



Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage Session

Contributing to health gains and the universal human right to safe drinking-water

Target 6, Thematic Priority 1.3 Hygiene and Health through Water and Sanitation
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TARGET

By 2015, 30 additional countries will have established national policies and/or regulations regarding household water treatment and safe storage and point of use water treatment; by 2018, 50 more countries will have reached this target; the scale-up process will be based on gradual and measurable increase of sound evidence of the public health benefits of this approach.

Session Description

Low-cost interventions for household-based treatment of drinking-water and safe storage can significantly reduce the pathogen load in drinking-water and, thereby, reduce the risk of diarrhoeal diseases. Achieving tangible results in the scaling-up of household water treatment and safe storage (HWTS) depends, in large part, on national enabling environments and supportive national policies. International targets on establishing national HWTS policies have been articulated in the Strategy of the International Network on Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage and have been adopted by the World Water Forum 2012. This session will focus on the importance of these policies, links to implementation and the role of all key stakeholders in informing and supporting effective policy development.

Session Highlights

- Short presentations from implementers on HWTS as a proven solution to safe drinking-water
- Global overview of status of national HWTS policies and specific examples of innovative government action from Thailand and Democratic Republic of Congo
- Roundtable discussion with donors, implementers, manufacturers of HWT, and researchers on linking policy to implementation and effective scale-up
- Moderated discussion of commitments sought from key stakeholders

More information:
International Network on Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage
WHO Website:
http://www.who.int/household_water/en/index.html

Communications Portal of the Network:
<http://waterinstitute.unc.edu/hwts>

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