

Non-Formal

Non-formal courses are much shorter (three to four days) and aimed at professionals who need to upgrade their skills on the job. Certificates are awarded to participants for all courses.

Benefits of Training Courses

The Institute's training courses can:

- Assist organizations and individuals to become leaders in their field.
- Assist organizations in understanding their potential to contribute to the MDG goals.
- Provide individuals with qualifications to be employed in NGOs or Government, or the private sector.

Our Target Group

The following groups can benefit from both formal and non-formal courses:

- Development workers, NGOs and grass root workers
- Academicians
- Mid-level professionals
- Government professionals - especially in water, sanitation, health, education and disaster response sectors
- Engineers
- Individuals sponsored by organizations or Government
- Students wishing to enter the sector
- All interested individuals in water, sanitation, hygiene and environment

Faculty

Our faculty for both types of courses includes professionals and field experts, professors, lecturers, knowledge specialists, visiting faculty, consultants, and members of resource team in WASH institute. The experts will be drawn from persons around the region through the linkages and networks established.

Language of Courses

The courses are conducted both in English and in Indian languages, depending on the participants. For international participants, courses will generally be in English.

WASH Institute Campus

While non-formal courses are either conducted at your organization on request or by joining an open non-formal course, all formal courses are conducted in the WASH Institute's premises in Kodaikanal Hill Station.

The Institute is situated over a three-acre campus at Villpatti, with breathtaking views over the mountains. The infrastructure is being put in place and will be eco-friendly in design. Besides halls and classrooms, our facilities include a

laboratory, auditorium, libraries, and live demonstration models.

- Average temperature of Kodaikanal 19.8°C (68°F) to 8.3°C (47°F)
- Height (MSL) 2133 meters (6998 ft.)
- How to get there: Trains run from Chennai to Madurai or Dindigul or from Kodaikanal Road station and then by Bus or Taxi to Kodaikanal. Bus services are also available from Palani to Kodaikanal.
- Clothing: Warm Clothes, Raincoats are required.

Easy Affordability

Professionals, students and others who, due to financial constraints, are not able to participate in courses offered by premier institutions and universities in the West, can now access high quality, yet affordable courses, right here in South Asia.

Linkages with Organizations

Through our linkages, WASH aims to maintain the quality and relevance of our courses. The Institute continues to establish linkages with national-level bodies, international agencies, NGOs, Government training institutes and academic institutions to effectively undertake capacity building.

Action Research & Advocacy:

Research is conducted through collaborative partnerships with organizations working at the grassroots. Appropriate action research on field study/experiments and advocacy initiatives will update curricula, and influence other sector players. Developing and sharing appropriate training modules with other institutions along with orientation to the faculty for handling these modules will also help wider replication.

Join hands with us,

Bridge the knowledge gaps in Water, sanitation and hygiene
By linkages and Collaborative partnerships.



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- The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Institute is a non profit training and development organization dedicated to providing practical solutions to a wide range of water, sanitation, hygiene and environmental issues across South Asia.
- The WASH Institute is a registered Trust managed by a Governing Council and an Advisory Board.
- The WASH institute holds trainings across the South Asian region, and has its base in Tamil Nadu at Kodaikanal Hill Station, known as the princess of mountains. It enjoys a cool climate, with natural exotic sceneries of mountains, valleys and waterfalls.

According to WHO, diarrhea alone kills almost 2 million children every year, in the world. Every day India alone loses around 1,000 children to diarrhoea due to poor hygiene and water borne infections. This means 41 children die every 60 minutes due to this highly preventable disease. **The WASH Institute endeavors to make a difference to this issue by awareness creation.**

The WASH Vision

A world in which all communities have access to safe, protected and sustainable drinking water and sanitation services, and follow improved hygiene practices.

WASH Institute Consortium Partners

The following organizations constitute The WASH Institute Consortium:

1. Water and Engineering Development Centre (WEDC), Loughborough University,
2. UK International Resource Centre (IRC), Delft, The Netherlands
3. Stockholm International Water Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
4. Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI), Stockholm, Sweden
5. WaterAid (WA) London, UK
6. Winrock International (India) (WI), New Delhi, India
7. Plan India, New Delhi, India
8. Water and Environmental Sanitation Network , (WES-Net India)
9. Wherever The Need (WTN) UK
10. Water For People (WFP) USA
11. Water Partners International USA
12. UNICEF

The WASH Mission

- Bridge the knowledge gap between the community and service providers through education, training and assistance to stakeholders in areas of planning, implementation, operation and management of water, sanitation, hygiene and environment on a sustainable basis.
- Promote appropriate and low cost solutions in water, sanitation, and hygiene based on the action research and field studies carried out by the Institute and its collaborative partners.
- Advocate effective policies and strategies to address the capacity building needs in water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, with a special focus on poor and vulnerable rural and urban communities, for wider replication.

Bridge the Knowledge Gap with Capacity

Capacity building in water and sanitation sector, especially in South Asia, is essential because of the growing complexities in the providing and managing water and sanitation facilities. South Asia's vast geography, populations and diversities pose different challenges for reaching the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) targets. WASH offers courses throughout the region as demanded/needed. WASH networks and links with sector players to deliver courses and uses the expertise of its Consortium partners some of whom are internationally recognized training institutions themselves - to design and deliver capacity building solutions. Individuals and



organizations from other countries are welcome to enroll with the Institute.

Nature of Courses offered

Water and sanitation issues require locally-relevant/context-specific, tailor-made capacity building solutions. These solutions must place emphasis on social engineering aspects both in implementation and education to enable people-friendly and sustainable solutions. To meet requirements, WASH offers both non-formal and formal courses that are specially designed to give practical value, and to be flexible. We offer regular and on-demand courses that can be customized and are available throughout the year.

Subjects

WASH teaches on a number of subjects including: water management, sanitation, hygiene, waste management, waste water management, integrated water resource management, ecological sanitation, water security, rain water harvesting, gender in water and sanitation, menstrual hygiene, water sanitation for the disabled, innovations in projects, climate change adaptation, water sanitation in urban context, water quality, water and sanitation in emergencies and others.

Methodology of Courses offered

Course modules have been designed in collaboration with expert individuals and organizations in the sector from around the world. All courses combine theory with real life experience, using teaching methods including classroom sessions and interactive sessions. Classroom sessions include skills and experience sharing from internal and external resource persons, and the use of audio-visual aids. Interactive sessions include exposure trips to sites to showcase models and onsite practical demonstrations.

- Care is taken to see that the participant is engaged in active, interesting and experiential learning.
- WASH assessment and feedback systems help both participants and the Institute to appreciate the benefits of the training.
- We offer follow-up refreshers training courses to reinforce learning.
- On completion of the course, participants are provided with training materials including CDs, brochures, posters, kits - to use as reference materials back home helping to reinforce the learning and to share it with others.

Duration of Courses

Formal

Formal courses run exactly like regular campus college courses. Like a PG diploma, courses range from a few months to a year in duration. We offer different formal levels: certificates, diplomas, bachelor and masters degrees. All formal courses are run in affiliation with universities. The specific criteria for joining the formal courses are given in the individual course brochures.