



The **Impact of WASH on Women (IWWT)** asks a set of questions that reveal issues surrounding the differentiated experiences of women after a WASH intervention. The tool provides a quantitative-scoring based way of documenting women's perceived direct, indirect, and overall experiences.

The following is a user-guide with information to assist you in using the tool to analyze women's experiences in your region. As all organizations and settings are different we strongly encourage you to amend or tailor this tool to reflect your particular needs.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to the [CARE Water Team](#).

I. Tool Administration Recommendations

Each IWWT can be completed by a group of 3-10 women community members of all ages, both within leadership and not. It is also recommended that this take place in a more secluded area, out of sight and earshot of any male community members. More private and safe settings allow women to comfortably open up about their experiences. If literacy is an issue in your community, we recommend orally administering the survey in the native language to ensure clear representation of the questions and accurate responses.

If more than one water scheme existed in a community, questions should reference the water scheme they use. More than one IWWT can be done in each community with groups specific to each water scheme.

It is recommended to record as much information as possible for future reference. Utilize the notes column to add any qualitative component of the discussion.

II. Inputting Data into Excel

Attached is an excel spreadsheet ("IWWT_Data_Example") with a full entry from an IWWT. The colors differentiate the basic descriptive data, the direct impacts, the indirect impacts, and the scores.

III. Impact on Women Scoring System

Direct impact (out of 28 points), indirect impact (out of 52 points), and overall impact scores (out of 12 points) are separated on the scoring table. These are then added up for the final IWWT score (out of 92 possible points).

Scoring table is on next three pages of guide.

IWWT Scoring Table

DIRECT IMPACT	
<p><i>Comparing before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The time to fetch water:</i></p>	<p>It takes longer.....1</p> <p>It is not very different.....2</p> <p>It takes a bit less time.....3</p> <p>It takes half the time it used to take or less..4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The amount of water generally used is:</i></p>	<p>Less than before.....1</p> <p>Around the same.....2</p> <p>A bit more.....3</p> <p>Double or more.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The water quality is:</i></p>	<p>Worse than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A bit better.....3</p> <p>Significantly better.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Community use of latrines is:</i></p>	<p>Less than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A bit more.....3</p> <p>Significantly more – many more people are using latrines.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The community’s personal hygiene practices are:</i></p>	<p>Worse than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A bit better.....3</p> <p>Significantly better – hand washing by latrine which is always used.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The health of the women in the community is:</i></p>	<p>Worse than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A bit better.....3</p> <p>Significantly better.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Overall, the health of the whole community is:</i></p>	<p>Worse than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different or some better and some worse.....2</p> <p>A bit better.....3</p> <p>Significantly better.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p>Total Possible Direct Impact Score 28</p>	
INDIRECT IMPACT	
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Production of vegetables, livestock, food, and drinks for sale is:</i></p>	<p>Less than before.....1</p> <p>Around the same.....2</p> <p>A bit more.....3</p> <p>Significantly more.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>

<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Women's control over household resources is:</i></p>	<p>Less control than before.....1</p> <p>Around the same.....2</p> <p>A bit more.....3</p> <p>Significantly more.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Women's opportunities for education and training are:</i></p>	<p>Fewer than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A bit better.....3</p> <p>Significantly better.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Women's roles in the WASH Committee are:</i></p>	<p>Taken away because of this project.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>Occasional more significant role.....3</p> <p>Ongoing significant increased role.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Women's opportunities within the community for paid employment are:</i></p>	<p>Had previously paid jobs been taken away because of this project.....1</p> <p>Not very different roles.....2</p> <p>Occasional paid roles.....3</p> <p>Regular paid jobs.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The dignity and respect of women are:</i></p>	<p>Reduced now – more ashamed.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>Some sense of improved dignity.....3</p> <p>Increased.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Women's personal safety when going to collect water or to the latrine is:</i></p>	<p>Worse than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A bit better.....3</p> <p>Significantly better.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The time women have for socializing on their way to the water point or waiting at the water point is</i></p>	<p>Less than before.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A bit more.....3</p> <p>Significantly more.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>The amount of women's social groups in the community is:</i></p>	<p>Fewer than before, some existing groups disbanded.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>A few more groups.....3</p> <p>More groups of importance.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>
<p><i>Compare before and now:</i></p> <p><i>Household relationships are:</i></p>	<p>Now more conflictual.....1</p> <p>Not very different.....2</p> <p>With minor improvements.....3</p> <p>With significant improvements.....4</p> <p>No answer.....0</p>

<i>Compare before and now: The equality in the household between men and women is:</i>	More unequal than before.....1 Not very different.....2 A bit more equal.....3 Significantly more equal.....4 No answer.....0
<i>Compare before and now: Women’s time for leisure is:</i>	Less than before.....1 Not very different.....2 A bit more.....3 Significantly more.....4 No answer.....0
<i>Compare before and now: The ability of women to make decisions and voice opinions is:</i>	Worse than before.....1 Not very different.....2 Somewhat greater.....3 Significantly greater.....4 No answer.....0
Total Possible Indirect Impact Score	12
OVERALL IMPACT	
<i>How has the intervention affected the day to day life of women?</i>	Worse than before.....1 Not very different.....2 A bit better.....3 Significantly better.....4 No answer.....0
<i>Financially how has the intervention affected the women of the community? The situation is</i>	Worse off compared to before.....1 Not very different.....2 A bit better off.....3 Significantly better off.....4 No answer.....0
<i>In terms of empowerment/disempowerment: what has been the overall effect of the intervention? Women:</i>	Feel less empowered compared to before....1 Feel not very different.....2 Feel a bit better.....3 Feel significantly more empowered.....4 No answer.....0
Total Possible Overall Impact Score	12
TOTAL POSSIBLE IWWT SCORE	92

Thank you for using the **Impact of WASH on Women Tool**.

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