

Brief Report
Presentation of
**“Case Study on Community Based Solid Waste Management in Pangkah
Kulon, Gresik, East Java”**
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Background

The International Symposium Women Water Waste which took place 25-27 June 2008 in Manila, was organized by Philippines Women University (PWU). It showed the latest on gender and freshwater management; gender and waste management; current public policies and practices in the application of technologies in the water and waste sectors vis-à-vis gender sensitivity; as well as the research agenda on impact of environmental technologies on women and vice versa.

The Symposium supports the U.N Millennium Development Goals to “Promote gender equality and empower women (MDG 3), “Ensure environmental sustainability (MDG7) and “Develop a global partnership for development” (MDG 8).

Angela Ika, of HESS Indonesia and member of GWA, presented a case study on the Community Development (CD) activity on Waste Management in Pangkah Kulon, Gresik district, East Java-Indonesia, in the Technical Session on Private Initiatives.

Goals & Objectives of the Symposium

Goals: (1) to sensitize governments and other sectors of society in Asia on the importance of gender equity and responsiveness in the management of freshwater resources and waste; and (2) to enhance women leadership roles in the management of freshwater resources and waste as a gender mainstreaming strategy for sustainability development.

The objectives are:

- Build a network of women’s universities and other organizations in Asia that will actively promote the leadership and participatory roles of women in policy and decision making.
- Support the implementation of the 3rd Millennium Development Goal – Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women.
- Share the results of gender studies in Asia by the various women’s universities or other institutions based in Asia or other global regions on the impact on women of technologies for managing water and waste vice-versa.
- Ensure monitoring of gender mainstreaming strategies in the water and waste sectors.

Outputs:

- **Women encouragement;** The Community Based Solid Waste Management practices in Pangkah Kulon which were presented as a case study in this Symposium was a great encouragement for the community, especially for the women, who are practicing the sorting and composting of solid waste in their household. They are very proud that their work is presented in a case study at an international symposium.
- **Networking for Corporate Social Responsibility activities;** Community Based Solid Waste Management (CBSWM) in Pangkah Kulon is part of HESS' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). This symposium was a great network opportunity, which enabled HESS to improve its Community Development activities, especially to with respect to improving access to water supply, sanitation and waste management.
- **Better support from Corporate Management;** This Symposium changed the perception of corporate management on CSR. Previously, corporate management had the view that CSR was a philanthropic or charitable activity. They embarked on CSR activities to ensure the good name of the corporation. Through the acknowledgement of the case study by this Symposium, they realized that CSR through implementing a gender sensitive Community Development concept, by involving women and men equally, is a key for sustainable production.
- **Some contacts** developed for better implementation of the program through the Gender Water Alliance are:
 - Private sectors that also focused on a better environment as CSR activity; UNILEVER (Solid waste management in Philippines), San Miguel Yamamura, NESTLE.
 - Some programs and best practices implemented in Gender Balanced Water and Waste Management: MRC, Recycling School for Boys in Egypt, Sulabh Technologies for Waste Management, Savanatha NGO – Women savings and credit groups as private sector for provision of water to urban poor in Colombo, Gramalaya-Community Sanitation projects leads to Empowerment by GWA, CAPS-Ecological Sanitation.