### Leaving no one behind



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## Introduction & Objectives

- The RWSN's Equality, Non-discrimination and Inclusion theme held e-discussions and webinars on Reducing Inequalities in WASH covering:
- 1. Practical approaches to improve participation of everyone
- 2. Inclusive infrastructure designs
- 3. Information, guidance and support that exist on these



# 1. Practical approaches to improve participation of everyone





Identification and assisting marginalised individuals

- NGOs and local governments say communities are best placed to identify and assist marginalised individuals
- Examples from Uganda supported this
- But could this entrench existing power inequalities further?
- Could marginalised individuals remain 'invisible'?



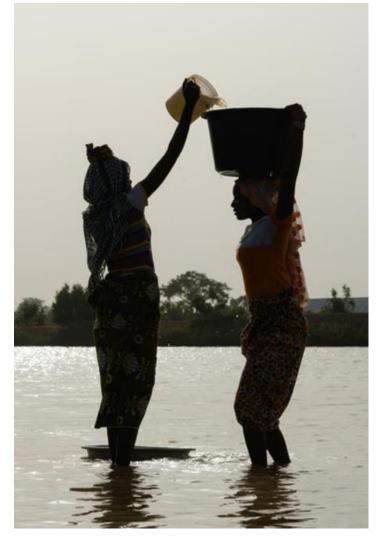
#### Affordability and social tariffs

- Almost 70% of poor people could not afford the water connection fee (Vietnam)
- Legislation and policies on tariff setting rarely include social tariff. Little guidance on calculating tariffs and who is eligible.
- Tariff setting should:
  - 1. have the participation of the local government
  - 2. be transparent; done through existing governance & regulatory structures and sanctioned
  - 3. be made on ability or willingness to pay, as well as the life-cycle costs of the service



#### Striving for gender equality

- The gendered social value of water sources needs to be understood (Mozambique)
- Quotas of women on the rural water point management committee and their appointment into key positions did not increase their ownership and control over resources (Chad)





## Tools for gender transformative programmes

- Integrating practical gender dialogue activities into community mobilisation processes led to women's greater decision-making power or control over resources (Timor Leste)
- The 24 hour clock





#### Raising awareness

- Inclusive WASH designs and assistive technologies shared at half time of a football match in the national stadium (Niger)
- Baseline survey conducted by people with disabilities on disability prevalence and WASH access (Mali)





#### 2. Inclusive infrastructure design



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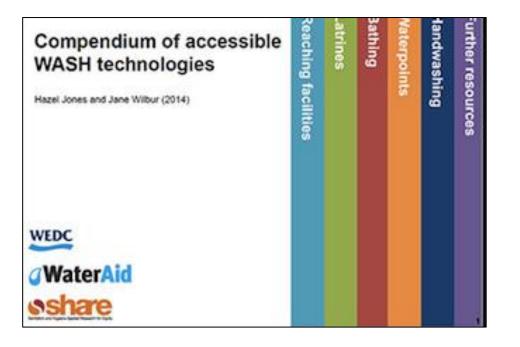


- Costs were cut by making ramps shorter and steeper, but they weren't accessible (West Africa)
- Technical design standards are needed





#### 3. Information, guidance and support



And.... inclusive WASH data collection tools



#### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR AGE AND DISABILITY INCLUSION IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Pilot Version







## 5. Conclusion

- Inequalities is a social issue, so it was difficult constrain discussions to rural water supply
- So much is being done. We need to continually learn from each other
- SDG 6 ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all





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