5) providing research-based policy advice at national level (water ministries and geological services) and across borders at regional level (to river basin commissions) on issues including adaptation to climate change. BGR works with local people and decision-makers to develop use strategies and instruments for hydrological planning on this basis. These strategies also take account of environmental and socio-economic conditions.

Contact: Vanessa Vaessen and Ramon Brentführer



#### Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW)

THW is the German Government's volunteer-based operational organisation and currently has about 80,000 volunteers nationwide. Its expertise and wide-ranging experience make THW a sought-after source of support for fire brigades, police forces, aid organisations and other agencies. THW is also deployed around the globe on behalf of the German Government. Its work includes technical and logistical assistance as part of the EU's Civil Protection Mechanism and on behalf of UN organisations. THW provides emergency relief in the areas of WASH after disasters through its 'Water and Sanitation Abroad' rapid deployment unit (SEEWA). The unit's deployment options include providing mobile drinking water treatment, analysing drinking water in a mobile laboratory, and repairing wells and water supply networks. Capacities for emergency sanitation relief are currently being developed, while major water supply and wastewater management construction projects are already being implemented as part of long-term projects.

Contact: Anne Zimmermann

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## Civil society stakeholders, networks and associations



#### German WASH Network

The German WASH Network is an initiative created by German NGOs that are active primarily in humanitarian emergency and transitional aid and in international development cooperation and that are involved in the area of WASH. The network's members currently include: action medeor, ADRA, ASB, arche noVa, BORDA, Care Deutschland, GTO, Ingenieure ohne Grenzen, Johanniter, Malteser International, NOAH Foundation, World Relief, SODI, UNICEF

Deutschland, Viva con Agua, WASH United, WECF, Welthungerhilfe and World Vision. Its member organisations share a vision of universal access to a sustainable and safe water supply and sanitation and autonomous compliance with basic principles of hygiene. At the core of the network's activities are the notion of further professionalisation in the sector through ongoing quality assurance, knowledge exchange and project partnerships, better interaction between emergency aid, transitional aid and development cooperation, and joint representation of interests and public relations. Contact: Johannes Rück and Robert Gensch



#### **Ecumenical Water Network (EWN)**

Founded in 2006, the EWN is a global network of churches and Christian organisations that work together to raise awareness and strengthen involvement in achieving the human right to water and sanitation. The Ecumenical Water Network arranges regional consultations in Africa, Asia and Latin America and briefs churches and encourages them to take a stance on the issues of water and toilets. During Lent, EWN invites people to take part in the 'Seven Weeks for Water' initiative. To this end, it draws up biblical and theological reflections on water for congregations. The EWN is also involved in current policy discussions surrounding the right to water and is active in lobbying and advocacy work. The Ecumenical Water Network is located at the World Council of Churches in Geneva. **Contact:** Dinesh Suna



#### Water Integrity Network (WIN)

The Water Integrity Network (WIN) is a network of organisations and individuals promoting water integrity to reduce corruption and improve water sector performance worldwide. WIN works to raise awareness of the impact of corruption, especially on the poor and disadvantaged. It advises, links and supports organisations and individuals who promote integrity in their own work and the work of the water sector worldwide. The network's vision is a world with equitable and sustained access to water and a clean environment in which people's everyday lives are no longer threatened by corruption, greed, dishonesty and abuse. **Contact**: Claire Grandadam



#### German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA)

DWA is a technical and scientific association that brings together professionals and experts in the German water and wastewater sector. It formulates technical standards and is involved in standardisation work. DWA briefs, advises and makes its network and experience available to other countries and associations. Its educational work fosters the development of individual and organisational skills, thus contributing towards the internationalisation of the water sector. Against a backdrop of climate and demographic change, DWA tackles alternative urban water infrastructure systems that are important to Germany and around the globe.

