Appendix 3

GWA Power Point Presentation "Sanitation, Hygiene and Gender"





Is Sanitation a gender issue?

- · Sanitation is definitely a gender issue
- If not well addressed sanitation can create gender inequality in human society
- For instance women as traditional water bearers and custodians, shoulder a huge burden of coping with lack of sanitation services
- · Lack of sanitary facilities faced by women contribute to poor hygienic behaviours.

State-of-affair

- illion deaths due to diarrhoea /



Gender

- · This is NOT about women and girls only!
- Gender is all about *men and women* in the socially and culturally determined differences
- Different habits, different needs and demands, inequalities
- · Reinforced by class, race, caste, ethnicity or age
- Reflect gender differences and challenges in policies, strategies and approaches

Gender approach



Health or convenience

Evidence shows that adequate sanitation, hygiene promotion and water supply:

• reduces diarrhoeal mortality by some 65% and related morbidity by some 26%

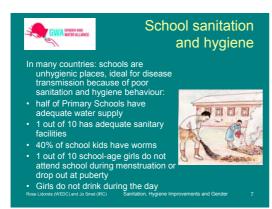
- morbidity by some 20% Reduces governments' health costs resulting from poor sanitation and hygiene, from low workers' productivity, lower school enrollment, lower school retention rates amongst girls gives also poor the right to live in dignity!

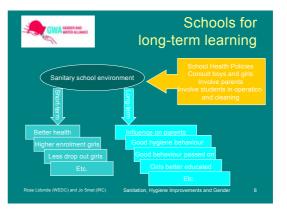
sanitation and hygiene improvements low on family agenda r investments

- Livelihood has higher priority in family

Sanitation because of convenience, privacy, status or peer pressure
 More and more poor farming appreciate benefits from decomposed human excreta/ urine as fertiliser for poor soils.









Economic

Costs of in-action from high diarrhoeal incidence and deaths:

- · Large economic loss due to non-productivity
- · High health expenditures
- Negative publicity for governments and countries
- Peru: US\$ 200 million loss due to cholera epidemic
- USA: estimated US\$ 900 million loss per year due to gastro-intestinal diseases

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Imbalanced investment

- 80% of total annual investment of US \$ 16 billion to water – what remains to sanitation and hygiene!
- While greater reduction on diarrhoeal incidence from improved sanitation and hygiene than from water supply only
- Imbalance also on target group: hygiene not only for women and girls! Also for men and boys!

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