

CARE Water News – March 2013 Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to share the latest edition of the CARE Water bulletin with you, which includes online events, e-courses and other resources, and an interview with Sita Zougouri, the Regional Program Coordinator for the USAID West Africa WASH (WA-WASH) program. 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.

Around the CARE World

GWI East Africa Research Briefs

The Relationship between Governance and Sustainability in Community Water Systems

In community management of water services, four elements of good governance - participation, inclusion, accountability and transparency - are pivotal to success or failure in the short run and are even more critical for long-term sustainability of water points. To explore the relationship between functionality and sustainability, CARE USA developed a functionality, governance and finance snapshot tool for community-managed water systems. This paper shares the findings of the tool as applied to the Global Water Initiative in East Africa in 2012.

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Exploring the Heterogeneity of Women's Experiences in Water+ Initiatives

Women's experiences are not homogeneous and yet water+ programs often report benefits to them as a whole, for example in terms of reduced burden of water collection, increased dignity, and livelihood and empowerment opportunities. To better understand the real impact of water+ services on particular categories of women and how the demographics of the beneficiaries might affect the outcomes of a program, the Global Water Initiative East Africa, led by CARE, administered a women's experience snapshot questionnaire in 2012 and wrote up the findings in a brief.

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Programa Unificado de Fortalecimiento de Capacidades en Agua y Saneamiento para Latinoamérica y El Caribe

CARE, in partnership with Avina and other organizations, have held a number of discussions, forums and events at the local and regional levels to identify the main issues facing community organizations for drinking water and sanitation services (OCSAS). The main problems identified in Latin America and the Caribbean include: the need for permanent and institutionalized processes; capacity building for local management; and operation and maintenance of water supply systems and sanitation at the community level.

[Read the 2 page report \(Spanish only / Solo en español\)](#)



April 9th: World Water Day Simulcast Panel Event

CARE and partners are hosting a panel in Atlanta moderated by Jeffrey P.

WORLD WATER DAY

A simulcast panel event APRIL 9, 2013

"Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene: Transforming Lives"
Emory Rollins School of Public Health, Clavin Hance Rollins Auditorium
1518 Clifton Rd., Atlanta, GA 30322
Moderated by Jeffrey A. Koplan, MD, MPH
Vice President for Global Health, Emory University
and former director of the CDC
Introduction by Dr. Eugene Scarpone, MD

5-6:30pm

With panelists:

Robert Tauxe, MD, MPH
Deputy Director of the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne,
and Environmental Diseases at CDC

Christine Moe, PhD
Director of the Center for Global Safe Water at Emory

David Addiss, MD, MPH
Director of the Children Without Worms program
at the Task Force for Global Health

Lourdes Mindreau
Program Coordinator of Integrated Water Resources Management
at CARE Peru

6:30-8pm

"Water and Women: The Ripple Effect"

LIVE WEBCAST
Southern Methodist University
6425 Boss Ln., Dallas, TX 75206
Moderated by Ben Mann, Director of Global Partnerships,
WASH Advocates

With panelists:

Katherine Bliss, formerly of the Center for Strategic and International Studies

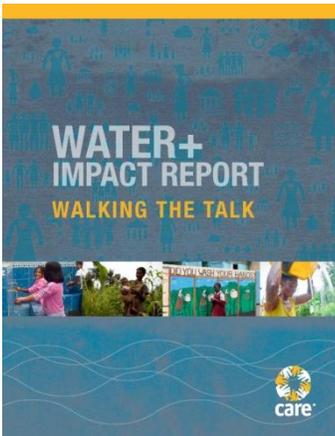
Jae So, Manager of the Water and Sanitation Program, World Bank

Vanessa Tobin, former Chief of Water, Environment and Sanitation Division, UNICEF

Register for 1 or both panels: http://www.surveymonkey.com/j/wwd_atlanta

Space is limited, food is provided!

Parking available in the Michaels Street Parking Deck



Koplan, Vice President for Global Health at Emory University and former Director of the CDC, with panelists Christine Moe, Director of the Center for Global Safe Water at Emory University; David Addiss, Director of the Children Without Worms Program at the Task Force for Global Health; and Lourdes Mindreau, Program Coordinator of Integrated Water Resources Management at CARE Peru.

