

# Join the MUS Group

## our VISION

We believe that poor people should have access to water to meet all their needs—not just one or two. This means water services to support health, to grow food, to fuel incomes.

We see an opportunity. An opportunity to transform the lives of millions of people living in rural areas and around cities through multiple-use water services. We are dedicated to pursuing this opportunity and helping others to see and act on its potential.



Credit: Winrock

## WHO we are

The Multiple-Use water Services (MUS) Group is a network of some 15 core organisations and over 350 individuals. The Group has been operating since 2003 as the platform for learning, synthesis, and joint advocacy around MUS.

It brings together people from a wide range of disciplines and countries. The variety of actors—researchers, practitioners, funders—creates a multidimensional view of multiple-use water services and what it will take to scale up the approach.

The Group is supported by a secretariat composed of a coordinator and secretary.

## WHAT we do

The Group supports its members by keeping them abreast of the latest developments in MUS. It works to: synthesise findings and create a strong evidence base; harness collective experience and diverse skills in developing tools and methodologies for scaling up the approach; and provide focus, content and coordination to maximise the impact from advocacy efforts.

## Some **SPECIFIC AREAS** of work include:

- The website [www.musgroup.net](http://www.musgroup.net) collects **evidence, tools, and best practice** from around the world. Currently the site contains over 200 MUS studies from over 30 countries. It also features guidelines, advocacy materials and a toolkit for implementing MUS.
- Biannual meetings bring members together to **advance understanding** of issues critical to implementing and scaling up multiple-use services. Members collaborate on key pieces of work such as refining tools and methodologies, agreeing on definitions and indicators, and synthesising findings.
- Seminars at high-profile events enable researchers and practitioners to share what they're learning as well as **expose a wider audience to new thinking and emerging evidence**.
- Regular newsletters and publications such as *Guidelines for planning and providing multiple-use services*, a state-of-the-art handbook, **compile learning and experience** from many different members.



## how to **JOIN**

**MUS Group members** are at the forefront of a growing movement—the approach is beginning to gain traction in the sector, the examples of its practical application are increasing, and the evidence base is firming up.

To share in many of the benefits of MUS Group membership, all you have to do is sign up at [www.musgroup.net](http://www.musgroup.net). You'll receive the quarterly MUS Group newsletter; special announcements about new publications, events and funding opportunities; and invitations to MUS Group meetings.

Organisations interested in actively working to promote the scale-up of MUS can apply to become core members. Core members commit to taking a lead role in meetings, including rotational hosting, and devoting time and resources to advancing the thinking and knowledge base on MUS. For more information see the website.

The time for MUS is now. Join us in turning the opportunity into a reality!