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Preface

Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) can look back on an exceptionally important year. Indeed, 2015 was decisive for our planet. It marked the end of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which together with the outcomes of RIO+20 have served as the jumping-off point for the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With the SDGs, UN Member States have set more far-reaching objectives than ever, aimed at tackling inequality, ending poverty and averting the effects of climate change. The inclusion of SDG 6 on water and other water-related targets was a big win for all of us who fought so vigorously for this goal.

The message that women have a crucial role to play in water management was emphasised and taken aboard in many international and national policy documents. However, despite these encouraging words, implementation is still lagging behind. It all boils down to a lack of action, as sadly for us, reality tells a different story. It therefore remains a major challenge to achieve access to water for everyone and for all uses.

Despite our limited means, the Women for Water Partnership has been working tirelessly and with measurable success for a water-secure world in which women are heard and empowered. It is why we can look back with pride at the milestones achieved in 2015.

Due to the determined efforts of our members, many women, men and children have gained access to safe water. More people now also have access to proper toilets and practice healthy hygiene. Women have obtained control over water resources to e.g. irrigate their land, which has allowed them to start up their own businesses. Through this empowerment, women can confidently raise their voices. This is no small achievement, especially considering the challenging circumstances, such as vested cultural beliefs, limited access to finances and land, having to work in contested areas or the indifference shown by governments.

This report presents the most important results achieved in 2015. This success would not have been possible without the collaboration with all our partners, alliances, members and staff. I thank you wholeheartedly for all your hard work and dedication.

The main objectives for the next five years have been identified and defined. The strategic direction of WfWP was discussed and approved by the WfWP General Assembly. I look to the future with confidence and see countless milestones ahead, which we shall reach together.

The Hague, January 2016

Mariet Verhoef Cohen
President Women for Water Partnership
### List of Abbreviations

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Highlights 2015

A water secure world in which women are heard and empowered to exercise their full potential to achieve equitable and sustainable development is Women for Water Partnership’s (WfWP) vision. WfWP applies three interlinked strategies; (i) providing access to water and sanitation via project implementation, (ii) influencing policy to take local realities on board and (iii) knowledge exchange to strengthen our members and partnership.

WfWP members implemented various projects that improved access to water and sanitation. In a few cases, the WfWP secretariat coordinates projects directly. In 2015 the secretariat supported member organisation Katosi (Katosi) with two projects: Self supply WASH for households and Schools and women empowerment for WASH-access in rural Uganda. Two new projects were started up: Kidingidingi and Kwakibulu gravity schemes in Tanzania and Safe water, sanitation and green energy for school girls in the community in Kenya. In addition, five grants were allocated to WfWP members¹ for either capacity development or funding to develop project proposals for fundraising.

WfWP was well represented at key water events and our voice did not get unnoticed. Policy-maker’s understanding about the need for sex-disaggregated data improved. International agreements increasingly recognise the link between women and water. A major achievement - thanks to the strong collaboration with many partners- was the adoption of goal 6 on water, by UN Member States. Key events to which WfWP contributed in 2015 were the (i) CSW59, (ii) 7th World Water Forum in South Korea, (iii) the International Conference on the Implementation of the Water for Life Decade in Tajikistan, (iv) the 70th meeting of the UN General Assembly and (v) the final meeting and events of the United Nations Secretariat General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB). Inspired by UNSGAB, WfWP jointly initiated a campaign for UN Member States to designate 2017 / 2018 as the UN International Year on Water and Women.

The two complementary lessons learnt publications Women, Wash and the Water for Life Decade and Reflections on experiences from the field were published in 2015. The first publication was a collaboration with UNU-INWEH, the latter with UN Women and UNW-DPAC. Both publications were distributed among members, civil society, NGO’s, policy makers, and UN officials. The publications were major achievements in the field of knowledge exchange this year.

In October the representatives of the member organisations met in Sri Lanka for the General Assembly (GA) on invitation of founding member NetWwater. In Sri Lanka the strategic direction for the period 2016-2020 was decided upon and approved: the course for the next five years were determined. The compilation of the members remained the same over 2015. The Steering Committee (SC) was expanded with a seventh member. Also, the division of tasks and roles within the SC were adapted.

WfWP uses its M&E framework for learning and accountability. WfWP further fine-tuned its already comprehensive planning, monitoring and reporting system, which is currently in place. One last step – to monitor the partnership as a whole on project results of member organisations and advocacy activities- remains on the agenda for 2016.

