

## Women for Water Core Activities

- Establishing partnerships and facilitating project implementation through the WfWfW Working conferences.
- Providing a platform for members through an effective on-line communication system, an up-to-date resource base and peer reviews, amongst others.
- Lobbying at (inter)national fora for a consensus on the need to develop and preserve water resources and facilities, including on women's terms.
- Mobilizing resources (both financial and knowledge) to enable women's organisations to implement goals at the grass roots level.

Criteria for joining the WfWfW partnership are on our website [www.womenforwater.org](http://www.womenforwater.org).

## Women for Water Quality Mark

WfWfW supports projects all over the world. The Quality Mark is awarded to projects that are successful, sustainable and gender sensitive. Such projects :

- adhere to the key elements of Integrated Water Resources Management: involve all stakeholders; include all the different uses of water; focus on process for long-term results; and propose solutions which are socially, economically and environmentally sustainable.
- improve gender equity and equality, empower women and enlarge the capacity building of women's organisations.
- demonstrate a long-term commitment .

Criteria for projects eligible for WfWfW support are found on our website [www.womenforwater.org](http://www.womenforwater.org).

## Members of the WfWfW Partnership

- 4VO** (NBvP vrouwen van nu, Passage, ZijActief, NVVH), The Netherlands – [www.plattelandsvrouwen.nl](http://www.plattelandsvrouwen.nl)
- Armenian Women for Health and a Healthy Environment (AWHHE)** – [www.awhhe.am](http://www.awhhe.am)
- Business and Professional Women International (BPWI)** – [www.bpwnl.nl/water](http://www.bpwnl.nl/water)
- Mama-86** Ukraine – [www.mama-86.org.ua](http://www.mama-86.org.ua)
- Medium & Sanitas** Romania
- Mehriban** Uzbekistan
- Nationale Vrouwen Beweging (NVB)** Surinam – [www.nvbsuriname.org](http://www.nvbsuriname.org)
- Nederlandse Vrouwen Raad (NVR)**, The Netherlands – [www.de-nvr.nl](http://www.de-nvr.nl)  
[www.genderduurzaamheid.nl](http://www.genderduurzaamheid.nl)
- NetWwater** Sri Lanka
- Tanzania Gender Networking Programme** [www.tgnp.org](http://www.tgnp.org)
- Tegemeo Women's Group** Tanzania
- Vrouw en Arbeidsmarkt (VAM)**, the Netherlands – [www.stichtingvam.nl](http://www.stichtingvam.nl)
- Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)**, the Netherlands, Germany [www.wecf.org](http://www.wecf.org) [www.womenineurope.nl](http://www.womenineurope.nl)
- Women's Land and Water Rights in Southern Africa (WLWRSa)** – [www.wlwrsa.org](http://www.wlwrsa.org)

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# Women for Water, Water for Women

*Grassroots women do big things with little money*



*Water is the key to life  
and a catalyst for  
development*

[www.womenforwater.org](http://www.womenforwater.org)

## Women for Water partnership (WfWfW)

- a world-wide strategic alliance of women's organisations
- working on the sustainable development-water-poverty-gender nexus.

### Our overall goal:

to advance the internationally agreed principles for Integrated Water Resources Management – including sanitation – by incorporating these into everyday practice, by stimulating participation at the grass-roots level, and by integrating gender equality and gender equity perspectives into the management of water resources and water and sanitation services.

*As water is the key to life and a catalyst for development.*

### WfWfW stands for:

- Mobilizing the combined strength of local, national and international women's organisations working on water, sustainable development, poverty eradication and gender issues
- Local action and empowerment
- Participation of women and women's organisations at the lowest appropriate level
- Equal access for women to safe and affordable water and sanitation
- Partnerships with governments, development organisations, business and other relevant parties, with Women as a Major Player
- Dissemination of knowledge and experience
- Implementation of the Dublin Principles, Agenda 21, the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation
- Women's Water Watch.

## Women for Water Working Conference 2005

From The Margins to the Mainstream: Women for Water partnership Combats Poverty through Women's Participation in Water Management. A selection of the case outcomes:

**Romania** The Mayor of Garla Mare declared his willingness to suspend municipal taxes for a year to those in his village who invest in eco-sanitation facilities. Substituting latrines with eco-toilets will result in a substantial decrease in the faecal bacterial pollution of water wells over a 2 to 3 year period and is more gender-friendly. It will also boost the local economy.

*new drinkwaterbasins also to be used for*



*washing clothes*

**Surinam** The National Women's Movement (NVB) entered into a partnership with the water companies from Amsterdam and Surinam and the Vocational School Foundation (VAM) in the Netherlands to install solar pumps, UV-filters and water towers, to set up a water committee and to train the villagers of the hinterland.

**Philippines** WOPDG, a rural women's organisation and partner of 4VO, told of their lack of drinking water and of how the local community lacked the capacity to redress the situation themselves. During the conference a plan was developed to train local women how to maintain communal water taps, install a storage system, and develop concrete income generating activities.



*newly built EcoSan Toiletthouse*



**Sri Lanka** Business & Professional Women (BPW) involved in building new villages in areas affected by war and the tsunami received advice from experts about restoring ancient irrigation reservoirs. The project also includes ideas for environmentally friendly agriculture and irrigation.

**Tanzania** The Tegemeo Women's Group has established an organisation in their remote village to tackle water problems in the region. They requested the help of Women for Water and as a result of the working conference, Tanzania Gender Network is now lending them support.



**Ukraine** Gozhuli Village reported a major problem with safe drinking water due to the poor condition of the sewerage system. The leaks in the sewage pipes polluted the drinking water resources. During the working conference, the local government committed themselves to improving the sewerage system.



*Mama-86 and WECF testing nitrates*