

Tuesday 25th July 2017 5pm-6.30pm

Understanding **Incontinence Needs** in Low and Middle Income Countries



This event aims to raise awareness of incontinence needs in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs), describing the current knowledge base, gaps in practice and exploring future action and research needs in this long-overlooked area.

It is intended for anyone from the WASH or associated sectors (health, disability, protection or other) from research, policy or practice backgrounds, with an interest in progressing the rights and dignity of all, within humanitarian and development contexts in LMICs.

Background

Incontinence is a condition that has a huge impact on people's dignity, health, ability to earn an income and ultimately quality of life. It is a little discussed topic in the WASH sector and there is limited awareness of the scale of the issue, the needs and appropriate responses in development and humanitarian contexts in LMICs. This is despite prevalence being estimated to be as high as 29% of the general population and disproportionately affecting women whose incontinence can arise after child birth.

Our aim is to raise awareness on the current situation in relation to incontinence in LMICs, how it fits into the remit of the WASH sector, current action, research and gaps and to explore how both should be progressed.

Outcomes

Increased awareness of how incontinence in LMICs relates to the WASH sectors' work and cross-sectoral linkages

A broadened network of actors with motivation and interest to progress knowledge, evidence and action

An event summary, highlighting key outcomes from the workshop, published on the IMPRESS Network's website

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Side Event

Programme

17.00-17.05 Introduction

17.05-17.10 **Scene Setting: Incontinence in LMICs and Humanitarian Zones**
Dr Sarah House, Freelance WASH Consultant and Public Health Engineer

17.10-17.20 **Clinical Overview of Incontinence**
Prof. Doug Tincello, RCOG Pelvic Floor and Global Health Clinical Study Groups

17.20-17.30 **Fistula and Faecal Incontinence in Obstetrics**
Natalie Giorgi-Alberti, MA Researcher, Gender Violence & Conflict, University of Sussex

17.30-17.40 **Report from Field Work in Pakistan**
Zara Ansari, MSC Researcher, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

17.40-17.50 **Report from Field Work in Zambia**
Claire Scott, MSC Researcher, Cranfield Water Science Institute, Cranfield University

17.50-18.00 **Integrating Incontinence into WASH Humanitarian Programmes: Lessons Learned**
Åshild Skare, Global WASH Advisor, Norwegian Church Aid

18.00-18.05 **The Role of Technology for Incontinence and Opportunities for Future Activity**
Dr Peter Culmer, University of Leeds and the IMPRESS Network

18.05-18.25 **Discussion and Interactive Session with Product and Technology Demos**
Speaker panel and attendees

18.25-18.30 Closing Remarks

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