Communication received increased attention throughout 2015. More messages were spread via social media² reaching a larger public and WfWP was increasingly visible at events.

Business development was high on the agenda as well. Various proposals were written, submitted and several were granted. Core donor Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) agreed

¹ These members include WPLUS, VAM, KWDT, AWHHE and Earth Forever
² Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn
to a new two-year collaboration (2016-2017). WfWP applied for the programme Female Leadership and Opportunities for Women (FLOW2), in collaboration with SIGBI and WOCAN and several member organisations. FLOW2 was unfortunately not granted, among others due to high competition (103 proposals passed the threshold criteria and only 9 were granted). Furthermore, two projects of members were granted, in Tanzania (Aqua for All / Marie Stella Maris) and in Kenya (SIE).

Finance - WfWP worked with an original budget of €392,601 and during the year the budget increased to €528,958. The main reasons for the increase are the favourable exchange rate of the Swiss Franc and the acquisition of two projects for members. During the year the SC decided to devote a part of the increase to a small grants programme for members. The commitment of the Members, SC and Staff among others is expressed in terms of the voluntary hours contributed to WfWP operations, the number mounted to €426,580.
Core activities
1. Implementing access to water for all, for all uses
Projects executed by our members contributing to equitable access to safe water and sustainable development are at the heart of WfWP. In our projects members focus on the inclusion of women from day one and on their inclusion in water governance. Capacity development is a central element in all our projects, to empower women and their communities. Only in few cases and on request the Secretariat takes the responsibility for project management on behalf of a member. An actual expenditure review resulted in the possibility for a call for members to apply for small grants.

A. Small Grants
WfWP’s small grants scheme was reinstated in 2015. This empowerment tool enabled grassroots women’s groups to acquire knowledge, increased capacity and back their development. The final reports of these grants are expected in June 2016. The following organisations received a grant of €5,000 euro:

   Capacity development
   ▪ KWDT- Enhancing capacity of women to govern access to and use of water and sanitation
   ▪ AWHHE - New Environmental Challenges and national political agenda
   ▪ VAM- Mali women vocational training
   ▪ WPLUS- Training, research and conference on gender in water and sanitation

   Seed fund for developing project proposals
   ▪ Earth Forever- development of project proposal addressing the sanitation and hygiene behaviour and demands among Roma women and girls in Bulgaria
B. Access to water: Projects of members Access to sustainable water and sanitation services

**CONSAM Alter-Eco - Colombia**
In Guachené, Colombia, 50% of the 20,000 inhabitants have no connection to a water system and half of the population practices open defecation. Since 2011 Consam Alter-Eco started improving conditions in the community by developing a WASH intervention model, supervising urban sewerage, rehabilitating wastewater treatment plants and by ensuring governmental commitments.

Beneficiaries: 10,810 people
Financial partners: Pavco, Municipality of Guachené, Inter-American Development Bank
Budget: €1,353,652 euro / Consam Alter-Eco’s participation equals €86,150 euro

Main outcomes include:
- Improved access to water and sanitation facilities for Guachené’s inhabitants
- Capacitated women became sub-contractors, now teach proper use of technology, build urinals and reinforce healthy hygiene habits
- Through access to water women set up small-scale productive activities to generate an income
- Women headed households are now prioritized by the local government

**Earth Forever - Bulgaria**
To meet EU water legislation requirements, Bulgaria will make major investments in 15% of its communities. Earth Forever mobilises communities in three municipalities to increase informed decision-making and to ensure safe & sustainable water and sanitation services. Earth Forever’s objectives are: (i) public mobilization of rural communities to stand for their Human Right for Safe Water and Sanitation services, and (ii) enhancing its organizational capacity.

Beneficiaries: over 7,600 inhabitants
Financial partners: Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Program Civil Society Participation Fund
Budget: €57,000 euro

The project runs from July 2014 - July 2016 and examples of the envisioned outputs are:
- Provision of a 7-module training (on drinking water supply, wastewater treatment and reuse, water quality and health, IWRM, presentation and advocacy skills)
- WatSan management strategies developed and communicated to relevant stakeholders
- 7-year water and sanitation action plans developed and communicated by relevant stakeholders
- A national closing conference organized and 5 press-conferences

**MAMA 86 – Ukraine**
The armed conflict in eastern Ukraine resulted in nearly 1.3 million internally displaced persons. Unresolved conflict threatens water supply and proper sewerage systems, which leads to escalating health problems. MAMA-86 and UNICEF responded to the desperate need for hygiene supplies and hygiene education for the most vulnerable people living in the conflicted areas Lugansk, Kyiv and Kharkiv.

