

## Highlights and new resources from the WASHplus project and its partners



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### WASHplus Program Updates

WASHplus is moving ahead with planning for activities in its second year and several new opportunities in Madagascar, Zambia, and Kenya will soon be launched.



A sample of the school hand washing facilities the WASHplus team observed on its planning visit to Zambia.

#### Zambia—Targeting Schools and Communities with WASH Improvements

WASHplus has received funding from USAID/Zambia for a multi-year WASH in Schools project in two provinces (Northwestern and Eastern). Sarah Fry, WASHplus senior hygiene and WASH in Schools advisor, and Peter Lochery, director of CARE's water team, spent the month of October in Zambia to develop the overall strategy and a detailed implementation plan. The program will support the Ministry of Education as well as the Ministry of Local Government and Housing to improve water, sanitation, and hygiene in schools and surrounding communities.

#### Madagascar—Building on Country WASH Experiences

Expanding on work begun in Madagascar under the Hygiene Improvement Project, and carried on through the C-Change project, WASHplus received funding from USAID/Madagascar to consolidate and disseminate the previous four years of experiences, best practices, and models. A work plan for this

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#### Explore Our New Innovation Blog



Join a virtual community of practice and subscribe to WASHplus's new blog on innovation, the Innovation Exchange, <http://blogs.washplus.org/innovation/>. The blog was created to foster dialogue to accelerate the uptake of innovative

activity is in progress and will include support to foster "WASH-friendly communes" through household and institutional improvement in access to water/sanitation and adoption of key hygiene practices; a partnership workshop for USAID WASH partners to improve collaboration, coordination, and synergy; and knowledge sharing activities to foster learning around WASH experiences and lessons learned.

### Kenya—Testing Cookstove Pollutants in Households

WASHplus, through resource partner Berkeley Air Monitoring Group and in collaboration with a local field partner, is conducting a field test in Kenya of the locally manufactured Jiko Poa fuel efficient rocket stove. A popular stove in the Kenyan market, the Jiko Poa has shown consistent fuel savings of about 40 percent and its dissemination is poised to be scaled up significantly through carbon finance. However, little data exist on its effect on indoor air pollution in the household. Monitoring will include kitchen pollutant concentrations; fuel use; survey data on demographics, user perceptions, and preference; and socioeconomic effects of the improved stoves, along with key behavioral indicators and stove usage (and exclusive use) data. Field testing began this month and will continue through November 2011.

## Resource Partner Highlights

### BPD Introduces New Blog

Building Partnerships for Development in Water and Sanitation recently started a blog with a simple title, "Things we are thinking about." Two recent articles addressed the issue of sanitation entrepreneurs. One asked how many sanitation providers are truly entrepreneurs, another asked whether it is a reasonable goal to make sanitation businesses "as predictable and boring as funeral parlors." Intrigued? See: <http://bpdwash.blogspot.com/>

### Cookstove Alliance Releases Year One Report

Since its launch in September 2010 at the Clinton Global Initiative, the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves has moved rapidly to position the cookstove sector to achieve unprecedented global progress. Critical investments such as those to establish global standards and analyze regional cookstove markets have begun; a comprehensive assessment of the field has been completed; and major awareness-raising efforts are well underway—including the selection of high profile ambassadors for the alliance. Read the alliance's latest annual report at: <http://cleancookstoves.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/First-Year-Annual-Report.pdf>

approaches and tools that contribute toward better health outcomes in households and communities. Recent posts cover UNICEF's partnership with design firm Frog Design in Zambia and "Design for the Other 90%." The blog will soon host an array of new resources, including reports and funding opportunities for innovation activities. Please contact Mike Pezone at [mpezone@fhi360.org](mailto:mpezone@fhi360.org) if you want to share or publicize your organization's innovative work or learn more about the blog.

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