Contact: Roland Knitschky



#### German Water Partnership (GWP)

The goal of the German Water Partnership is to adapt tried and tested water extraction, water processing and wastewater treatment methods to conditions in other countries. It also aims to develop customised technologies and establish sustainable, resource-conserving water management around the globe. As a partner of the German Government, the German Water Partnership is the central point of contact and coordinating agency for German solutions and services. To this end, it clusters activities, information and innovation throughout the German water sector. 15 countries and regions form the focus of this 350-member partnership, which brings together water sector experts from the worlds of industry and research to contribute their expertise on water management, equipment, technology, service, operation, education, and research and undertake efficient and accurate individual work.

Contact: Christine von Lonski



#### **German Institute for Human Rights**

The Institute works to ensure that human rights are reflected in domestic and foreign policy decisions and that European and international human rights conventions are implemented in Germany. Between 2009 and 2014, it assisted and advised the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, Catarina de Albuquerque, with a project on the right to water and sanitation. A number of publications resulted, including the 2014 publication 'Water for Food: a Human Rights Obligation. How States can Manage Conflicts Between the Human Right to Water and the Human Right to Adequate Food'.

Contact: Michael Windfuhr



#### Green League I Water Policy Office

The Green League has its roots in the East German democracy movement and was established in 1990 as an environmental movement network. The Water Policy Office represents the Green League on water policy issues and coordinates policy briefs and position papers across associations, such as a position paper on environmentally sound basic sanitation (2008) issued by the German NGO Forum on Environment and Development. The Green League was one of the main supporters of the Berlin referendum on water privatisation in 2011 and of the first successful European citizens' initiative on the human right to water and basic sanitation in 2013. It is a partner of the German WASH Network, supports campaigns on the human right to water, and works on enshrining the notion of sustainable (i.e. in particular, environmentally sound) sanitation in political objectives, such as the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda. **Contact:** Michael Bender

## Forums in which Germany plays a special role



United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)

As an independent advisory body to the UN Secretary-General, UNSGAB has supported achievement of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) for water and sanitation since 2004. Since its inception, UNSGAB has provided active support for implementation of this goal with the Hashimoto Action Plan (HAP 1-3) and global advocacy campaigns, such as the International Year of Sanitation in 2008 and 'Sustainable Sanitation: the Drive to 2015'. It is also campaigning to enshrine more ambitious water and sanitation goals in the current Post-2015 Development Agenda process. Dr Uschi Eid, who served as parliamentary secretary of state in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) until 2005 and was the personal G8 Africa representative of former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, has been UNSGAB's chair since June 2014. **Contact:** Dr Uschi Eid



### Sanitation and Water for All Partnership (SWA)

Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) is a global multi-stakeholder partnership involving governments from developing countries, emerging economies and donor countries as well as development banks and representatives of civil society. The partnership's joint goal is to ensure access to a safe water supply and sanitation for all sectors of the population and to move closer to this goal through commitments by partner countries. SWA is considered the highest-level political WASH advocacy and coordination platform. Thilo Panzerbieter, the managing director of the German Toilet Organization and spokesperson for the German WASH network, is an elected representative of civil society organisations in the global north on SWA's steering committee.

Contact: Thilo Panzerbieter

## sustainable sanitation alliance

#### Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA)

Established in 2007, SuSanA is a network of more than 230 partner organisations worldwide that aims to improve the exchange of knowledge and experience relating to sustainable sanitation and to raise political awareness of these issues. The GIZ Sustainable Sanitation sector project has run SuSanA's secretariat since its creation. BMZ provides financial support for the secretariat. **Contact:** Trevor Surridge

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Members of the German Bundestag with links to WASH (The list does not claim to be exhaustive)



## Frank Heinrich (CDU)

- CDU / CSU parliamentary group rapporteur on water issues in the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Spokesperson for the parliamentary group on the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Substitute member of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development



## Michael Brandt (CDU)

- Chair of the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Member of the Budget Committee
- Member of the Board of Trustees for Federal Agency for Civic
  Education
- Member of the Board of Trustees for Aktion Deutschland hilft e.V.



