

IWMI 'A Knowledge Sharing Approach to Safe Food' KSinR Pilot Project

~ Mid-Project Update ~

One of the IWMI projects (IWMI-Wastewater), lead by Tonya Schuetz, is introducing knowledge sharing approaches into a number of wastewater projects to improve collaboration with stakeholders and partners; to better understand how research results can be packaged and disseminate for adoption by end users; and to try out innovative forms of research results/message delivery.

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IWMI-Wastewater Pilot project update, highlights and plans:

- **World Café** with stakeholders held to **establish adoption potential** of guidelines and messages
- **Messages for dissemination via radio program** have been developed
- **Training of trainers** workshop for agricultural extension agents has been conducted-using flip chart of WHO guidelines developed for use by extension agents
- **Farmer follow-up field visits** to follow-up on adoption potential of WHO guidelines
- Presentation of projects' KS activities, results and lessons given at CPWF dissemination workshop
- **Catering school** identified, met with and curricula discussed. Consideration of how to include research into curricula is underway.
- Using **participatory M&E** tools in the project
- **Radio program** to be aired in July and follow-up to this through questionnaires will be undertaken afterwards
- **Roadshow** in July
- **Farmers field event** in July 2008

Interesting lessons from the work so far include:

- Requires a lot of time to develop research results into simple applicable message and share then with key stakeholders and users
- Discussing research results with stakeholders improves adoption potential. Ks activities helped us to learn about adoption potential of developed research messages.
- Need to work with people in their local languages
- Need for mediating actor(s) between research and implementation to help facilitate the development and sharing of understandable messages from research results/publications
- KS methodologies help to create trust and good collaboration between researchers and end-users

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