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In summary



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and hygiene**



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Water, sanitation, and hygiene

India is a fast-growing economy, heading for near universal water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) coverage. However, despite huge government-led investments, service delivery is unsustainable, particularly to the poor. Improved governance and professional management practices are critical for the much-needed sectoral change and outcomes.

We work with governments, international agencies, and partners, providing them with technical expertise in WASH service delivery diagnostics, monitoring and evaluation, as well as economics and finance. Our WASH team, working from India, has been supporting WASH projects both in urban and rural areas, covering interventions impacting demand and supply side in the WASH ecosystem.



We offer high quality professional services to make systems work.

Service delivery analysis: political economy analysis, service delivery assessments and sector blockage analysis, and primary research (e.g. household surveys and qualitative research)

Programme design and implementation support: water governance and policy, water resources planning and management, institutional strengthening, capacity building, and utility reforms

Finance and economics: value for money analysis of programmes, cost benefit analysis of policy options, and analysis of financial flows within the sector

Monitoring and evaluation: process and impact evaluations, sector performance monitoring, and development of monitoring and evaluation systems



Our recent work in India

Save the Children's **Stop Diarrhoea initiative**, implemented in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal, incorporates a seven-point plan for comprehensive diarrhoea control, devised by WHO and UNICEF. We conducted the baseline assessment and will be evaluating the impact in March 2019.

Under the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation's thematic window, we worked with Ideas42 and World Vision India to design and evaluate the **intervention to increase latrine usage** in Bihar. The results of this evaluation will feed into the government's Swachh Bharat Mission strategy.

We are conducting an independent verification of the sanitation outcomes for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-funded project **Supporting Sustainable Sanitation Improvements** in Bihar. In addition, we are assessing the interactions of the project to inform future work.

For Water & Sanitation for the Urban Poor Advisory India, we conducted a **consumer profiling and behaviour change messaging study** in Vishakhapatnam and Lucknow to help understand the causes of open defecation and consumer preferences for sanitation products.

Our recent work across the world

WASH financing

Assessing the value for money of DFID's WASH programmes in six countries

Assessing WASH financing in Indonesia, Mongolia, and Vietnam for UNICEF

Producing a sub-national WASH public expenditure review in Kenya for UNICEF

Supporting UNICEF Mongolia and the national regulator to reform water tariff design

WASH for the urban poor

Diagnostics for faecal sludge management

Urban sanitation analysis of service for the poor in Kigali, Rwanda

Analysing market failures in private sector services in Port Au Prince, Haiti

WASH monitoring and evaluation

Undertaking national household surveys on WASH service sustainability for DFID

Managing a process and impact evaluation of DFID's WASH results programme, including a randomised controlled trial of community-led total sanitation follow-up activities

Support to WASH implementation

Supporting UNICEF to establish a framework for equity of WASH services in Ghana

Water sector support for Sector-Wide Approach, Yemen

Improving access to WASH services in Cape Verde

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