



At the international level and in six countries

- Kenya, Uganda, Mali, Ghana, Bangladesh, India

What we want to see

- Proven practices that ensure water for all influence governance and policy at national, regional and international levels.
- Global civil society effectively advocating for the fulfilment of the right to water and sanitation and equitable, sustainable allocation of water resources.
- New partners investing in civil society organisations in other countries based on Watershed results and approach.
- International donors integrating environmental sustainability and climate change resilience into their WASH frameworks and practices.

Five years

- Watershed will deliver improvements in WASH and water resources governance by strengthening civil society's capacity for lobbying and advocacy.
- Watershed aspires to expand the reach of the approach and impact by engaging donors, investors and new partners in additional countries.
- Watershed invites NGOs, governments, companies and international donors committed to water security and sustainable WASH provision to join us in meeting our ambitious target!

JOIN US TO MEET THE TARGET OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO WASH BY 2030

2030 is closer than you think. We have to get the next five years right, if we're to meet the Sustainable Development Goal target of universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene for all by 2030.

Watershed-empowering citizens is unique as it focuses on building the capacity of civil society to advocate for WASH and proper watershed management. It's a strategic partnership between the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IRC, Simavi, Wetlands International and Akvo.

Watershed will take up the challenge to meet the targets of universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) by 2030. Over the next five years, Watershed will advocate for faster results to ensure that water providers, governments and private sector take the responsibility to ensure sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services as well as the water resources on which they draw.

We will deliver improvements in the governance of WASH and water resources ensuring the sustainability of WASH services. Good governance requires meaningful involvement of users (particularly women) of WASH services, service providers, water resource users and polluters.

To achieve this, a strong civil society is essential; to ensure the voices of the marginalised are heard by duty bearers and that they are effectively held to account.

OUR APPROACH RECOGNISES THREE INDISPUTABLE FACTS:

- 1 Sustainable WASH services cannot be achieved without sustainable water resources, and vice versa.
- 2 Achieving universal access to sustainable WASH services is a governance challenge.
- 3 A strong civil society is essential to improving governance.

Watershed will use evidence to empower civil society to hold governments accountable and for private sector and others to engage meaningfully in service provision.

The partnership will assess, develop and implement a suite of tools and approaches for building civil society organisations capacity for evidence-based lobbying and advocacy.

Watershed will focus on areas where water resources are scarce or contested and where environmental management is at the core of the WASH sustainability challenge. The programme will support a global civil society that effectively advocates fulfilment of the human right to water and sanitation and equitable and sustainable allocation of water resources.



WATERSHED PARTNERS

IRC

IRC is a think-and-do tank. Our approach is different, and it is transformational. It involves everyone, in every part of the process, thinking and acting in new ways to find long-term solutions to the global crisis in water, sanitation and hygiene services. www.ircwash.org

Simavi

Simavi realises structural improvement to the health conditions of people in marginalised communities in Africa and Asia since 1925. Simavi invests in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) because these basic services are vital for people to be able to lead a healthy life, build a better existence and find a way out of poverty. www.simavi.org

Wetlands International

Wetlands International safeguards and restores wetlands for people and nature. We believe that this is urgent and vital for water security, biodiversity, climate regulations, sustainable development and human health. Wetlands International is a global not-for-profit network of 16 independent offices around the world. We bring together knowledge, policy and practice with a wide range of public and private partners. www.wetlands.org

Akvo

Akvo creates open source, internet and mobile software and sensors. It works with those that improve infrastructure and services, for disadvantaged populations. Akvo encourages and enables organisations to capture useful data in better ways, and provides training to improve skills in gathering, mapping and visualising data over time. Akvo helps partners integrate and analyse their data with our sources, to improve understanding of complex situations. www.akvo.org

“We seek greater impact by turning this effort into a movement for change in WASH practice. Join us!”

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