

# 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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