

Can WASH projects deliver sustainable growth and employment?

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Event description (200 words):

In reviewing the IFRC's WASH projects in over 80 countries worldwide and those of other WASH practitioners, we ask the question 'what can we contribute to sustainable growth and WASH related employment?'

We will hear perspectives from an expert panel (Red Cross and Red Crescent; corporate and public/private sector; donor agencies and the UN) from which we will generate an open discussion with the audience. We will also provide some examples for pre-reading from field based projects of best practice and challenges encountered.

Sustainable growth in the context of WASH programming should be considered in its broadest terms:

- 'doing no harm' to the environment or water resources and safe disposal of human and solid waste and waste water.
- being climate SMART, contributing to resilience
- impacting positively upon health, wellbeing and dignity
- creating employment and wealth where practical
- creating sustainable employment in WASH related service delivery
- creating sustainable employment in WASH related or peripheral employment (e.g food production, sanitation product production and marketing, WASH skills improvement)

And the outcomes should identify:

- what are we doing well
- what we can do better
- How can we scale up
- How can we expand impact through better partnering

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The primary event objectives are to:

- briefly share opinions from IFRC and the expert panel on the impact upon sustainable growth and employment creation within and on the periphery of WASH programming
- open up the discussion to the audience, stimulate discussion and further opinions and observations to lead to ways forward and next steps

From this process capture key conclusions that can inform us for better programming, partnering and identifying best practice.

Key messages are:

- WASH programming does not work in a silo but should add overall value to poverty reduction and sustainable growth efforts, building further upon resilience.
- WASH programming cannot ignore the environment, climate change, health and wealth impact, direct and indirect employment creation and the efforts of other stakeholders and practitioners.
- WASH programming must adapt to new trends, objectives, ways of working and innovation under an umbrella of expanded and new ways of partnering.

Event summary (50 words):

- IFRC and expert panel introduce the session and make opening comments (25 minutes)
- Plenary discussion with audience and Q & A with panel (60 minutes)
- Conclusions and wrap-up (5 minutes)

Key conclusions are captured and disseminated after the event,

The target audience is broad:

- WASH Actors, implementers and field practitioners
- Government and inter-government bodies and supporters
- The donor community and private sector
- Academia and fellow existing and potential partners.
- Red Cross and Red Crescent, INGO's and NGO's.

Yes

Medium (90-120 people) SEK 30 000 (roundtable SEK 35 000)

We are interested in exploring other settings

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