Beneficiaries: 10,700 people – mainly children
Partner: UNICEF
Budget: €29,600 euro

The project ran from November 2014 to November 2015, main outcomes include:
- 190 teachers & kindergarten staff trained in emergency hygiene promotion (in 4 locations)
- 7,000 children reached on hygiene promotion, emergency WASH & health in 60 schools
- 2763 children participated the Global Handwashing Day and World Toilet Day in 22 schools
- Distribution of 5,900 hygiene education packages for children and families, 144 WASH guidebooks for teachers in 75 schools and 8,240 hygiene kits for children and families
C. Access to water: projects supported through the Secretariat

In 2015 Katosi Women Development Trust (KWDT) completed two projects in Uganda with the support of the WfWP Secretariat.

1. Self-Supply WaSH for households and schools, January-December 2014
KWDT aimed to increase access to safe water, adequate sanitation and improved hygiene for marginalised fisher communities through enhancing women’s roles in WaSH.

Financial partners: Aqua for All & Marie Stella Maris
Budget €57,315 euro

Main results:
- 32 domestic rain water harvesting tanks and 16 sanitation facilities
- 64 women trained in leadership skills to sustain water and sanitation facilities
- 445 women trained in group dynamics to ensure sustainability of the women group’s activities
- 29 women tank masons trained to construct rain water facility

2. Women empowerment for WaSH-access in rural Uganda, September 2013 – April 2015
Sanitation related diseases were rampant in the rain season in several fisher communities because of open defecation. KWDT increased access to safe water and sanitation facilities through the construction of RWH tanks and toilets.

Financial partners: Nestlé Waters North America
Budget €14,973 euro / local contr. €2,883 euro

Main results:
- 55 people benefiting from 5 domestic rain water harvesting tanks of 12,000 liters
- 849 pupils in 5 schools benefiting from 2 rain water harvesting tanks of 20,000 liters
- 44 people benefiting from 4 sanitation facilities ECOSAN and VIP in women households directly
- 1,066 people benefiting from 2 school toilets
- 54 women leaders trained in leadership skills
- 24 women masons retrained in tank construction and maintenance
- 55 Water User Committees trained how to install rain water harvesting tanks

The WfWP Secretariat secured funding in 2015 for two projects:

Tegemeo Women Group - Tanzania

Kidengidingi and Kwakibulu Gravity Schemes -
The villagers of Mweteni village had no direct access to safe drinking water or proper sanitation. A large part of the villagers was served by the construction of gravity and rainwater harvesting schemes in earlier project phases, in this phase the remaining communities will be served. Hygiene and sanitation training for the community are important elements of the project.

Implementers: Tegemeo Women Group, community and local authorities
Financial partners: Marie Stella Maris and Aqua for All
Budget: €86, 678 euro
Duration: July 2015- Dec 2015

Soroptimist International Kenya – Kenya

Safe water, sanitation and green energy for schoolgirls and the community - The project provides proper water and sanitation facilities to schools. Children and teachers will have access to safe drinking water and hygiene education. 48 toilets will be built in 12 schools. Each school will receive 2 rainwater harvesting tanks. LED lamps (for homework at night) and fireless cookers will be introduced to decrease logging activities. Training will be given in water, sanitation and hygiene as well as the use of LED lamps and building fireless cookers.

Implementers: Soroptimist International Kenya
Location: six locations in Kenya
Financial partner: via ABN Amro philanthropy
Budget: € 144,700 euro
Duration: 3 years, from 2015 - 2017
2. Lobby and Advocacy

Lobby and advocacy is an essential element of WfWP’s work to ensure that decision makers take on board the role women play and can play in achieving water security. Lobby messages are derived from real life experiences and lessons learnt of members. WfWP influences policy by providing members a podium to articulate their opinions in policy processes and key (inter)-national water events. WfWP collaborates with partners and like-minded organisations - also outside the water sector- to increase effectiveness.

The dedicated goal for water & sanitation (SDG 6) was adopted by the Member States at United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in September 2015; WfWP - together with its many partners - successfully lobbied for this 6th SDG. WfWP was an observer to the Open Working Groups (OWG) of the Post-2015 and SDG process and provided inputs on the formulations of SDG 5 and 6 also through UN Water and UN Women.

