

Research Coordination

1. Introduction

Research Coordination is an initiative of WES-Net India led by WaterAid India and UNDP on behalf of the network. This initiative aims to promote information sharing and coordination on the various researches and studies being conducted by Government, Institutes, NGOs, professionals, etc., across the country to minimize overlaps, facilitate convergence and wider dissemination of outputs across the sector.

2. Aims and Objectives

- To identify various research and studies being taken up in the sector
- To minimize overlaps and facilitate convergence among agencies
- Identify gaps and to develop strategies to cover critical areas of research and studies needed
- Strengthen dissemination and sharing of information/results
- To enable possible partnerships and facilitate linkage between research initiatives and potential donors/partners

3. Role of Key Players in Research Coordination

WaterAid India

- Collect data on research and studies conducted in a reporting period and proposed for the future on a regular basis (summarized annually)
- Validate and pick up trends for any gaps and similarities in the proposed initiatives through direct discussions/through email with agencies
- Call for papers/outputs, analyze and collate information for publication based on the outputs from the research and studies initiative (ex.as electronic journal or as updates)
- Coordinate and organize a session on research coordination at the Solution Exchange visioning workshop organized annually.
- Collect information on future research and studies
- House information on the research so as to provide better access
- Take lead role in fostering coordination of research and studies across the stakeholders through emails/discussions/contact/events on a regular basis.

UNDP

- Provides a slot for a session on research coordination at the annual visioning workshops conducted for WES-Net community.

- Assist collection of data and dissemination of information through the solution exchange for WES-Net email discussion forum.

UNICEF

- Publication of report or e-journal based on the outputs of research coordination initiative compiled by WaterAid.

Others

- Proposals support for grass root level NGOs (Manpower support and no financial commitment)

WES-Net Secretariat

- Upload the main findings of the study in the website of WES-Net
- Collect information on ongoing research and feed into the larger database collected through Solution Exchange for WES-Net and at annual workshops.
- Include updates on the research outputs on website/newsletters
- Assist in the dissemination and coordination process of research coordination initiatives carried out by WaterAid and UNDP jointly.

4. Plan for Year 2006-2007

1. To collect updates/reposts/outcomes of the research and studies conducted by the agencies listed on the database gathered by WaterAid and UNDP.
2. Publish a report based on the information collected
3. Collect fresh information on the proposed topics of research and studies for the next period
4. Conduct a session on research coordination during the visioning workshop organized by Solution Exchange for WES-Net (probably during November) which includes; presentation on key studies, discussions on areas of proposed research in the coming periods and analysis to pick up gaps and convergence initiatives.
5. Review data collected at the workshop/outside and identify gaps and areas of similarities for collaboration initiatives for dissemination among sector stakeholders for action through meetings, discussions and email exchanges.