



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute

“Bridging the Knowledge Gap for community based Sustainable Solutions”

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.

- 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. 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.



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.

WASH Institute Consortium Partners

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

Accreditation as a Key Resource Centre (KRC)

WASH Institute is now listed as one among the Nineteen Key Resource Centre (KRC) in India. This recognition was conferred by the Department of Drinking Water Supply, DDWS, Ministry of Rural Development, and Government of India. The department has accorded highest priority to the Capacity building of different stakeholders to achieve the goal of universal access to safe drinking water in rural areas.

This recognition and support of DDWS, will help in conduct various training programmes for both water and sanitation throughout the year around the country for the government officials.

Formal Course on "Environmental Sanitation Science for Sanitary Inspectors"

In order to start formal courses, WASH has followed up processes with the Madurai Kamaraj University for getting affiliation and approvals. The Institute has fulfilled requirements of laboratory, furniture and other infrastructure for the course. The course is expected to start in July 2010. This course is very detailed and technical and is job oriented, and will enable persons to get jobs both in government and non government sector. Jobs are expected in various departments like railways, food, health and nutrition. Simultaneously other formal courses on health, water, sanitation will be soon introduced.

About the Courses By WASH Institute

Nature of Courses offered

Water and sanitation issues require locally-relevant and context-specific, solutions. These solutions will give emphasis on social engineering aspects and on people-friendly sustainable solutions. Hence the courses are non-formal and formal that are specially designed to give practical value.

Subjects

The subjects offered are 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 the Courses

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.
- 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.

Non-Formal Course Duration

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

Formal Course -Duration

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

Faculty

Includes professionals and field experts, professors, lecturers, knowledge specialists, visiting faculty, consultants, and members of resource team in WASH institute. Apart from inhouse professional team, the experts are drawn from persons around the region through the linkages and networks established.

The Benefits in Joining these Courses

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



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.

Our Target Group

- 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

Linkages with Organizations

The Institute continues to establish linkages with national-level bodies, international agencies, NGOs,

Government training institutes and academic institutions to effectively undertake capacity building. Through the associations with other organizations the institute aims to maintain the quality and relevance of the courses.

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.

Location

- 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.
- Average temperature of Kodaikanal 19.8°C (68°F) to 8.3°C (47°F)
- Height (MSL) 2133 meters (6998 ft.)

Join hands with us,
Bridge the knowledge gaps in Water, sanitation and hygiene
By linkages and Collaborative partnerships.



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