

Webwatch

In this issue Webwatch surveys monitoring and mapping resources.

The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme

This website contains many resources for decision-makers, researchers, and civil society to learn about the JMP's activities, the status of water supply and sanitation coverage, and its importance for our health and well-being, and to obtain detailed statistics about the use of water and sanitation facilities at global, regional, and country levels. The JMP reports every two years on progress against the MDG indicators on drinking water and sanitation; these reports are free to download. www.wssinfo.org

UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) 2012

While access to water, sanitation and hygiene has considerably improved globally, services coverage could slip behind if adequate resources are not secured to sustain routine operations, warns the 2012 GLAAS, released by WHO and UN-Water. The report calls for additional and more targeted resources, especially for routine operation and maintenance of existing systems and services.

www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/glaas/en/

World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)

The World Water Development Report (WWDR), released every three years in conjunction with the World Water Forum, is the UN's flagship report on water. It provides an overall picture of the state, uses, and management of the world's freshwater resources and aims to provide decision-makers with the tools to implement sustainable water use. Through a series of assessments, the WWDR provides a mechanism for monitoring changes in resources, and its management and tracking progress towards achieving targets, particularly those of the MDGs and the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The reports offer best practices as well as in-depth theoretical analyses to help stimulate ideas and actions for better stewardship. www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/water/wwap/

Joint Monitoring Programme for water supply and sanitation (JMP)

This fact sheet explains how the JMP collects data and measures

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progress. It also evaluates the accuracy of the JMP's statistics and its ultimate worth.
http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/resources/factsheets/FS004_JMP.pdf

Water and Sanitation Monitoring Platforms: lessons learned from implementation

This book communicates the lessons learned from an ACP-EU water facility funded project, involving civil society in strengthening inter-sectoral monitoring of developments in the provision of water supply and sanitation service. The project, implemented in Ghana, Mozambique, and Nigeria, was proposed by the JMP and implemented under the supervision of UNICEF. Available for free download at the WEDC Knowledge base. http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/knowledge/bookshop_search.html

WEDC International Conference papers

Almost 40 past papers are on the topic of monitoring and mapping. Two notable examples are a paper by Scott (2011) using Excel (see his article in this issue) and a poster by Gomes et al. (2011) using Googlemaps. Available for download at: http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/knowledge/conference_search.html

EMPOWERS Guidelines, Methods and Tools

These guidelines are designed for use in processes of planning and dialogue within and between

local and intermediate levels. They describe a practical and logical framework of activities based on the involvement of those who use and manage water, which leads to improved local water governance, and to the development of integrated water development plans for towns, villages, districts, and governorates. The guidelines advocate collaboration through dialogue, to bring about a change in the way professionals and water users work with each other. www.project.empowers.info/page/3344

WaterAid water point mapping in Malawi and Tanzania

This report is part of WaterAid's project, Learning for Advocacy and Good Practice: WaterAid Water and Sanitation Mapping. It is the first output of a planned larger study, using a common methodology, of the process, outputs, and uses of water point mapping across a number of WaterAid country programmes. www.wateraid.org/documents/plugin_documents/malawi_tanzania.pdf

Community mapping: a tool for community organizing

A guide for WaterAid programmes and partners to help understand and use community mapping as a participatory development tool. www.wateraid.org/documents/plugin_documents/community-mappingweb_1.pdf