COUNTRIES OF FOCUS

Taking on the global need for local WASH knowledge and skills, one country at a time.
A different approach to local partnerships

We’re not (always) in-country. **But our partners are.**

So we focus on them.

We form integrated, long-term partnerships with select in-country organizations to deeply ingrain local knowledge and skills in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Along the way, we “walk beside” our partners, helping them start, scale up, or strengthen their WASH programs.

**And we learn from them, too.**

Ultimately, we want to work ourselves out of a job.

To get there, we’re helping select partner organizations to become regional centres of expertise that provide quality services independently.

We call those formally established local partnerships **WET Centres.**

WET stands for Water Expertise and Training. Each WET Centre does locally what CAWST does globally.

We support WET Centres by building their capacity to develop new education materials, adapt their existing ones, deliver training, and provide consulting support services to local WASH and health organizations.

Meet our local partners **WET Centres**

Each one is unique in their capabilities and the local needs they work on.
Cambodia
WET Centre
WASH SDO

The context
- There is currently a complex WASH sector environment in Cambodia. Although sanitation coverage has rapidly increased, many challenging environments are still unserved.
- Fecal sludge management is a hot topic, but little has been implemented outside of some pilot projects in the two biggest cities.
- Water quality is a major issue, particularly in the rainy season.
- There is large-scale, long-term implementation of Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage (HWTS).

Our objective
Support our local training partner to become a stand-alone centre of expertise.

Our main strategies
- Build the capacity of WASH SDO staff to deliver high-quality WASH services.
- Build collaborative partnerships with subject matter experts to co-create or adapt WASH education and training materials that suit Cambodia’s needs/context/Government priorities.
The context

- The Government has identified that centralized water supply approaches are not feasible to serve the vast majority of their largely rural population, and have set a progressive strategy of reaching 35% of people with HWTS by 2020.
- They have also emphasised the role of women Health Extension Workers (HEWs) and plan to scale up training and increase the number of HEWs.
- We have been working with EKHCDC since 2009.

Our objectives

- Help build EKHCDC’s capacity to build the WASH knowledge and skills of local community agents.
- Support the ongoing development and success of community agents.
- Through joint action research, learn how to best support HWTS market development in rural areas.
- Support the WET Centre’s strategies: (a) to empower members of two key change agent networks - the Government Health Extension Program and Self-Help Groups - to create demand for and successfully implement affordable, appropriate WASH solutions in homes in Oromia and the SNNP region; and (b) to provide on-demand WASH capacity development services to other clients.

Ethiopia

WET Centre

EKHCDC

The context

- Colombia has a high level of coverage for safe water access, but the Government has recognized they will not be able to reach rural areas with safely managed drinking water services by only using traditional community systems.
- The Government is developing public policies to include household water treatment to address the need.
- There is a lack of technical knowledge in HWTS.
- In 2018 CAWST co-hosted the first-ever regional meeting of the UNICEF/WHO Network on HWTS. Many Government agencies were represented.

Our objectives

- Build the capacity of applicable Government institutions to incorporate HWTS into their investment plans, particularly to reach rural areas.
- Support existing HWTS implementers.
- Strengthen the capacity of our current training partner.

Our objective

Scale up HWTS and non-networked sanitation in homes across rural Ethiopia by supporting the EKHCDC WET Centre.

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Honduras

WET Centre

PWW Honduras

The context

- Pure Water for the World (PWW) Honduras works mainly in rural areas of Honduras and Guatemala.
- Much work has been carried out in these areas by other organizations. However, there has not been enough capacity development to go along with this implementation, and there is high demand for the WET Centre’s services to meet these needs.

Our objective

Scale up non-networked WASH in Central America by supporting PWW Honduras to provide WASH capacity building services.

Our main strategies

- Increase the number of teachers integrating WASH into the curriculum - for which there is high demand.
- Increase the number, ability, and knowledge of Community WASH Promoters, as key agents for creating demand and motivating WASH for healthy homes, schools, and clinics in rural areas.

India

The context

- CAWST has been providing services to clients across India for over a decade. We have many long-term clients here.
- Most of our work with them has focused on HWTS, but there is growing demand for Fecal Sludge Management (FSM) services and notable momentum on sanitation due to the Government’s Swachh Bharat mission.
- Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we recently worked with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). We supported NIUA in designing, establishing, and strengthening a capacity building platform in decentralized sanitation.

Our objectives

- Scale up HWTS in rural areas and sanitation in urban areas, through three training partners, Sehgal Foundation, CDD, and AG Care.
- Continue to provide service to clients (mostly small NGOs) on an on-demand basis.
Kenya

ACK

The context
• There is an immediate need to invest in the development of WASH-related human knowledge and skills. Assessments by the WSSCC and the Kenya Board of Engineers show that there is nowhere near sufficient human capacity within the East African communities to meet Sustainable Development Goal 6, clean water and sanitation for all, by 2030.
• There is high demand for ACK services. Their main clients are local entrepreneurs and small businesses, community-based organizations, and Savings and Community Credit Organizations (SACCOs).
• With mentorship from CAWST, in 2016 ACK launched a regional centre of expertise in non-networked WASH solutions for vulnerable households. It focuses on HWTS solutions.

Our objective
Support ACK’s regional centre of expertise to develop new programs and scale up the number and types of clients.

Our main strategies
• Train on HWTS options and implementation.
• Provide consulting support to implementers.
• Support ACK to develop its incubation accelerator for entrepreneurs.

Nepal

WET Centre

ENPHO

The context
• CAWST has collaborated with ENPHO since 2006.
• We are currently working together to build the capacity of organizations responding to WASH needs of communities affected by the 2015 earthquake.
• ENPHO intends to establish a standalone national training centre.

Our objective
Build the capacity of local implementing organizations in WASH through support to the WET Centre, and through direct service delivery by CAWST in non-sewered sanitation.

Our main strategies
• Support earthquake-affected communities with long-term well-being and resiliency in WASH.
• Identify and support other clients working in non-sewered sanitation.
Zambia WET Centre

AFMAC

The context
- There is huge opportunity for mobilizing community agents to achieve better access to WASH in rural communities across Zambia, Uganda, and Tanzania.
- The strong network of Community Health Promoters in areas surrounding Ndola represents an opportunity to incorporate market-based approaches.

Our objective
Increase the number of people with better water, sanitation, and hygiene in East Africa by supporting AFMAC to be an independent centre of expertise that develops high-quality WASH capacity development services to community agents and capacity building organizations throughout the region.

Our strategies
- Scale up HWTS and WASH for Healthy Homes through Community WASH/Health Promoters and self-help groups.
- Leverage mobile, internet, and digital media to engage Community Health Promoters, to support clients with ongoing learning, and to monitor for improvement.
There’s more.

Ask us what we’re doing in:

Cambodia - WET Centre
Colombia
Ethiopia - WET Centre
Honduras - WET Centre
India
Kenya
Nepal - WET Centre
Zambia - WET Centre

Afghanistan - WET Centre
Bangladesh
Bolivia
Guatemala
Haiti
Myanmar
West Africa

Here’s the big picture.

A third of the global population doesn’t have access to safe, readily available water at home. Two-thirds lack safely managed sanitation.*

Care to be part of a strategic, sustainable, scalable solution? Capacity development is key to reaching everyone with safe water and sanitation.**

Let’s talk.

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* WHO/UNICEF JMP 2017
** UN Public Dialogue on the SDG 6 synthesis report 2018, HLPF