Inspired by UNSGAB, WfWP initiated and lobbied UN Member States to support an International Year on Water and Women, 25 years after the Dublin Principles were adopted. The government of South Africa spearheads diplomatic requirements. The formal decision by the UNGA on this is expected to be taken early 2016 and already has received a lot of (informal) support and interest from member states and UN bodies.

WfWP attended and co-hosted conferences and meetings worldwide, from national conclaves to regional deliberations to global fora, where we pushed our messages to the highest level of national and international authorities. We hosted a pre-women conference Gender Equity for a Water-Secure Future at the 7th World Water Forum in the Republic of South Korea in April 2015. WfWP took part in the prepcoms for the ministerial declaration. The main recommendations were included in the official recommendations from the international water community that accompanied the Ministerial Declaration. Apart from the pre-conference, joining ministerial round tables, speaking at opening and closing events, WfWP co-hosted three key sessions (see below). Among others, together with UNESCO, WfWP coordinated the Thematic Process 4.4. – Water Cultures, Justice and Equity, with a number of high-level sessions.

WfWP was actively involved in the #ClimateisWater campaign coordinated by the World Water Council. This informal alliance sent out strong messages about the role of water in climate change during CoP21 meeting in Paris in December and beyond.

WfWP continued to collaborate with partners and expanded its partnership base: in April 2015 a MoU was signed with the Global Water Partnership (GWP). WfWP will support GWP with the implementation of their gender strategy.

Our steering committee members and members take on key roles to influence on stage and behind the scenes. This year e.g., Steering Committee member Diana Iskra became deputy Chair of the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health of the UNECE Water Convention.
Highlights lobby and advocacy events

UN-Water Annual International Zaragoza Conference 15-17 January, Spain
WFWP coordinated the civil society pillar (with World Youth Parliament on Water)

CSW59, 9-20 March, New York, US
Side event: “Women’s role in water diplomacy as key for empowerment” (with Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN, IFBPW and SIE)

7th World Water Forum, 10-17 April 2015, Republic of South Korea
Pre-conference gender equity for a water-secure future
Session: Women for Water: Agents of change for a new culture of water (with UNESCO IHP)
Session: Women for a water secure world: past, present and future
Session: High-Level panel on Water in the Post-2015 Development Agenda “Water is the Key for Sustainable Development” (with Butterfly Effect) and participation in prepcoms ministerial declaration

AfricaSan Conference Dakar 25-27 May, Senegal
Preparatory Workshop for the preparation of 2015 Annual Water and Sanitation Report and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting

High-level Int. Conference: Implementation of the Water for Life Decade, 5-13 June, Tajikistan
Pre-conference: Women Water Forum “Women for a water-secure world under the Post 2015 global agenda for sustainable development” (with EBRD, Oxfam, UN Women, Global Water Forum, Government of Tajikistan)

Stockholm World Water Week, 20-28 August, Sweden
Moderation Women for Water. Every Woman Counts. Every Second Counts (convened by Unilever)
Co-convenor and moderation ‘Don’t cheat on us! Gender dimensions in water corruption’

70th Session of the UN General Assembly, 26-30 September, New York, US
Session: Making it happen: “Ending inequalities and ensuring sanitation, water and hygiene for all as a basis for achieving the SDGs” (with Governments of the Netherlands, South Africa, Hungary and Bangladesh, UN Water, Sanitation and Water for All, Water Aid & UNICEF)
Session: Implementing SDG 5 & 6 together: Access to and control over natural resources and especially water as key factor for women’s empowerment and equality

UN High-Level Water and Sanitation Days 2015, 18-20 November, New York
Speaker at closing ceremony of UNSGAB

-For the complete list see appendix D

Our key messages

- Combine the implementation for SDG 5 & 6 and other water-related targets, advocate the link between women, water and sustainable development for empowerment and equality
- Position women as agents of change, leaders, professionals, experts and partners on equal footing with men in water and sustainable development programmes to achieve equitable access to water for all for all uses
- Advocate for women’s and women’s organisations access to financial investments and instruments
- Water and sanitation needs gender disaggregated data for monitoring
- #ClimateisWater
3. Knowledge exchange and learning

From access to local knowledge to improve member initiatives to participating in high level discussion at international forums, it is clear that organisations have strongly benefited from joining the WfWP network. Member organisations have been granted opportunities to enhance their institutional capacity and knowledge on water, sanitation and hygiene related issues, project development, and project management, and see significant value in being part of a larger organisational structure.

