

CAWST completes first major technical consulting project

CAWST recently completed its first major technical consulting services contract with Church World Service Cambodia (CWS), a humanitarian organization working in Cambodia.

"Technical consulting is a service we provide to all of our clients," said Shauna Curry, Director of International Services for CAWST. "But our work with CWS is a great example of how this service can be delivered as a defined contract having an immediate impact on a client's project."



Activity planning - Church World Service Cambodia staff

The contract was delivered over a 10 week period to train 18 senior CWS staff on monitoring and evaluation of community development projects. CAWST facilitated the preparation of a Monitoring and Evaluation Handbook and worked with CWS to build their capacity to scale-up the reach of their biosand filter project to blanket the Svay Rieng province.

"CWS will now work with local non-government organizations and community based organizations who will be crucial to the implementation of this ambitious project," says Betman Bandhari, CAWST Training Program Developer. "CAWST's technical consultation, workshops and training materials will help them to have a big impact on some of the poorest people in the province."

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When I donate to CAWST... where does my money go?

This is a common question from new and existing donors. In 2006, CAWST spent 82% of its resources on 'external services' including international training and consulting services, education program development, sharing research learnings and public engagement. The balance was spent on fundraising and administration.

"Donors want to know that we're using their donation wisely and efficiently," said Alison Pidskalny, Director, Public Engagement, Resource Development & Business Services. "Since 2005, we have cut the cost

Global Survey Shows 1,125,000 Impacted

CAWST's annual global survey of household water treatment projects shows a steady 14% increase in the reach of household water treatment.

The survey, sent to CAWST's client network in 49 countries showed:

- Number of people impacted: 1,125,000 people have access to improved water as a result of the efforts of the network of implementers (14% increase since 2006);
- The number of active clients in CAWST's network grew 21% over 2006. The number of clients implementing projects has almost doubled since 2006;
- The number of community based organizations working with implementers increased by 83% since 2006; and
- The client network has grown to 49 countries, now including Cameroon, Chile, Ivory Coast, Namibia, Senegal and Sudan.

CAWST conducts the global survey each spring. Data provided by clients is analysed and shared broadly among the network and at global forums. A complete report of the survey results is available in the 2007 Annual Report.

"Ampatuan Barangay Health Workers were always dreaming that someday we can give SAFE WATER to our beloved constituents especially to those areas where Diarrhea Cases were high. Through the prize that you awarded us, we can now take our second step to make Ampatuan Municipality the biosand

to deliver our training services in half, which means we can deliver training to twice as many people with each dollar invested."

Looking forward CAWST plans to continue to have a global outlook. In 2008, CAWST's International Services department will invest 57% of its time in Asia, 22% in Latin America, 17% in Africa and 4% in training and supporting organizations based in North America.

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New training courses

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filter Capital of Maguindanao province."

Benjamier U Mastura, Ampatuan Community Volunteers Health Workers Association, Inc.(Philippines) – CAWST client and recipient of survey prize incentive

Global Connections

CAWST's program in Africa is growing.

At a recent conference presented by Streams of Knowledge ([STREAMS](#)), CAWST connected with some new implementers and re-connected with former trainees. CAWST was presenting at the First International Water Sanitation and Hygiene(WASH) Practitioners Marketplace and Fair in September in Kenya. The fair showcased available and tested WASH technologies, experiences, expertise, products and services available to local and international implementers and provided a venue for networking among participants.

At the Stakeholder Forum on Household Water Management (HWTS), jointly organized by the WHO and UNICEF, CAWST also actively promoted the need for education and training in HWTS by making a presentation on "The Power of Knowledge in Motivating and Implementing Household Water Treatment Programs Globally." This Forum, held in October in Ethiopia, resulted in the formation of an Ethiopian Committee comprised of the Ministries of Health, Water Resources and Education, the WHO, UNICEF, various NGOs and private sector corporations to further action on implementation and policy development on HWTS in Ethiopia.

Technology News

Are you interested in technical papers and detailed studies on household water treatment? If so, please look up the following website which lists [Point-of-Use Water Treatment Studies and Reports Published from January – July 2007](#).

CAWST also recommends the [MIT Civil and Environmental Engineering \(CEE\) web portal](#) which has a considerable amount of information on water and sanitation projects in developing countries. It includes several reports and studies in eight countries, as well as an very informative section on arsenic and several other pages on technologies and methodologies. Rachel Peletz and Melinda Foran two of CAWST's International Technical advisors have authored papers from their work in Ghana that are available at this site.

Youth Action: Operation Community Scouting Info (CSI) Reaches Hundreds of Scouts

The 2nd International Scout Troop took their biosand filter display on the road, reaching hundreds of youth in England at the centennial Jamboree. The group that attended CAWST's youth summit last March designed a project called 'Operation Community Scouting Info' to share information on household water treatment with their network. To prepare for the jamboree they also attended a mini-workshop on the biosand filter last June.

Scouts from England were very interested in the activities the team created and were keen to use them for their own water awareness programs. The team also made contact with Scout troops from Gambia, Brazil, Bangladesh, India and others. The Scouts are now developing a training program on water awareness and conservation to use at Camp Gardner in Calgary. Congratulations to the team for making waves! [More](#) information...



The 2nd International Scout Troop.

Find out more on [Youth Action](#) and sign up for CAWST new [Youth training workshop on the Biosand Filter!](#)

Annual General Meeting

More than 175 people attended the 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) our largest and most global AGM, including 40 attendees through webcast from Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Dominican Republic, England, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka and the USA. [Download](#) the audio file of the full proceedings and/or view the evening's presentations.

Volunteer in Action!

"Water is a fundamental human need." These words that have been a driving force for Adele Woolsey, one of CAWST's many volunteers. Adele has been a CAWST supporter since she and her husband took a biosand filter course in 2000. As co-founder of Clean Water for Haiti she assisted in building a training facility, giving clean water workshops and distributing filters around Haiti. She is currently assisting CAWST with training preparation and delivery in Africa on a volunteer basis. "If people are interested in global issues, water and sanitation in particular, then CAWST is a natural fit," said Adele. "Stop talking about it and do something constructive. We all have a bit of extra time and that little bit can make an amazing difference!"

Find out more about [volunteering](#)

Staff Update

CAWST is pleased to welcome Peter Thompson and Melinda Foran, two new International Technical Advisors (ITAs) who have joined the International Services team and Abha Manchanda who has joined the Resource Development team as Fund Development Analyst.

Diana Frost, CAWST's first International Technical Advisor, recently left to pursue other opportunities. Diana pioneered many of our training courses. The CAWST team and network thank her for all her contributions over more than 4.5 years and wish her all the best.

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