

## CARE Water News – November 2012 Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to share our first monthly CARE Water bulletin with you. Included below are some water-related events and resources that may be of interest. We hope this monthly email will help keep you up-to-date on happenings in the sector and we would love to receive your contributions for inclusion in subsequent bulletins. Please send any interesting documents, videos, photos, articles, opinion pieces, or other news highlighting your work in water to [mreichwage@care.org](mailto:mreichwage@care.org).

*Please see attached PDFs for French, Spanish, and Portuguese translations.*

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### **Assessing Water Point Sustainability through Community Governance Reports**

To investigate what factors most strongly influence the sustainability of water points, CARE conducted preliminary governance studies in three countries: Ethiopia, Uganda, and Mozambique. The studies employed a governance snapshot survey (GSS) and provided recommendations for improving the sustainability record of water schemes by identifying and addressing factors that impede long-term functionality. Read the reports:

<http://water.care2share.wikispaces.net/file/view/Sustainability+Report+Eth+Moz+Uganda+2+pg+-+final+corrected.pdf>

[http://water.care2share.wikispaces.net/file/view/HAUPA+Final+Study+Summary\\_final.pdf](http://water.care2share.wikispaces.net/file/view/HAUPA+Final+Study+Summary_final.pdf)

### **3rd Annual Meeting on Latin American Community Water Management**

Staff from CARE Ecuador attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Encuentro Latinoamericano de Gestión Comunitaria del Agua in Cuenca, Ecuador in September 2012. The goal of the meeting was to provide a space to promote community organizations for water and sanitation services (OCSAS), exchange experiences, lessons learned and innovative initiatives in water management. Presentations, photos, videos, and other resources are available (in Spanish) on the official website for the meeting: <http://www.aguanuestra.org/>

### **Keep Your Promises Toolkit**

The End Water Poverty coalition (of which CARE is a member) has developed a year-long international campaign, beginning November 2012, to call on politicians to keep the promises they have made on sanitation and water. As part of the campaign, they have developed a toolkit (available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Swahili) for use by civil society organizations full of information – including important dates and information about some of the international, regional, and national promises that have been made. Hear more about the campaign and access the toolkit here:

<http://www.endwaterpoverty.org/news/keep-your-promises-toolkit-now-available-french-spanish-portuguese-and-swahili>

### **SWASH+ Resources**

Sustaining and Scaling School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Plus Community Impact (SWASH+) project, is a five-year applied research project to identify, develop, and test innovative approaches to school-based water, sanitation and hygiene in Nyanza Province, Kenya. The project has developed and published a number of

resources now available online, including journal articles, videos, photo essays, and much more. Explore the resources here:

<http://www.washinschools.info/home/swash>

### **Water and Health Conference: Science, Policy and Innovation**

The 2012 Water and Health Conference, jointly organized by the Institute for the Environment and the Water Institute at UNC, was held October 29 – November 2. The main themes of the conference this year were: monitoring and evaluation for sustainability; ecosystem protection and drinking water safety, WASH and child health; southeastern US water challenges; realizing universal access and human rights; water, energy and climate; making sanitation benefits achievable and sustainable for all; and household-centered WASH. For more information on the conference: <http://whconference.unc.edu/index.cfm>

Peter Lochery, Water Team Director at CARE USA, attended the conference and shares his thoughts with us below.

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### **From the Staff**

#### **Water Team Director Peter Lochery shares take-away messages from the UNC Water and Health Conference 2012**

##### **What were your key take-away messages?**

– Context is very important for the presentation of research. For example, one university gave a presentation on a school WASH project and the questions at the end reflected a lack of knowledge of the limited budget per school. If the context and timeline were presented, the audience may have better understood that treating existing water at schools was a more economical hygiene intervention than adding new water supplies at all schools.

– NGOs can easily slip back into thinking our projects are branded, as “CARE water points” or otherwise. NGOs should think about supporting the development of existing systems and collaborating with governments and locally-owned projects.