## Dagmar Wöhrl (CSU)

- Chair of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and
  Development
- Member of the Subcommittee for the United Nations, International Organisations and Globalisation
- Member of the Board of Trustees for Aktion Deutschland hilft e.V.



## Gabriela Heinrich (SPD)

- SPD parliamentary group rapporteur on water issues in the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Member of the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian
  Aid
- Member of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Member of the Subcommittee for the United Nations, International Organisations and Globalisation



## Dr Sascha Raabe (SPD)

- Member of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Member of the Subcommittee for the United Nations, International Organisations and Globalisation
- Member of the GIZ Board of Trustees
- Member of the Advisory Council for the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)
- Member of Welthungerhilfe e.V



## Tom Koenigs (The Greens)

- Rapporteur for The Greens parliamentary group on the issue of water in the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Parliamentary group spokesperson on the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Member of the Subcommittee for the United Nations, International Organisations and Globalisation
- Member of the UNICEF Deutschland board



## Kordula Schulz-Asche (The Greens)

- Member of the Committee for Health
- Substitute member of the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Member of the GIZ Executive Committee



## **Uwe Kekeritz (The Greens)**

- Parliamentary group spokesperson on the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Substitute member of the Subcommittee for Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Networked Action
- Parliamentary group spokesperson on development policy



## Annette Groth (The Left Party)

- Parliamentary group rapporteur for The Left Party on water issues in the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
- Spokesperson for the parliamentary group on the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid and the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development
- Substitute member of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Substitute Member of the Subcommittee for the United Nations, International Organisations and Globalisation



## Niema Movassat (The Left Party)

- Parliamentary group spokesperson on the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Substitute member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
- Parliamentary group spokesperson on global nutrition
- Member of GIZ Board of Trustees

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## Calendar of key WASH events in 2015 / 2016

22-23 May 2015 Dakar, Senegal 19th SuSanA Meeting www.susana.org

25-27 May 2015AfricaSan 4Dakar, Senegalwww.africasan.com

6-8 May 2015	IE Expo (IFAT Asia)
Shanghai, China	http://www.ie-expo.com

18-21 May 2015IWA Nutrient Removal and Recovery ConferenceDanzig, Polandwww.nrr2015.org

28 May 2015 Menstrual Hygiene Day http://menstrualhygieneday.org

27-31 July 201538th WEDC ConferenceLoughborough, UKwww.wedcconference.co.uk

19-21 August 2015DT2015: Dry Toilet ConferenceTampere, Finland

www.huussi.net/en/activities/dt-2015



19 November 2015	World Toilet Day (Theme: WASH & Nutrition)
November 2015	UNSGAB Closing Event
18-21 November 2015	International Conference on Terra Preta Sanitation
Goa, India	www.terra-preta-sanitation.net
22 March 2016	World Water Day
April 2016	Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) High Level Meeting (tbc)
Washington, USA	sanitationandwaterforall.org
May 2016	World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey	www.worldhumanitariansummit.org

## **Recent WASH Publications**



## Women in Nepal: Leading Communities, Changing Lives.

Authors: Unnamed Publisher: WaterAid Nepal Year and place of publication: 2015, Nepal

WaterAid Nepal has compiled stories told by Nepali women who have taken part in WASH programmes. These women describe how transformation in their community has changed their own lives.



## Gender Issues in Water and Sanitation Programmes. Lessons from India.

Authors: A.A Cronin, P.K. Mehta, A. Prakash (eds.) Publisher: SAGE Publications Year and place of publication: 2015, India

Exclusion and unequal access to WASH services are key issues in development cooperation. At household level, WASH is often a task left to women and girls and frequently comes at the expense of their education, other income opportunities, and social, cultural and political inclusion. This book explores the WASH-gender nexus and highlights opportunities to improve gender outcomes and WASH impact in India.