In: Women, Wash and the Water for Life Decade: 2015, pp 13

This is one of the conclusions of the report published in collaboration with UNU INWEH. In 2015 WfWP proudly launched two publications at the High Level International Conference on the implementation of the International Decade for Action “Water for Life” 2005-2015 in Tajikistan. Women, Wash and the Water for Life Decade: an emerging framework for success post-2015” is based on the experiences of WfWP members and translated into recommendations and implementation tools. It explores the potential and capacity of the network, members and much more.

Women as Agents of Change in Water: reflections on experiences from the field was a collaboration with UN Women and UNW-DPAC. It presents striking cases of work of our members and how they radically transformed the lives in their communities. The reports are still available on our website.

Make your idea become part of the solution- words coming from Honorary Nomvula Mokonyane, Minister for Water and Sanitation in South Africa. Ms. Mokonyane is a powerful role model; she transformed difficult early life experiences into fighting for equality and standing up for marginalised voices. WfWP finalised the project Women leadership in water (funded by UN Women), which resulted in moving, hopeful and inspiring stories of women who positioned themselves as ‘part of the solution’ in the water sector. To watch Ms Mokonyane’s message and other inspiring stories, visit our website.

How can ‘big data’ be utilised more effectively? How can big data be translated to support local agricultural communities? How best to monitor progress on water, gender and food security? These questions were addressed during the event back-to-back with the WfWP General Assembly in Sri Lanka in collaboration with IWMI. Monitoring is increasingly important, not only for accountability reasons, but to increase and effectively seize learning opportunities as well. Therefore, we spent a day on learning and discussing practical steps and how best to respond to global and local challenges of data collection and analysis.

WfWP will reinstate intranet, a platform that facilitates members to share their best practices, lessons learnt and expertise on different themes. WfWP took the necessary preparations to stimulate cross-fertilisation and intra-member exchanges and expertise.
Governance and Operations
4. Governance of WfWP and its members

General Assembly
The General Assembly (GA) is the highest governing body in the partnership, consisting of one delegate per member. The majority of the decisions in 2015 were taken electronically, such as the approval of the annual plan and budget, annual report and accounts and the introduction of a membership fee in cash or in kind. The GA elected two members of the Steering Committee in 2015.

Founding member NetWwater invited the General Assembly on 10 and 11 October to Sri Lanka. During this two-day event, delegates reconnected, presented their organisations and their current projects, approved the strategic framework 2016-2020 after meaningful discussions and philosophised what it means to be a WfWP member.

Member Organisations
Member organisations are the heart of WfWP. WfWP counts 26 member organisations in 2015 – there were no changes in composition. WfWP still has a presence in approximately 100 countries, predominantly in least developed countries and economies in transition. The member organisations are diverse, have wide-ranging aims and themes. See appendix A for the list of member organisations.

Steering Committee
The Steering Committee (SC) is tasked with managing the partnership and is accountable to the GA. The division of roles and tasks was adapted to fit with the new strategy. Also, the SC expanded with one extra board member, growing to a seven headed SC. The SC met a total of eight times over the course of 2015 (seven times virtually and once face-to-face). Marjon Verkleij succeeded Wazna Hamidullahkhan as Honorary Secretary in February. Lesha Witmer was elected as SC member for Advocacy. Treasurer Diana Iskreva-Indigo was re-elected as Treasurer for a second term in June. We thank Wazna Hamidullahkhan wholeheartedly for the contributions made to WfWP. For the SC roster and other credentials of SC members see appendix C.

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5. Planning, monitoring and evaluation
Accountability is becoming more important by the day, not only for transparency reasons, but to effectively seize learning opportunities as well. WfWP invested much attention towards improving its planning and reporting system. Elements of our planning and reporting system include:
A strategic framework 2016-2020, which will be translated into annual work plans
Annual reporting and accounting, including statements of an independent auditor
The functioning of the network (by monitoring GA participation and decisions)
Monthly financial reporting to follow up budget expenditure
Bi-monthly SC meetings, to monitor programmatic, strategic and financial matters
Back to office reporting of SC members of external events
Bi-weekly staff meetings (to monitor progress of work plan)
Result-oriented performance appraisal system for staff

In some cases the WfWP secretariat manages member’s projects. The planning and monitoring system in these cases are based on the requirements of the respective donor. All projects have an implementation plan and start with a multi-stakeholder meeting in which monitoring is one of the key subjects for discussion and agreement. Again, monitoring is used as an important tool for learning and capacity development. Depending on the donor, financial and narrative reporting is done on a monthly, quarterly, bi- or annual basis.

