

Webwatch

In keeping with this issue's common thread of 'doing better', Webwatch covers major research programmes on water, sanitation and hygiene.

SHARE – Sanitation and Hygiene Applied research for Equity

The DFID-funded SHARE consortium aims to generate the knowledge that is needed to improve sector performance and drive progress on sanitation. SHARE is a global partnership with partners in Africa, Asia and Europe. The five-year initiative is led by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in partnership with the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Control, Bangladesh; the International Institute for Environment and Development; Slum/Shack Dwellers International; and WaterAid.
<http://www.sharesearch.org/>

Associated Web sites at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine include:

African SNOWS (Scientists Networked for Outcomes from Water and Sanitation) aims to build African capacity for interdisciplinary research in water

supply, sanitation and environmental health, funded by the Wellcome Trust.

Pitlatrine: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are supporting this project to find novel ways to extend the lifetime and improve the affordability of on-site sanitation.

The Hygiene Centre mission is to develop and apply new knowledge in the fields of hygiene, sanitation and behaviour change in developing countries.
<http://www.envhealthgroup.org/>

Research-inspired Policy and Practice Learning in Ethiopia and the Nile region (RiPPL) Commencing in 2006, RiPPL is a 5-year Research Programme Consortium funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) aiming to advance evidence-based learning on water supply and sanitation (WSS). The RiPPL Consortium is led by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
<http://www.ripplethiopia.org/>

SWITCH an action research programme, implemented and co-funded by the European Union and a cross-disciplinary team of 33 partners from 15

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countries around the world. The SWITCH Consortium represents academics, urban planners, water utilities and consultants. This network of researchers and practitioners work directly with civil society through 'learning alliances' in ten global cities. These are platforms which bring city stakeholders (utilities, planners, NGOs, finance departments etc) together with researchers.

<http://www.switchurbanwater.eu/>

SPLASH: It is a consortium of 16 ministries, funding agencies and national research and technological development authorities from 11 European countries. SPLASH is working towards making the European Union Water Initiative's concept of a

'European Research Area' (EUWI ERA-net) a reality by bringing together appropriate research partner programmes from across Europe in a coherent and coordinated way. The project focus is Africa and the Mekong region.

<http://www.splash-era.net/>

WASH Research News: This blog contains abstracts and announcements of new research on water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in developing countries, collected by Cor Dietvorst, the editor of Source Weekly published by the IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre.

<http://washresearch.wordpress.com/>