

Pacific WASH WEBINARS

Citywide Inclusive Sanitation: Pacific Applications

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Across the Pacific 71% of Islanders have access to basic sanitation services (JMP 2020, excluding PNG). Lack of safe sanitation access is not only a major health concern, but also affects educational and health outcomes, as well as Pacific island country overall development. As the contexts and cultures in the Pacific are so diverse, sanitation systems and solutions must also be diverse.

This latest Pacific WASH webinar will explore Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS), a holistic approach to solving urban sanitation problems. Traditional sanitation approaches, namely sewered infrastructure investments, can fall short on their own in meeting development goals due to high capital and operating cost, inadequate management and attention to social inequalities, and weak governance. CWIS offers an alternate approach that breaks-down common urban sanitation myths: that there isn't demand for sanitation; that households are unwilling to pay for sanitation services; and that centralized conventional sewerage is the only and best solution. CWIS takes an explicit focus on equity and inclusion because many urban sanitation projects, particularly sewerage projects, have typically benefited the commercial and more affluent areas leaving poorer communities and marginalized groups, including women and girls, lacking access to safe sanitation facilities and services.

Join our experts on 23 February as they discuss the principles of CWIS, present the sanitation situation in Vanuatu's urban areas, and share how faecal sludge diagrams can help us understand and prioritise risks in the local sanitation service chain for context-specific solutions.

Adopting CWIS in Pacific urban and peri-urban settings will help governments, utilities and communities ensure:

- Everybody benefits from adequate sanitation service delivery outcomes
- Human waste is safely managed along the whole sanitation service chain
- A diversity of appropriate technical solutions is embraced, combining on-site and sewered solutions
- Cities build the political will and technical leadership to fund and regulate sustainable sanitation solutions

SPEAKERS



Penny Dutton has over 25 years of experience in social, gender, and community development on water supply, sanitation, and hygiene projects. She has recently worked on WASH assignments in the Asia Pacific region for the World Bank Water and Sanitation Program, ADB, UNICEF, DFAT, MFAT, WaterAid, and Oxfam. She has a Masters degree in Social Planning and Development, a Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion, and recently completed the Planning & Design of Sanitation Systems and Technologies course from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology.



Mark Ellery is an independent water, sanitation and local governance consultant based in Western Australia. With more than 20 years of experience in the water sector, Mark has a good understanding of the application of policies, projects and behavior change in low, middle and high income countries, within emergency response, reconstruction and development contexts, engaged by private, academic, multilateral, government and non-governmental organizations.



Hilson Toaliu has been in the WASH sector for over 25 years and has experience working with the Vanuatu Government, NGOs and with UNICEF as a WASH officer. Hilson retired from UNICEF in 2019 and has been involved in WASH consultancy since. Hilson is currently the Vanuatu national WASH consultant under ADB TA 6551-REG on Strengthening WASH Practices and Hygiene Behavior Change in the Pacific. Hilson's experiences involved working with Vanuatu's main WASH partners, the Ministry of Health and the Department Water Resources under the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, providing them support in water, sanitation and hygiene work in both peace times and humanitarian emergency responses.

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