WfWP’s monitoring system is quite extensive, however, WfWP also initiated first steps to capture the results achieved of the partnership as a whole (all members) in the field of (i) equal access to water for all uses and (ii) lobby and advocacy activities. During the GA an inventory was carried out so that the new, simple and digital monitoring system will build on existing systems.

6. Communication
To date, images depicting women as water carriers or victims remain a dominant frame. If promoting women as ‘agents of change’, matching images are indispensable in order to be successful. Breaking with the prevailing image of women in these traditional roles demand accordingly, modern and strong images. We scrutinised our own photo library and concluded that our own portfolio was too traditional and we too needed to move away from these cliché images. Under the ‘Women leadership in water cooperation’ programme (funded by UN Women), members were requested to develop inspirational images. Aiming for a global variety, members in Nepal (WPLUS), Sri Lanka (NetWater), Armenia (AWHHE) and Kenya (SIK) were requested to develop images of women in their role as (i) active leaders in water, (ii) economically empowered and (iii) agents of change.

To celebrate their successes, the International “Water for Life Decade 2005-2015” organized the photo exhibit "Voices from the Peoples” at the United Nations Head Quarters in New York on World Water Day 2015. The exhibit aimed to portray people from civil society. WfWP members were displayed their best projects at this photo exhibit in New York, UN HQ and beyond.

The WfWP website is our main business card and needed attention. The news and information section of the website informed the partners and members on a very frequent basis and shared latest updates and occurring events. Reports of members were shared (TGNP), campaigns voiced (#ClimateisWater) and successes shared (member KWDT in Uganda partnering with the Ministry of Water and Environment to upscale rainwater harvesting activities). Since this year a PayPal option became available on the website.

WfWP has been increasingly visible and more articulate on social media. WfWP’s exposure on Facebook (Women for Water) improved significantly, in comparison to one year ago, the likes have more than doubled to 690 likes. Our Twitter account womenforwater@wfwppartnership was reinstated in March and several of our sessions, among others the 7th World Water Forum could be followed live. Currently the page has 114 followers, and WfWP sent 146 tweets. WfWP also has a LinkedIn company page Women for Water Partnership and currently has 155 followers.
This year WfWP developed several brochures, posters (e.g. for the World Water Council general assembly), flyers (e.g. for the UN General Assembly campaigning for the UN International year on Water and Women) and had a booth at the 7th World Water Forum in South Korea to increase exposure. Visit our website / Facebook / Twitter / LinkedIn to stay up to date.

7. Business development

To keep the network alive and operational we spent a lot of time on fundraising activities, creating and maintaining trustful relationships. WfWP has been actively pursuing additional funding in 2015. WfWP ensured a new two-year contract with SDC for 2016-2017. The contribution of SDC is a core contribution and is used for governing and running the secretariat with key staff. UN Women and WfWP jointly worked on a new strategic collaboration programme. Another important tender was for FLOW 2, Female Leadership and Opportunities for Women, a programme developed by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the summer WfWP teamed up with WOCAN and SIGBI and several member organisations to develop a programme on (i) participation by women in politics and public administration and (ii) women’s economic participation and self-reliance. Unfortunately, this coalition did not win the grant. Furthermore, WfWP SC members (mainly) received travel support from different sources to participate in global meetings.

Besides core and global programme funding, WfWP also pursued funding for member projects and advocacy efforts and again entered business with Aqua for All / Marie-Stella-Maris for the TWG Kidimgidi water supply schemes in Tanzania and a private company for a programme of the Soroptimist: Kenya school toilets and community solar lighting.

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3 AWHHE, WPLUS, NetWwater, SIK
8. Staffing and HR
The partnership and its governing bodies are supported by a lean secretariat based in The Netherlands. The staff has regular staff-meetings to stay on track with the work plan and the performance of the staff is reviewed on a regular basis. This year the secretariat was supported by an intern on communications and a volunteer and a secretary was attracted. We are grateful for their motivation and achieved results. In December Ilse Mijnhart left the WfWP team. We sincerely thank Ilse for her great work, enormous dedication and enthusiasm.