# Frontiers of CLTS #4: Sustainability and CLTS - Taking Stock.

Authors: S. Cavil, R. Chambers, N. Vernon Publisher: Institute of Development Studies Year and place of publication: 2015, Brighton

Sustainability is one of the hottest topics in the CLTS approach and in the WASH sector as a whole. This issue of 'Frontiers of CLTS' attempts to compile results and reflect the current status quo based on recent research. The publication focuses on issues including sanitation marketing, post-ODF involvement of governments, NGOs and others, and safeguarding inclusion.



## Tapping the Market: Opportunities for Domestic Investments in Water and Sanitation for the Poor

Authors: J. Sy, R. Warner, J. Jamieson Publisher: World Bank Year and place of publication: 2014, Washington DC

Governments and the international community are trying to safeguard access to water supply and sanitation in the long term. However, countries often lack adequate capacity to meet the need for sustainable water and sanitation services through public resources alone. This publication depicts the private sector as an increasingly important WASH stakeholder and identifies opportunities that go well beyond service provision.



## **Compendium of Accessible WASH Technologies**

Authors: H. Jones, J. Wilbur Publisher: WaterAid, WEDC, Share Year and place of publication: 2014, UK

This practical compendium presents low-cost technologies that should improve access to WASH institutions at household level. This richly

illustrated publication outlines a range of options that facilitate access especially for people with disabilities, older people and vulnerable groups and evaluates their benefits and drawbacks, optimisation possibilities and costs.

### Geogenic Contamination Handbook.

Authors: C.A. Johnson, A. Bretzler (ed.) Publisher: eawag Year and place of publication: 2015, Dübendorf

About 300 million people around the world face the risk of arsenic and fluoride in their drinking water. Excessive intake of these chemicals over a long period of time causes a variety of illnesses, including cancer and dental fluorosis. For this handbook, EAWAG has developed a map with forecasts of water contamination based on measured data and geological and geochemical conditions. Its goal is to facilitate safe handling of geologically contaminated water used for drinking and cooking purposes.



#### Die Welt im Wasserstress (in German)

Authors: M. Gorsboth Publisher: Brot für die Welt Year and place of publication: 2015, Berlin (Deutschland)

This report looks at ten specific questions to show how inextricably water supply and the fight against hunger are linked, for example in the use of water for irrigation farming. Other key related topics are the interaction between clean drinking water and food, climate change, inland fishing, livestock farming, and virtual water imports.

## Recommended reading - our top five

This issue also presents the **top five books** recommended by a well-known sector expert. This time we asked **Stephan Simon** from **Welthungerhilfe** for his top five reading recommendations.

**Stephan Simon** has worked in development cooperation and humanitarian aid since 1999. Since 2009, he has coordinated Welthungerhilfe's WASH projects in more than 20 countries.. He is coauthor of the Orientation Framework: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, which sets quality benchmarks for Welthungerhilfe's work in the area of WASH.





WASH Technology Information Packages WASH Technology Information Package UNICEF

'As a non-engineer, I like to have an overview of potential WASH technology options. The WASH Technology Information Package provides very practical access to WASH technologies.'

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**Compendium of Sanitation Systems and Technologies** Eawag

'The Compendium offers a comprehensive and extremely systematic overview of technical options in the sanitation sector. This recently revised classic book from Eawag is a must-have.'



Technology Applicability Framework (TAF) WASHTech



'The Framework is a good aid to decision-making aid in relation to the suitability, scalability and sustainability of different WASH technology options to establish viable long-term WASH services for different contexts.'



## Sustainability Framework

WaterAid

'This WaterAid publication provides valuable suggestions for how to put in place permanent WASH services that cannot normally be achieved simply by providing hardware.'



Compendium on Accessible WASH Technologies WEDC, WaterAid, Share

'This publication contains an abundance of very good examples of improved access to WASH infrastructure for people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. It also impresses with meaningful illustrations.'

## Feedback and comments

We value your feedback. Please contact us if you have any general comments, suggestions or contributions for future editions.

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