



Fighting corruption or building integrity

review and reflection on IRC and partner activities in rural WASH



Overview

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Our approach to transparency

- first formulated in 2004
- positive and preventative
- building stronger systems of transparency
- not investigating cases of corruption
- partnering e.g. with TI and WIN
- addressing issues both in north (donors) and south (govt, service providers, consumers)

Supporting WIN

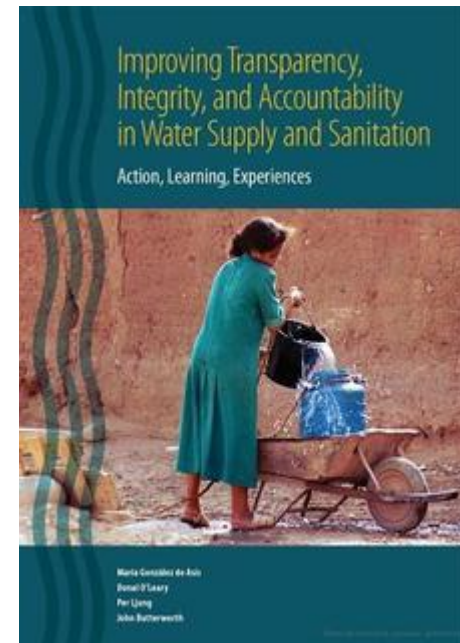
- Founding member with WSP, SIWI & TI
- Former International Steering Committee member
- Initial communication & website support
- Annotated Water Integrity Scan ([AWIS](#))
- Hosting WIN Foundation office



Kathy Shordt: the “mother” of WIN

Training @ IRC

- Training courses
- OpenCourseWare - www.irc.nl/page/55370
- Contributed to [Water Integrity Manual](#)
- Contributed to WBI/TI [guide book](#) and supported pilot training courses in Nicaragua & Honduras based on book



Zambia & Mozambique

ongoing work

Zambia

- Water integrity risk and opportunity mapping desk study

Mozambique

- Developing anti corruption strategy for National Directorate of Water, based on:

corruption risk mapping, water integrity surveys & documenting good practices

Matt Damon should tell the truth (1)



“For only \$25 Water.org can get someone safe water for life.”

Matt Damon should tell the truth (2)

Crucial for sector monitoring & transparency:

Knowing the life-cycle costs of sustainable WASH service delivery

www.washcost.info



Practice what you preach

- Core value: “We work with integrity, honesty and transparency”
- www.reporting.irc.nl
- Signatory to INGO accountability charter – read our compliance reports
- External complaints policy & online form
- Upcoming challenges:
 - Decentralised country offices
 - Greater involvement in WASH implementation projects

Differences between rural & urban WASH

- Urban areas:
 - bigger budgets
 - more oversight (regulation, professionalised monitoring, media attention)
- Rural areas:
 - less oversight, reliance on volunteerism & community-based monitoring (see Kerala sanitation best practise [case study](#))
 - water committees generally not legalised, need to professionalised

Our transparent people

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- Alana Potter – southern Africa and training
- Cor Dietvorst – FoI laws, right to water & sanitation
- Kathleen Shordt (Associate) – retired IRC staff member, the “mother” of WIN
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