The event will be broadcast live online April 9th 5:00-6:30pm (EST) and will be available as a recording afterward. [View the flyer](#) and please keep checking www.care.org for information on how to watch the live webcast.

Coming soon... CARE's first ever Water+ Impact Report

This meta-evaluation reviews six years of CARE's work in water, sanitation and hygiene and water resource management to examine whether we are "walking the talk" of impact. Order your free copies today (up to 20 copies per country office) by writing to Melissa Reichwage (mreichwage@care.org).

Have you seen our Pinterest page?

The CARE Water Team's Pinterest page is teeming with interesting infographics, photos, and more. We recently pinned photos of Helen Pankhurst, CARE Senior Technical Advisor, with Linda Barker, celebrity supporter of "Walk in Her Shoes" campaign on International Women's Day in London.

[Check out our Pinterest Board: Women & Water](#)

Get to know Sita Zougouri, Regional Program Coordinator for WA-WASH

Dr. Sita Zougouri is a sociologist, anthropologist and an African Fellow of Political Science at the American Political Science Association. She is currently working for CARE as Gender Advisor and Regional Program Coordinator for the USAID WA-WASH program. She has conducted research on a number of development issues including natural resources management, land and forest tenure, and water and sanitation. Gender has been always a cross-cutting theme in all her domains of research.

How did you become interested in water issues?

I worked on natural resources management and water issues in my previous research. Water resources management is still facing the same challenges as tenure rights in terms of access and management rights for women, young people, old people, migrants, herders and vulnerable people.

What is the most interesting part of your job? Why?

The most interesting part of my job is when partners believe, as I do, that integrating gender into their interventions is one of the most valuable

components to ensure sustainability.

Have you worked with CARE in the past? In what capacity?

No, I did not have the opportunity.

What do you feel are the largest challenges confronting the WASH sector in West Africa in the next 5 years?

Gender integration into water management

What is your favorite regional dish/meal?

Rice and guinea fowl soup

What is your favorite jet lag remedy?

Watching movies and hoping for a restful night the following evening

If you could have a significant impact on one WASH-related behavior, which would you choose? Why?

- ✓ Open defecation is one of the big challenges in West Africa in terms of behavior change. NGOs and public sector interventions should put more emphasis on behavior change in order to meet the goal of zero percent open defecation
- Handwashing
- Safe water storage
- Water treatment
- Water conservation

Which is your favorite toilet or sanitation technology?

- PeePoo
- ✓ ArborLoo is my favorite toilet because of its ecological component
- Ventilated Pit Latrine
- Biogas toilet
- Urine diverting toilet

Other Updates

Brief: Designing Effective Contracts for Small-Scale Service Providers in Urban Water and Sanitation

Expanding water and sanitation services to the urban poor often involves contractual relationships between small-scale entrepreneurs and municipalities or utilities. This brief draws on Water and Sanitation for Urban Poor's (WSUP's) experience in the six-city African Cities for the Future (ACF) program to illustrate ways of dealing with the challenges that arise when developing contracts between large and small service providers in the urban setting. The brief gives practical guidance for program managers on how to make contracts of this type more effective and enforceable.

[Download the report](#)

Asian Water Development Outlook 2013

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Asia Pacific Water Forum report showed that out of the 49 countries surveyed, 37 are facing serious water crises. The study blamed rising populations, urbanization, lack of governmental investment and outdated policies and institutions, among other factors, for failing to provide communities with adequate sanitation services and access to safe water.

[Read the report and watch the video](#)

Costing Sustainable Services Online Courses

The “Costing Sustainable Services” free online course was developed to assist governments, NGOs, donors and individuals to plan and budget for sustainable and equitable WASH services, using a life-cycle cost approach. Every other month, 150 participants can begin the course by registering online.

[View the start dates for the online course](#)

Development, Disasters and Sanitation Online Course

The Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) at Loughborough University has designed a professional development course for those new to development or disaster relief. The course is delivered using a variety of media including slide presentations, film clips, animations, photography and graphics supported by online publications. There are two units, each taking approximately one hour, excluding associated reading. A certificate of completion is awarded upon successful completion.

[Register here](#)

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