WASH Systems Strengthening Approach

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Who we are
An international NGO working with governments, NGOs, entrepreneurs and people around the world.

Together we find and implement long-term solutions to make access to safe water and sanitation available for everyone, for good. We work in 6 focus countries: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, India and Uganda.

Theory of Change

Applying systems approaches and building WASH systems → Strong National and Local WASH Systems → WASH Services for Everyone → Improved health and wellbeing
WASH Systems described

All the networks of people, institutions, hardware and resources necessary to deliver WASH services.

Are interconnected, jointly produce a particular outcome
The WASH Systems Strengthening Approach

- Recognises that WASH service delivery depends on many interlinked elements, driven by social, financial, cultural and political dynamics and complexities.
- Understands that WASH services do not exist in isolation.

Valcourt, N. et al, August 2019
At IRC we group the WASH Systems into 9 key subsystems, that we refer to as ‘building blocks’.
Systems Approach for Sanitation & Hygiene

- Networks of people, institutions, hardware and resources required to deliver sustainable sanitation services.

- Looking at the sanitation chain in its entirety and making sure that each link is present and secure.

Each segment of the sanitation chain should work to ensure proper management of faecal waste, reduce environmental harm and health risks, ensure appropriate technology, financial viability, social acceptability = **Safe sanitation services that last for all.**
The Sanitation Business of the HPMA in Kabarole district