



WaSH Brochure



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Abstract: This document contains a brochure outlining the WaSH-UP Programme. It is an innovative program currently being operated in South Africa, specifically in the informal settlement of Langrug in the Stellenbosch municipality. This initiative is a unique approach as it involves the community to a much greater degree. In doing this, the community has a much greater sense of responsibility and ownership of facilities built and maintained through this programme. This is a programme that has the potential to be replicated throughout the world in informal settlements/poverty stricken urban areas. This flyer is a summary of how the programme came to be, the key members in starting the programme, the accomplishments so far and how it can be expanded.

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WaSH-UP

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Upgrading Programme

What is WaSH-UP?

WaSH-UP, or **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Upgrading Programme**, is an innovative solution to common health problems in urban informal settlements. It begins with the creation of a WaSH-UP facility **created and operated by the community members**. These facilities include access to important WaSH appliances such as sinks, laundry areas, toilets, and showers. Beyond the physical facilities, it becomes a **key social space** for community **health, education and wellbeing development**.



An innovative solution to community health issues

Who is WaSH-UP?



WaSH-UP is driven by a **collaborative partnership** between **regional NGOs** with connections to informal settlements, **local government agencies**, and a **university in the United States** that engages students and faculty in a shared learning and supporting role.



WaSH Achievements

- Facility built and upgraded
- Caretaker training
- Health, Education, Wellbeing Services
- Constructed Health Products Kiosk

Why WaSH-UP?

A WaSH Crisis in South Africa

- Access to basic sanitation facilities has been identified as a human right
- Limited health and wellness education leads to increased prevalence of disease

WaSH-UP **provides opportunities** for community members to address health and well-being issues such as **grey water management, early childhood development support, HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy, disease, alcoholism, etc.**



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What Next?

Continued Need for Support

- Need for diversified revenue streams
 - Support from Local Governments
 - Support from Community Members
 - Collaborative Partnerships with Local Business
- Need to strengthen community management structures
 - Training and Continued Education for Community Leaders
 - Effective Community Participation
 - Mentorship for Caretakers in Career Development

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