In 2015 the staff consisted of:

- Annemiek Jenniskens: executive director, 36 hours per week
- Debby Hoeksma: secretary since August, 12 hours per week
- Diantha Brackel: planning and control, 5 hours per week
- Ilse Mijnhart: project & communications officer, 24 hours per week (until December)
- Frederique Holle: policy officer, 32 hours per week
- Glory Izima: volunteer, July-August, 24 hours per week
- Stephanie Macnack: intern communication, January-March, 24 hours per week

9. Finance
WfWP worked with an original budget of € 392,601 and during the year the budget increased to €528,958. The main reasons for the increase are the favourable exchange rate of the Swiss Franc and the acquisition of 2 projects of members. The policy and practice of WfWP is to be as economical as possible and to create a reserve for difficult times. The result of 2015 is €68,911. During the year the Steering Committee decided to devote a part of the increase to a small grants programme for members. The commitment of the Steering Committee and the Staff is among others expressed in terms of the voluntary hours contributed to WfWP operations, the number mounted to €426,580. The budget is monitored on a monthly basis by the Secretariat and discussed in all meetings of the Steering Committee. See the statement of income and expenditures 2015 on the next page.
### Statement of income and expenditures 2015

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Appendix A Member Organisations

UWFWS

TWG
Appendix B Partner Organisations

Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC

MARIE-STELLA-MARIS

UN Women

UN Water

UNESCO-IHE
Institute for Water Education

United Nations University
UNU-INWEH

Global Water Partnership

The Voice of Water

World Water Assessment Programme

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

From local to global

akvo.org

GWC
Global Water Challenge

EWP

NWP
Netherlands Water Partnership

EUWI
EU Water Initiative

IWA
The International Water Association

WATER FOR LIFE

WOFWAT

For Women and Children's Access to Safe Water

For Women's Access to Safe Water
Appendix C: Roster and CVs SC

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<td>Mariet Verhoef-Cohen</td>
<td>1 April 2014</td>
<td>1 April 2017</td>
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<td>Vice President</td>
<td>Emma Anakhasyan</td>
<td>1 February 2011</td>
<td>1 February 2017</td>
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<td>Hon. Secretary</td>
<td>Marjon Verkleij</td>
<td>1 April 2015</td>
<td>1 April 2018</td>
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<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>Diana Iskreva</td>
<td>20 July 2012</td>
<td>1 January 2019</td>
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<td>Business Development</td>
<td>Asha Abdulrahman</td>
<td>15 March 2013</td>
<td>15 March 2016</td>
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<td>Kathy Kelly</td>
<td>11 November 2013</td>
<td>11 November 2016</td>
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<td>Advocacy</td>
<td>Lesha Witmer</td>
<td>11 February 2015</td>
<td>11 February 2018</td>
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**Chair Mariet Verhoef-Cohen**
- Founder and owner of Bacolet Translations BV (translation company)
- President Elect Soroptimist International (SI), 2016-present
- Supervisory Board member CATENT, 2014-present
- Representative WfWP for World Water Council

**Vice-Chair Emma Anakhasyan**
- Head of Environmental Health Department and project coordinator AWHHE
- Board member of Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
- Working group member of the Water and Health, UNECE/WHO Water and Health Protocol
- Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting, UNECE/WHO Water and Health Protocol
- WfWP representative for WWAP, UNESCO, Water Decade–Dushanbe, Tajikistan and Communication on representation in UNECE/WHO Protocol on Water and Health

**Treasurer Diana Iskreva**
- Executive Director Earth Forever, Bulgaria
- Deputy chair Compliance Committee Protocol on Water and Health UN Water convention, 2015-present
- Board member WECF
- Co-coordinator World Water Forum 8 session Equity and Water Cultures, 2015-present
- Representative of NGOs in EUWI, 2012-present
- Representative Butterfly Effect for WfWP, 2012-present

**Honorary Secretary Marjon Verkleij**
- Co-owner of an agricultural enterprise since 1994 (dairy and farmer cheese factory)
- Member of 3VO, Vrouwen van Nu, ZijActief
- City councillor for the CDA (Christian democratic appeal) (2010), party leader of CDA Alphen a/d Rijn, since 2014
- Advisor of the Board of LTO-Noord Alphen-Nieuwkoop, since 2009
- Member of the Development Committee of ZijActief (rural women organisation) since 2003
- Agripooler of Agriterra since 2004
- Member of the Rotarian commission ‘Walk for Water’

