



## Who we are

Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) is a worldwide strategic alliance of local, national and international women's organisations and networks, active in the areas of sustainable development-water-poverty-gender and their linkages. WfWP consists of 24 women's networks and subsidiaries in approximately 100 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the EECCA region and Western Europe. Over two million women from different social, cultural and professional backgrounds contribute to poverty reduction with their know-how and experience.

## Our focus

WfWP's common focus is women's social and economic development through the provision of basic water and sanitation services. WfWP bridges the gaps between the international agreed principles for sustainable development and the day-to-day practice in integrated water resource management and water and sanitation service delivery. Empowerment, local ownership, equity mainstreaming, partnership, and grassroots development are the key concerns of the partnership.

## Our added value

The partnership links macro and micro level interventions and creates conditions that enable women and their organisations to become partners in the development of their own environment. Participatory approach and capacity development are intrinsic to all WfWP activities. Therefore WfWP has its own working methodology: Dynamic Networking. It is tailor-made for sustainable solutions at grassroots' level. Through the Dynamic Networking approach all stakeholders arrive at a shared-needs perception and jointly develop the most appropriate solution. WfWP's member network is strong and unique; learning by doing creates ownership and empowerment while integrating social requirements with traditional and technical expertise.

## Our working conferences

Working conferences are a key instrument where Dynamic Networking is practiced. They are mainly geared towards needs assessment and project development. Relevant stakeholders are invited to participate in the joint development and subsequent implementation of these projects. Knowledge and experience about *inter alia* partnerships, appropriate technologies, micro-finance, and up-scaling of successful initiatives are exchanged and put to practice. The concrete cases presented by WfWP members and other women's groups are furthermore used to debate emerging issues and to formulate lobby points and policy statements.

## Our project facilitation

WfWP facilitates its members in making their project proposals bankable and in finding experts and donors for their projects.

## Our empowerment tools

WfWP has an unique demand-driven grant system in order to facilitate its members. The grants create an enabling environment for WfWP members to take affirmative actions as equal partners in the process. WfWP members can apply for the following: seed grant, capacity development grant and exchange visits.

## Our lobby and advocacy

In accordance to integrated water resource management women play a pivotal role in the provision, management and safeguarding of water (Dublin Principles, 1992). WfWP as representative of the women Major Group (UN Agenda 21) plays an important role in local, national and international lobby and advocacy. The partnership participates in key developments and meetings at UN level and within the water sector at international (such as the World Water Forum), national and local level.

## Our Strategic Partnerships

To enhance women's participation in achieving sustainable livelihoods, WfWP has formed many Strategic Partnerships. Partnerships are established between WfWP and UN-Water, UNESCO-IHE, WASTE, the International Water Association, European Water Partnership and Aqua for All. WfWP is also a member of the World Water Council. Together with EWP WfWP developed the Aquawareness campaign and Water Stewardship Programme.

WfWP-members	Focus area	Website
4VO	Netherlands and Globally	<a href="http://www.zijactief.nl">www.zijactief.nl</a> (samenwerking)
AWHHE	Armenia	<a href="http://www.awhhe.am">www.awhhe.am</a>
BPWI	Globally	<a href="http://www.womenforwater.org/bpw-watertaskforce">www.womenforwater.org/bpw-watertaskforce</a>
BSWC	Black Sea Region	no website
CONSAM	Colombia	<a href="http://www.consam.com.co">www.consam.com.co</a>
Earth Forever	Bulgaria	<a href="http://www.earthforever.org">www.earthforever.org</a>
KWDT	Uganda	<a href="http://www.katosi.org">www.katosi.org</a>
MAMA-86	Ukraine, EECCA Region	<a href="http://www.mama-86.org.ua">www.mama-86.org.ua</a>
Medium et Sanitas	Romania	no website
Mehriban	Uzbekistan	no website
Melania	Africa, Asia and Latin America	<a href="http://www.melania.nl">www.melania.nl</a>
NetWwater	Sri Lanka	<a href="http://www.netwwater.org">www.netwwater.org</a>
NVB	Surinam	<a href="http://www.nvbsuriname.org">www.nvbsuriname.org</a>
NVR	Netherlands and Globally	<a href="http://www.nederlandsevrouwenraad.nl">www.nederlandsevrouwenraad.nl</a>
Soroptimist International of Europe	Europe, Caribbean and Africa	<a href="http://www.soroptimistsgoforwater.nl">www.soroptimistsgoforwater.nl</a>
TWG	Tanzania	no website
TGNP	Tanzania	<a href="http://www.tgnp.org">www.tgnp.org</a>
UWFWS	Uganda	no website
VAM	The Netherlands and ACP countries	<a href="http://www.stichtingvam.nl">www.stichtingvam.nl</a>
WISDOM	Moldova	<a href="http://www.conference.wisdom.md">www.conference.wisdom.md</a>
WEP	Nigeria	<a href="http://www.wepnigeria.net">www.wepnigeria.net</a>
WOFAN	Nigeria	<a href="http://www.wofan-ng.org">www.wofan-ng.org</a>
WPLUS	Nepal	<a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/awplus">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/awplus</a>
WROC	Jamaica	<a href="http://www.wrocjamaica.org">www.wrocjamaica.org</a>



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**WfWP focuses on sustainable development through integrated water resource management by:**

- enabling the exchange of knowledge and expertise through its international network
- facilitating the development of demand-driven projects at local level
- advocating full and equal participation of women and their organisations
- stimulating women's empowerment and local ownership
- promoting equity mainstreaming at all levels
- accessing support resources for its members