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WSSCC: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All, the WASH campaign

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All (WASH) campaign is a concerted global advocacy effort by members and partners of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) to place water, sanitation and hygiene promotion firmly on the political agenda. A staggering 1.1 billion people worldwide are without access to safe water, and a further 2.4 billion people are without adequate sanitation facilities.

The WASH campaign was launched at the International Conference on Freshwater in Bonn, Germany, in December 2001. WSSCC is working with governments, parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations, community groups and other stakeholders to make true the *Vision 21* principal of a world, by the year 2025, where everyone knows the importance of hygiene, and enjoys safe and adequate water and sanitation.

The WASH campaign aims to raise the commitment of political and social leaders to achieving these goals and effecting the necessary behavioural changes through various information and communication channels; using traditional and mass media, promotion in schools, training and building local capacity in advocacy and improving networking and research. Under the guidance of the WSSCC Secretariat, national and regional co-ordinators champion the guiding principles of the WASH campaign in their respective regions and countries.

The practical benefits of the WASH campaign can be seen in various parts of the world. For instance, the WASH Campaign was launched in the Philippines in 2002. As a direct result of collaboration between local NGOs, local government agencies, the media, education, community and women's groups, the Isla Puting Bato pilot project, located along the northern harbour of Manila Bay, was initiated. The use of appropriate technology in setting up community built and managed water and sanitation infrastructure, has significantly enhanced the squatter community's physical quality of life. The success of the Isla Putting Bato pilot project will act as a blueprint for other areas of the Philippines.

In March 2003, at the Third World Water Forum in Kyoto, Japan, The United Nations Children's Fund and WSSCC announced the launch of a joint venture: WASH in Schools. It aims to empower young people (especially girls) through hygiene promotion and education, and will result in a safer and cleaner learning environment. Young people's involvement in the programme design is a key component of its innovative approach. The WASH in Schools venture is being implemented in many urban and rural areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

WSSCC is an international organization dedicated to enhancing collaboration in the water supply and sanitation sector. WSSCC's fundamental objective is to help provide safe and adequate water and sanitation services for poor people around the world. WSSCC helps sector professionals share their concerns, knowledge and experience with one another. It provides opportunities for problem solving, access to combined expertise and continuous dialogue on key issues. And it produces publications setting out guidelines, procedures and codes of conduct developed by experts working together over several years.

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