

BRACE CENTRE / IWRM PROGRAM TALK

WholeWater: Delivering Water Services for the Poor

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Access to safe and sustainable water supplies is essential to improving the health and livelihoods of the more than two billion people in developing countries living in absolute poverty. At present, there is a disconnect between the way the poor use water and the way policymakers and water sector architects design and deliver water services to them. Poor populations use water to meet a variety of basic needs yet the current approach to water service delivery usually focuses on providing water for a single use, typically drinking or irrigation, with unintended but serious consequences - spread of disease, overuse, conflict, and system breakdown. WholeWater is Winrock International's standard for planned multiple-use water services (MUS), an integrated client-oriented approach to delivering water services for domestic and productive uses. Compared with single-use, MUS generates more income and benefits, decreases vulnerability, more effectively reduces poverty, and enhances sustainability. This presentation will introduce the WholeWater standard for MUS and review Winrock's implementation activities in the field.

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