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The Indian government has a target to make India 'Open Defecation Free' by 2019. All stakeholders are increasing their efforts to meet this target, which will have an impact on more than half the population.

At a glance

IRC along with its partners is working on these initiatives in India:

- Strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations to ensure sustainable WASH services to all.
- Working on Urban Sanitation.
- Engaging with entrepreneurs.
- Safe Water Programme.
- Providing Insights: WASH Dialogues
- And other short term engagements

IRC wants to support and develop initiatives which will involve a large range of stakeholders. So we built partnerships with TARU Leading Edge, Ennovent, the National Institute of Urban Affairs, the Tata Institute for Social Sciences, and the Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence.



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Along with our partners, we are:

Strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations to ensure Sustainable WASH services to all

This six country project intends to improve water and WASH governance through evidence-based engagement with government agencies and other stakeholders, translating local knowledge and lessons in favour of sustainable WASH to achieve national goals on WASH and meet the SDG commitments. In India this project will be implemented in Bihar and Odisha.

Partners: Dutch Embassy (New Delhi), IRC, Wetlands International and Akvo in India.

Working on Urban Sanitation

We have tested IRC's Faecal Waste Flow Calculator tool in Agra. The purpose of this tool is to determine, through a rapid city assessment, the volumes of faecal waste generated in a city and where it ends up. This tool offers a simple representation of the volumes of sludge safely (and unsafely) dealt with at each stage of the sanitation chain, combined with a scorecard on existing standards, policies, regulations, institutional mandates and budgets. The findings allow city planners to determine where the biggest losses are and where to focus their (often limited) budgets.

Partner: Cure

IRC with its partners has developed a proposal on urban WASH further. This proposed intervention has various types of interventions on city-wide assessments, capacity building of government officials, WASH practitioners, and entrepreneurs, and demonstration on Urban WASH in two-three cities.

Engaging with entrepreneurs.

We have launched the Sanitation Innovation Accelerator to understand the sanitation business landscape in rural India. The findings can be found on www.ircwash.org. As a next step, we are mapping market opportunities for sanitation businesses with respect to the demand, supply and enabling ecosystem for sanitation innovations in Bihar and Odisha.

Partners: Ennovent, TARU Leading Edge

Safe Water Programme

For water we are compiling case studies in five countries that have been successful in the business of providing household water treatment systems in India,

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the organizations selected are TARA (Development Alternatives) and Spring Health. The aim is to compile a Toolbox, which new water entrepreneurs can use to create and scale up their businesses on household water treatment systems.

Partners: Antenna, FANSA

Providing Insights: WASH Dialogues

A platform to discuss issues, experiences and evidences around sustainable water and sanitation services for development sector and CSR professionals working on WASH. The platform intends to have an informal space for individuals/organizations to discuss, question and learn around themes the dialogue is organized on. This platform was initiated this year with three such dialogues around behaviour change for sanitation, and policy and budget commitments in WASH.

Partners: IRC, TARU Leading Edge, India Sanitation Coalition



Other short term engagements

- Assessing operation and maintenance of WASH infrastructure in Bihar and West Bengal for Water For People
- Contributing to a World Bank global study on rural water supply sustainability in 16 countries, including India.