USAID and MUS: A History

- **2005**: Initial USAID/W staff ‘exposure’ to MUS concept
- **2006**: Concept mentioned in first RFA in Kenya (‘MUS-lite’)
- **2007-2010**: First rigorous MUS program built into USAID water program (WAWI-Niger)
- **2008**: Increase in USAID water earmark in Africa
- **2008-2011**: MUS integrated into staff WASH training
- **2010-2011**: New programs with significant MUS components launched in Tanzania (2010), Rwanda (2011), and Burkina Faso/Mali (2011); MUS training development supported through WASH Plus *(NOTE: All USAID MUS programs to date implemented by Winrock as one component of broader integrated programs)*
- **2011**: WB/USAID MOU signed – WASH Working Group selects MUS as a key mutual theme of interest

All of this driven by USAID/Washington “champions”
Alignment with USAID Priorities

- Supports all three major Presidential Initiatives
- Potentially attributable to various ‘flavors of funding’ (earmarks and directives) – fits especially well with integrated programs
- Mentioned in USAID Water Strategy
- Good receptivity on the part of Missions
Scaling Up MUS in USAID: Challenges

- **Staff are not widely aware** of approach, or research/evidence behind it.

- USAID WASH or agriculture implementing contractors/NGOs often do not have ‘rigorous’ MUS expertise.

- Implementing MUS requires ‘creative’ blending of earmark/directive funding (WASH+ Food Security + Climate Change Adaptation, etc.)

- USAID has focused almost exclusively on ‘domestic plus’ model to date – will need full engagement of agriculture colleagues to pursue more ‘productive plus’ opportunities.
Scaling Up MUS in USAID: Recommendations

For USAID:

• Conduct more staff training on MUS as a programming option – especially to non-WASH staff (FtF, etc.) (already integrated into WASH and environment trainings…)

• Support capacity building of local and international partners in rigorous MUS approaches through USAID water programming

• Collaborate with others to document and disseminate field experiences/lessons learned in MUS programming

• Partner strategically with the World Bank to introduceSCALE-up approach within donor agencies
Scaling Up MUS in USAID: Recommendations

For the MUS Group:

• Produce more **analytics, guidance, and training materials** to systematize and standardize MUS approaches (entire typology)

• Better integrate the MUS approach into broader sector movement towards **sustainable service delivery** (e.g., SDA/Triple-S, WASHCost), and analogous approaches in sustainable agricultural water management

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My MUS methodology is the only right way!

No, mine is the right way!

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WASHCost
“May the MUS be with you!”

Thank you!
Sharon Murray (and other USAID friends!)