**Honorary Secretary Wazna Hamidullahkhan** January-February 2015
- Financial consultant 2Trust BV
- Treasurer Nederlandse Vrouwen Raad
**Business Development Asha Abdulrahman**
Soroptimist International of Europe Federation – Extension Committee  
Member SI Kenya Union  
Member of AMCOG Technical Advisory Committee  
Gender Equity Advocate, representing WfWP at Africa forums i.e. AMCOG, AfricaSan, African Union and Africa Water Association  
Monitoring and Evaluating of projects funded through WfWP especially in Africa

**Communication Kathy Kelly**
Owner and founder of Personnel Profiles, Inc.  
Member of International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW)  
Delegate, Commission on the Status of Women (US)  
Standing Committee, Commission on the Status of Women (North America/Caribbean Region)  
Volunteer US treasurer, Afghans4Tomorrow  
WfWP representative UN Delegate Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

**Advocacy Lesha Witmer**
Independent senior advisor on Sustainable Development, water governance and Human Resources  
Chair VAM foundation (Women and Labour Market)  
Steering Committee member of the Butterfly Effect NGO coalition  
Chair of standing committee of IFBPW on Environment, Sustainable Development & Water and UN representative of IFBPW (e.g. to the UNECE and HLPF)  
Member of the Social Impacts, etc. Chamber of the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Council  
Alternate delegate to the World Water Council, Alternate Member EUWI Coordinating Committee, Steering Committee to the #ClimateisWater Campaign
## Appendix D Lobby and advocacy event list

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<th>Event</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Dates</th>
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<td>UN-Water Annual International Zaragoza Conference</td>
<td>WfWP coordinated the civil society pillar (with World Youth Parliament on Water)</td>
<td>15-17 January</td>
<td>Zaragoza, Spain</td>
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<td>Women’s Day and World Water Day</td>
<td>WfWP organised session Women and Water Make Sustainable Food Security Happen (with UNESCO-IHE)</td>
<td>12 March</td>
<td>Delft, the Netherlands</td>
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<td>CSW59</td>
<td>Side event: “Women’s role in water diplomacy as key for empowerment” (with Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN, IFBPW and SIE)</td>
<td>9-20 March</td>
<td>New York, US</td>
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<td>7th World Water Forum</td>
<td>Pre-conference gender equity for a water-secure future</td>
<td>10-17 April</td>
<td>Republic of South Korea</td>
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<td>OECD water governance Initiative Meeting</td>
<td>Input in the meeting e.g. on the follow-up of the initiative</td>
<td>27 May</td>
<td>Edinburgh</td>
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<td>International Forum of NGOs</td>
<td>Role of Women in Fighting Poverty, in partnership with UNESCO</td>
<td>29-30 June</td>
<td>Paris, France</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stockholm World Water Week</td>
<td>Women for Water. Every Woman Counts. Every Second Counts- convened by Unilever Co-convenor and moderation of “Don’t cheat on us! Gender dimensions in water corruption” Speaker at the annual EUWI multi-stakeholder meeting Input in the consultation session of UNSGAB Participation in the UN Water meeting</td>
<td>20-28 August</td>
<td>Sweden</td>
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<td>70th Session of the UN General Assembly</td>
<td>Making it happen: “ Ending inequalities and ensuring sanitation, water and hygiene for all as a basis for achieving the SDGs” (with Governments of the Netherlands, South Africa, Hungary and Bangladesh, UN Water, Sanitation and Water for All, Water Aid &amp; UNICEF) Implementing SDG 5 &amp; 6 together: Access to and control over natural resources and especially water as key factor for women’s empowerment and equality</td>
<td>26-30 September</td>
<td>New York, US</td>
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<td>OECD Water governance initiative</td>
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<td>Netherlands Economic Mission to South Africa</td>
<td>Biggest trade mission of The Netherlands</td>
<td>15-19 November</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
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<td>UN High-Level Water and Sanitation Days</td>
<td>Speaker at Closing Ceremony of UNSGAB and water &amp; disaster session</td>
<td>18-20 November</td>
<td>New York</td>
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<td>WWAP working groups</td>
<td>Including input for the water rooms exhibition in Venice and online, presentations at UNESCO during UNESCO GA (November) and World Water Development report events of expo in Venice, June 2015</td>
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<td>Colombella, Venice and Paris and via skype</td>
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